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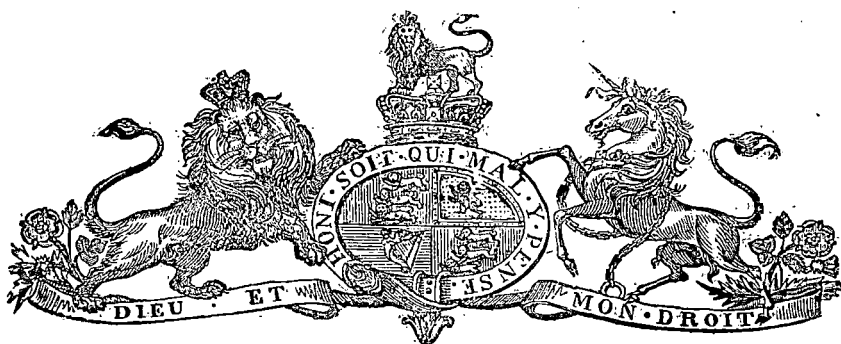
T A S M A N I A.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR 1873.

Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 21, 1874.



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, 31st March, 1874.

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 1873.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN,
GEO. CRISP,
W. F. BROWNELL,
J. W. AGNEW,
JOSH. ALLPORT,
THOS. GIBLIN,
WM. BELBIN,
C. M. MAXWELL,

*Trustees of the
Tasmanian
Public Library.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

R E P O R T.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Third Annual Report, have much pleasure in announcing that the average attendance of visitors is still maintained, from which it may be inferred that the usefulness of the Institution is still fully appreciated. During the past year 28,937 persons have registered their names in the Visitors' Book. This does not, however, represent the total number who have visited the Institution during that period, inasmuch as a very large number of persons neglect to register their names.

2. During the year 102 volumes have been added by purchase, 78 volumes by presentation, and 1 volume recovered of those missing from the old Library,—making in all an addition of 181 volumes besides pamphlets, &c.

The Trustees have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of donations from His Excellency Charles Du Cane, Esquire, Governor of Tasmania; the Government of Tasmania; the Tasmanian Board of Education; the Government of Victoria; the Registrar-General of Victoria; the Exhibition Commissioners, Melbourne; the Deaf and Dumb Institution of Melbourne; the Government of New South Wales; the Government of New Zealand; the Registrar-General of that Colony; the New Zealand Institute; the Trustees of the British Museum; the Royal Geographical Society; the Brigadier-General, War Department, Washington; the Colonial Secretary, British Columbia; also the late Librarian of the Tasmanian Public Library; Messrs. W. L. Richardson, A. W. Birchall, A. C. Douglas, P. T. Smith, E. C. Nowell, J. W. Agnew, — Morrel, Miss White, and the Rev. R. D. Harris. Contributions have also been received from "Irish gentlemen resident in Tasmania" and "Cambrian residents in Tasmania."

In addition to the very valuable collection of works of reference and general literature which is to be met with in the Library, the Trustees desire to place on record, for the information of the public, that the following Magazines and Newspapers are to be found on the tables of the Reading-room; viz.—
Newspapers:—Bendigo Independent, South Australian Register, Fiji Gazette, Mail, Launceston Examiner, Lyttleton Times, Mercury, Tribune, Sydney Morning Herald, Otago Daily Times, Queenslander, West Coast Times, Hamilton Spectator, Otago Guardian, Daily Southern Cross, Newcastle Chronicle, Argus, Sydney Mail, Australasian, Town and Country, Church News, Christian Witness, People's Friend, Sketcher, Hobart Town Gazette, New South Wales Gazette, Pall Mall Budget, Jewish Chronicle, Vanity Fair, Home News, Land and Water, Punch, Illustrated London News, Saturday Review. *Magazines*:—

Edinburgh Review, Westminster Review, Fortnightly Review, Cornhill, Temple Bar, Chambers' Journal, Macmillan, Quarterly Review, Journal of Science, Blackwood's, Fraser's, Popular Recreator, St. Paul's, All Year Round, Art, Australian Journal, Quadrilateral, Builder, Athenæum, Iron.

The Statistics and Statutes of the Colonies are always available for reference, as well as Reports, Transactions, and Proceedings of various Societies in England and America.

