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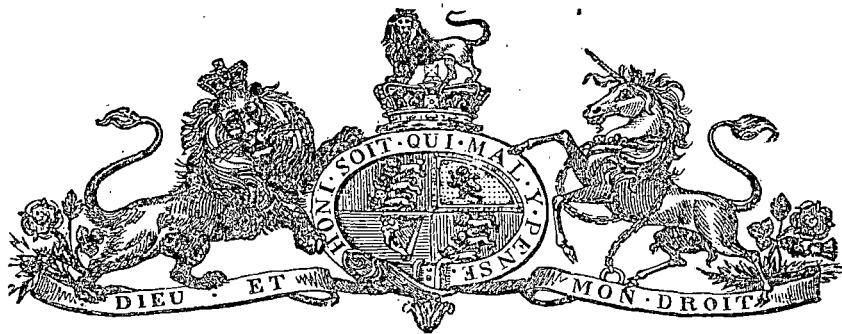
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1895.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.

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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

Trustees :

SIR J. W. AGNEW, K.C.M.G., *Chairman*.
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ALDERMAN DUFF.

SIR,

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

Mr. Alfred Crisp having resigned his seat on the Board, the City Council appointed Mr. Alderman Duff to take his place.

During the year 36 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation.

The number of Visitors during the year, calculated from daily records, has been 41,000.

The position in which the Institution would be placed by the withdrawal of the Government Grant for the year 1896 having been brought under the notice of the Chief Secretary by the Chairman of this Board, a subsidy of £150 for the year has been placed upon the Estimates and sanctioned by Parliament.

The Hobart Corporation grant for the year 1895 has been £250.

The Trustees have also to thank the Corporation for a special vote of £100 towards cost of alterations referred to in last year's Report.

The Trust Funds, amounting to £1500, are invested upon mortgage for a term of three years from April, 1895, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

The Trustees have to record with thanks presentations received from Messrs. Wm. Gay, J. Henry, R. M. Johnston, G. Metcalf, J. B. Walker, and J. Wilton; from Institutions in England and the Colonies; and from the proprietors of the following publications who have supplied gratis copies :—Mercury, Launceston Examiner, Daily Telegraph (one copy each), Dundas Herald, N.W. Post, Bendigo Independent, Otago Daily Times, Lyttelton Times, Auckland Weekly News, South Australian Advertiser, and Mackay Chronicle.

Appended is a Balance Sheet exhibiting the Receipts and Expenditure for the year.

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman of Trustees*.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance Sheet to December 31st, 1895.

Cr.	£ s. d.	Dr.	£ s. d.
Debit Balance from last year	74 14 3	Corporation Grant in 1895	£325 0 0
Salaries—		Less refunded to Corporation	
Librarian.....	£225 0 0	by Trustees	75 0 0
Assistant.....	56 3 4		250 0 0
	281 3 4	Government Grant, 1895	200 0 0
Wages—Cleaning	22 16 10	Interest on Mortgage received by Trustees .	82 10 0
Gas	30 0 0	Proceeds Sale of Books.....	28 9 9
Fuel.....	6 1 4	Ditto Sale of Sundries	6 6 0
Books	16 1 4		
Magazines	26 3 3		
Newspapers	34 9 8		
Binding	7 6 10		
Alterations and Repairs (Transfer)	27 11 10		
Insurance	4 10 0		
Sundry Accounts	33 7 11		
Balance in Commercial Bank.....	2 19 2		
	<u>£567 5 9</u>		<u>£567 5 9</u>

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.

Cr.	£ s. d.	Dr.	£ s. d.
Amount expended.....	127 11 10	Special Grant from Corporation	100 0 0
	<u>£127 11 10</u>	Balance carried to Debit of General Account	27 11 10
			<u>£127 11 10</u>

Examined and certified to be correct.
J. W. ISRAEL, Auditor-General.
13th April, 1896.

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, Secretary.