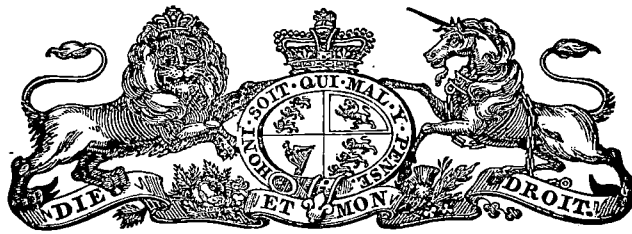


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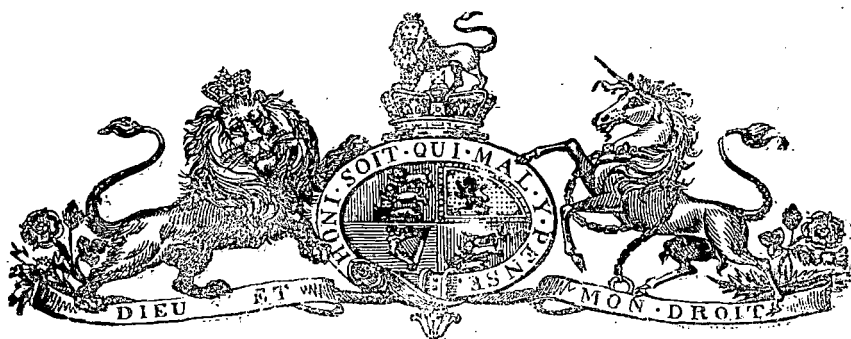
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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1878.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be
printed, September 9, 1879.



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, 1st February, 1879.

SIR,

THE Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library, in compliance with Clause 7 of the Act to provide for the Incorporation and Government of that Institution (34 Vict. No. 27), beg to submit the following Report of its working during the year 1878.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman*,
J. W. AGNEW,
C. M. MAXWELL,
JAS. HARCOURT,
W. H. BURGESS,
C. J. BARCLAY,
THOS. C. SMART,
EDWARD ESPIE,

*Trustees of the
Tasmanian
Public Library.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

R E P O R T.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Eighth annual Report, have pleasure in announcing that during the past twelve months 31,055 visits have been recorded in the Visitors' Book; the numbers showing an increase as compared with any previous year.

2. The experiment of opening the Institution on all public holidays, and on the afternoons of Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, has been tried from the 1st day of June last with most satisfactory results, and appears to be highly appreciated by the public. The Trustees feel that in making this alteration they have met the wishes of a large section of the community who previously had little or no opportunity to avail themselves of the privileges and advantages afforded by an Institution which they are taxed to support.

3. The Trustees have to acknowledge with thanks presentations from kindred Institutions in England, Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and from the Governments of the various colonies.

4. During the year 216 volumes have been added to the Library by purchase and presentation.

5. In addition to the valuable collection of works of reference and general literature on the shelves, the following Reviews, Magazines, and Newspapers are to be found upon the Reading-room tables :—

REVIEWS.

Quarterly.
Edinburgh.
Westminster.
Contemporary.
Nineteenth Century.

British Quarterly.
New Quarterly.
Fortnightly.
Melbourne Quarterly.
English Woman's Review.

MAGAZINES.

Macmillan's.
Blackwood's.
Fraser's.
Cornhill.
Temple Bar.
Chambers' Journal.
Athenæum.
Notes and Queries.
Tasmanian Presbyterian.

Iron.
Scientific American.
Geographical Magazine.
All the Year Round.
Journal of Science.
Australian Journal.
American Agriculturist.
Builder.
The Catholic Standard.

NEWSPAPERS.

The Mail.
Spectator.
Saturday Review.
Pall Mall Budget.
Home News.
Land and Water.
Illustrated London News.
Graphic.
Punch.
Sydney Morning Herald.
South Australian Register.
Queenslander.
Brisbane Courier.
Sydney Mail.
Melbourne Argus.

Weekly Times.
Australasian.
Otago Daily Times.
Lyttleton Times.
Fiji Argus.
Hobart Town Mercury.
Tribune.
Launceston Examiner.
——— Chronicle.
Church News.
People's Friend.
Sketcher.
Tasmanian Mail.
Hobart Town Gazette.
New South Wales Gazette.

6. The City Council have voted the sum of £510 for Library purposes for the year 1879.

7. Estimated expenditure for the year 1879 :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salary of Librarian	183	6	8			
Salary of Assistant.....	51	13	4			
				235	0	0
Lighting.....	..			35	0	0
Fuel .....	..			7	0	0
Newspapers and Periodicals .....	..			90	0	0
Purchase of Books .....	..			70	0	0
Binding .....	..			20	0	0
Stationery .....	..			4	0	0
Postage.....	..			1	0	0
Printing.....	..			5	0	0
Freight.....	..			5	0	0
Sundries.....	..			12	0	0
Insurance .....	..			6	0	0
Special Repairs .....	..			20	0	0
				£510	0	0

8. To be provided for by contribution from Trustees and appropriation of Municipal Funds.

9. The Books, Furniture, and Fittings belonging to the Public Library are insured in the Cornwall Insurance Company for £2000.

10. The invested funds amount to one thousand five hundred pounds placed in the Commercial Bank as a fixed deposit for one year, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. Out of the revenue so derived a sum of seventy-five pounds is paid over by the Trustees of the Library to the Municipal Council of Hobart Town in aid of the salary of the Librarian.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees for the Year 1878.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To amount paid to Municipal Council on account of Librarian's Salary.....	75	0	0	By Balance from 1877.....	20	8	4½
Allowance to Secretary for years 1877-8..	28	0	0	Interest on Debentures.....	75	0	0
Balance—				Interest allowed by Savings' Bank....	0	1	0
In Commercial Bank.....	0	2	3	Proceeds waste paper sold.....	8	1	2½
In hands of Secretary.....	0	3	1				
In Savings' Bank.....	0	5	3				
			0 10 7				
	£103	10	7		£103	10	7

Jan. 1879. Balance brought down..... 0 10 7

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman of Trustees,
Tasmanian Public Library.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor,
8th April, 1879.*

NOTE.—The sum of £1500 formerly invested in Government Debentures has been placed in the Commercial Bank in the name of the Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library for 12 months, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent., and the Bank receipt for the same has been produced by the Secretary.

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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Town Corporation for the Year 1878.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Librarian's Salary.....	169	9	1			
Assistant.....	44	14	3			
				214	3	4
Books, Papers, Periodicals, &c.....	..			165	8	3
Binding.....	..			9	19	6
Gas .....	..			35	0	0
Insurance .....	..			5	15	0
Fuel.....	..			9	12	0
Stationery, &c.....	..			2	19	8
Repairs, new matting, &c.....	..			8	11	0
Repairs to Gasaliers..	..			1	4	0
Chairs .....	..			5	6	0
Printing.....	..			2	6	0
Sundries.....	..			11	6	9
				£471	11	6

W. H. SMITH, *Municipal Accountant.*

MEMO.—The cleansing of the Library is performed by the servants of the Municipal Council, the cost of which may be valued at £20 per annum.