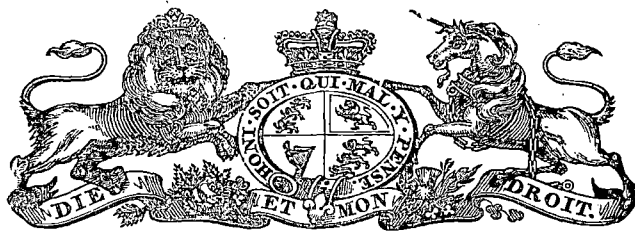


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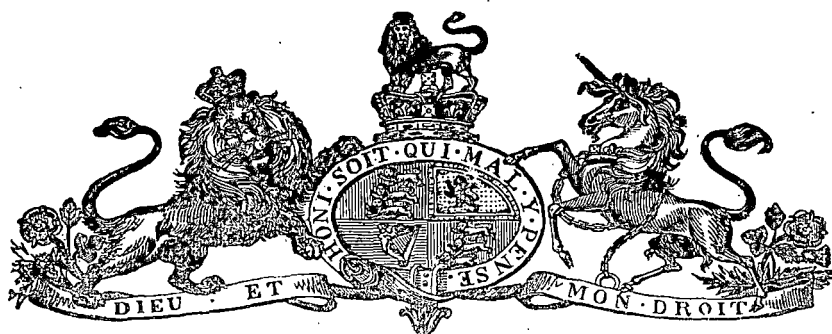
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LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE :

REPORT FOR 1887.

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### *REPORT for the Year 1887.*

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THE Board of Managers have much pleasure in meeting the Members on this the 46th Anniversary of the Institute, and the jubilee year of the reign of our Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, on whose accession day the Hall was illuminated, thus celebrating the auspicious event with the town generally. Afterwards your Committee distributed competition prizes amongst the younger members of the community in honor of the occasion.

The Museum has been fairly attended during the year. The laying of the foundation stone for a Public Museum and Art Gallery, and the erection of the building shortly by the Government, will provide greater accommodation for the collection of works of interest, of which the Institute has been for some years forming a nucleus.

Though your Committee earnestly endeavoured to get up a series of Lectures and Entertainments, and to establish Classes, they have to report that their efforts were not attended with success. Now that the Government are about to establish Technological Classes, it is to be hoped that the Institute may act as an auxiliary by means of Lectures, &c., disseminating scientific and useful knowledge, and thus draw the rising generation to devote their time to mental as well as athletic recreations.

The drainage of the hall being found out of order, had to be attended to; and the roof of the main building, as well as the walls of the new, being defective, your Committee have made arrangements with Messrs. Gunn Brothers to make the necessary repairs shortly.

The number of Members is about the same as last year, subscribers being 486, of whom 109 are new members; 101 ceased to pay their subscriptions,—showing an increase of 8. There are 41 life members.

The Treasurer's statement shows that the balance in hand from 1886 was £354 9s. 11d.; receipts during the year were £676 7s. 4d., and the expenditure £544 3s. 6d., leaving a balance of £486 13s. 9d. The piano account shows a balance from 1886 of £86 15s. 6d., receipts £21 4s. 6d., expenditure £30 18s., leaving a balance of £77 2s. The Museum account shows a balance from 1886 of £46 15s. 6d., interest £2 6s., expenditure £1 13s., leaving a balance of £48 8s. 6d.

During the year 700 vols. have been added to the Library, making a total of 13,359. There have been issued 25,208 vols., and 10,900 periodicals.

The following gifts have been presented to the Institute: By the Hon. A. Douglas—1 vol., "The Unity of Imperial Federation." Mr. Justin Browne—2 vols., "Burke's Landed Gentry of England." Mr. R. Tangye—2 vols., "History of the Corporation of Birmingham." Mr. E. C. Nowell—1 vol., "Parliamentary Handbook." New South Wales Government—6 vols., "Parliamentary Journals;" 1 vol., "Statutes." Victorian Government—3 vols., "Parliamentary Journals," and *Gazette*. South Australian Government—3 vols., "Parliamentary Journals;" 1 vol., *Statistics*. Tasmanian Government—3 vols., "Parliamentary Journals," and *Gazette*. Smith-