4. The City Council has sanctioned the following expenditure for the year 1874; viz.—440, comprising the following items:—

	£	s.	d.
Salary of Librarian	125	0	0
Salary of Assistant	25	0	0
Lighting	55	0	0
Fuel	6	0	0
Balance due to Walch & Son (former liability)*	37	19	8
Newspapers and Periodicals	100	0	0
Purchase of Books	34	0	4
Binding	20	0	0
Stationery	3	0	0
Postages	2	0	0
Printing	2	0	0
Freight	10	0	0
Cleaning	20	0	0
	<u>£440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

To be provided for as follows:—

By contribution from Library Trustees	75	0	0
By appropriation of Municipal Funds	365	0	0
	<u>£440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Trustees desire to place on record their sincere regret at the death of the late Librarian, Mr. S. Hannaford, on the 3rd January, 1874,—a gentleman who, by his efficiency and attention to the duties of his office, did much to bring the Institution to its present admirable condition. As Secretary to the Trustees, he succeeded in procuring many valuable donations of books and papers, &c., thus materially adding to the value and attraction of the Reading Room and Library. The Trustees of the Institution regret that they have lost the services of such an efficient and trustworthy servant.

Mr. Alfred J. Taylor has been appointed Librarian and Secretary in succession to Mr. Hannaford.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in Account with the Trustees for the Year 1873.

Dr.					Cr.								
1873.		£	s.	d.	1873.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Dec. 31.	To amount paid to Municipal Council, Hobart Town, on account of Librarian's Salary ..	75	0	0			By Balance from 1872—						
	Secretary's Salary, 2 months ..	4	3	4			Savings' Bank	87	4	2			
	J. Blyth, (Acting Librarian, 3 weeks).....	6	0	0			Commercial Bank	13	10	2			
	Insurance	3	0	0			Secretary.....	3	5	2			
	Petty disbursements	2	16	7							103	19	6
	Balance—						Dec. 31.	Interest on Debentures..	..		84	0	0
	Savings' Bank....	100	1	9				Interest allowed by Sav-					
	Commercial Bank	3	3	5				ings' Bank		3	17	7
	In Secretary's hands	0	8	7				Municipal Council, repay-					
								ment of petty disburse-			2	16	7
								ments				

THOS. D. CHAPMAN; *Chairman of the Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library.*

Audited and found correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

16th April, 1874.

* There is a still further balance due to Walch & Sons, on account of former liability, for binding of £15, together with other outstanding liabilities for 1873, amounting in all to a total sum of £24 2s. 1d. for which provision has to be made.

MEMORANDUM.

ON the 30th June, 1874, the Trustees paid to the Colonial Treasurer the sum of one hundred and one pounds for a Government Debenture for one hundred pounds, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, and redeemable on the 1st of December, 1878.

The invested funds now amount to one thousand five hundred pounds in Government Debentures, namely,—one thousand four hundred pounds bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, redeemable on the 30th of December, 1877, and one hundred pounds bearing interest at five per cent. per annum, redeemable on the 1st of December, 1878, together producing an annual revenue of eighty-nine pounds; and from that income the sum of seventy-five pounds is annually paid over by the Trustees of the Library to the Municipal Council of Hobart Town in aid of the salary of the Librarian.

RECEIPTS and Expenditure of the TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY for the Year 1873.

Dr.	MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT.						Cr.
RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Received from Trustees	75	0	0	Salary Librarian	125	0	0
Portion Municipal Rate appropriated to				Salary Assistant	25	0	0
Library by the Municipal Council.....	344	6	8	Insurance	9	0	0
				Walch & Sons on account former liability ..	30	0	0
				Lighting	54	18	5
				Books, newspapers, periodicals, and postages	148	14	9
				Sundry fittings	13	14	0
				Fuel	5	11	0
				Printing	6	0	0
				Incidental expenses	1	8	6
	419	6	8		£419	6	8

N.B.—Actual expense of the Library is £439 6s. 8d., but the item £20 for cleansing has been charged direct to the Municipal Fund.

The above is an account of the Receipts and Expenditure by the Corporation on account of the Tasmanian Public Library, as supplied by the City Accountant.

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, *Secretary to the Trustees of Public Library.*