sonian Institute—Reports, 1883-4. Royal Colonial Institute—2 vols., "Reports and Proceedings," and Catalogue. Mr. A. W. Birchall—Files of the Melbourne *Daily Telegraph*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Brisbane Evening Observer*, *Victoria Independent* and *Temperance News*. Mr. F. L. Fysh—*Nonconformist* and *Independent*. Rev. J. Lyle—*Presbyterian Monthly Messenger*. Mr. B. P. Farrelly—*Advocate* and *Tasmanian Catholic Standard*. Mr. M. T. Cheek—*Australian Standard*. Mr. F. Dynan—*American Exporter*. Mr. Walker—*Penny Illustrated Paper*. By the Proprietors—*The Day Star*, *People's Friend*, *Catholic Standard*, *Church News*, *Devon Herald*, *Sydney Echo*, *Walch's Literary Intelligencer*, *Imperial Federation*, *North-Western Chronicle*, *North-West Post*. Mr. A. B. Biggs—Chart of the orbit of Alpha Centauri. Mr. J. R. Taylor—Cast of a Topaz. Mr. A. W. Birchall—Four Stone Hatchets of the Natives of New Hebrides. Mr. R. P. Hales—Fossils from the Scottsdale Railway Tunnel. Mr. Thos. Carr—A four-legged Chicken, and Wire-worm from River Nile. Mr. P. H. Tucker—A piece of Native Bread, 20 lbs. Mrs. Daniels—Remora, or Sucking Fish. Captain Karlsteen—A Sea Cow. Miss Green—Pearl Shells from Western Australia; collection of Wood specimens, ditto; Cow tail fly-whip; four coins; silver from Champion Bay; gold from Kimberley. Mr. Jos. Davies—Quartz conglomerate and surface cap from Tasmanian Mine, Beaconsfield; Mr. H. A. Burrowes—Wad containing cobalt from Castle Forbes Bay; seaweed from the bottom of a steamer; aluminogen from Fingal. Mr. A. Murrell—A Shilling of George II. Mr. J. H. Barkle—Specimen of tin-ore, Mount Bischoff.

In consequence of the Rev. M. B. Brownrigg having gone to reside beyond the seas, it will be necessary to elect another member as Trustee in his place, and Mr. Alexander Webster has been nominated for that office.

B. P. FARRELLY, *Chairman*.

LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, 1887, in account with GEORGE PULLEN, *Treasurer*.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Lighting .. .. .	70	8	4	By Balance, 31st December, 1886 .. . . .	354	9	11
Fuel .. . . .	14	2	0	Government Grant .. . . .	75	0	0
Insurance .. . . .	9	7	11	Subscriptions .. . . .	353	17	0
Printing and Advertising .. . . .	14	10	6	Hire of Hall, &c. .. . . .	211	9	3
Salaries .. . . .	200	0	0	Sale of Catalogues .. . . .	8	19	6
Licence .. . . .	2	0	0	Ditto Waste Paper .. . . .	2	13	0
Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, &c. . . .	189	17	7	Books lost .. . . .	0	14	6
Bookbinding .. . . .	18	3	3	Prize Competition .. . . .	1	15	0
New work, Repairs, &c. . . . .	14	5	5	Interest .. . . .	21	19	1
Law Expenses .. . . .	3	3	0				
Jubilee Prizes .. . . .	4	10	0				
Petty Expenditure .. . . .	3	15	6				
Balance Deposit Equitable B. Society .. . .	336	5	0				
Ditto in Savings Bank .. . . .	150	8	9				
	£1030	17	3		£1030	17	3

Examined and compared with vouchers, and found correct.

JOHN REID, }  
MATT. TYSON, } *Auditors*.

PIANO ACCOUNT in account with GEORGE PULLEN, *Treasurer*.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Tuning and Repairing Pianos .. . . .	30	18	0	By Balance, 1886 .. . . .	86	15	6
Balance at Savings Bank .. . . .	77	2	0	Hire of Piano .. . . .	17	5	0
				Interest .. . . .	3	19	6
	£108	0	0		£108	0	0

Examined and found correct.

JOHN REID, }  
MATT. TYSON, } *Auditors*.

MUSEUM ACCOUNT *in account with* GEORGE PULLEN, *Treasurer.*

<i>Dr.</i>			<i>Cr.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Framing Panorama.....	1	7 6	By Balance, 1886.....	47	15 6
Japanese Sword .....	0	5 6	Interest .....	2	6 0
Balance at Savings Bank .....	48	8 6			
	<u>£50</u>	<u>1 6</u>		<u>£50</u>	<u>1 6</u>

Examined and found correct,

J. REID,  
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