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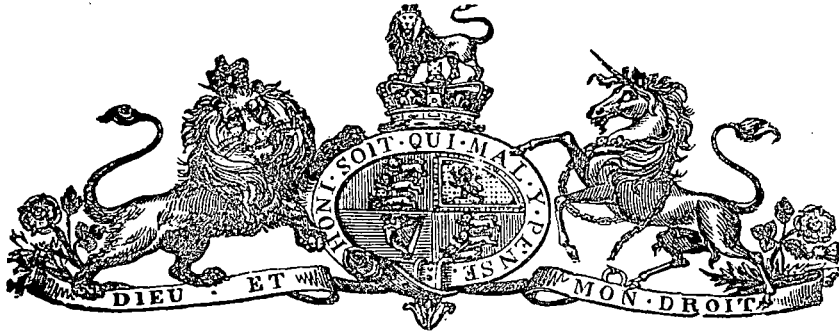
T A S M A N I A .

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1880.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, 1st February, 1881.

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 1880.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman*,
THOS. C. SMART,
GEO. S. SEABROOK,
JAS. HARCOURT,
C. J. BARCLAY,
W. H. BURGESS.

*Trustees
Tasmanian
Public Library.**

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

REPORT.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Tenth Annual Report, have pleasure in announcing that during the past twelve months 25,721 visits have been recorded in the Visitors' Book.

2. In their last Report the Trustees were able to state that provision had been made by the City Council for cleaning and decorating the walls of the Reading Room and Library. This work has since been carried out, and the Trustees have the satisfaction of being able to report a very great improvement in the appearance of the rooms of the Institution.

3. The Institution is still kept open to the public on all public holidays and during the afternoons of Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, with satisfactory results.

4. The Trustees have to acknowledge with thanks presentations received from His Excellency Sir J. H. Lefroy, Sir Charles Du Cane, the late Sir Redmond Barry, and from kindred Institutions in England, Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and the Governments of the various Colonies.

5. An English Artist (R. P. Noble, Esq.) having forwarded to the Hon. J. W. Agnew, M.L.C., a water-color painting, valued at £25, for presentation to one of the Public Institutions in Tasmania, that gentleman handed over the picture to the Public Library; and the Trustees express a hope that this presentation may lead to the formation of a small Art Gallery in connection with the Institution.

6. During the year 182 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation.

* The Hon. J. W. Agnew, M.L.C., and C. M. Maxwell, Esq. are still Trustees, but were absent from Tasmania when this Report was signed.

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

REVIEWS.

Quarterly.
Edinburgh.
Westminster.
Contemporary.
Nineteenth Century.

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

MAGAZINES.

Macmillan's.
Blackwood's.
Frazer's.
Cornhill.
Temple Bar.
Chambers' Journal.
Athenæum.
Notes and Queries.
Tasmanian Presbyterian.
Science for All.

Iron.
Scientific American.
All the Year Round.
Journal of Science.
Australian Journal.
American Agriculturist.
Builder.
The Catholic Standard.
Church News.
Art Journal.

NEWSPAPERS.

Public Opinion.
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.
Sydney Mail.

Melbourne Argus.
Weekly Times.
Australasian.
Otago Daily Times.
Lyttelton Times.
Fiji Argus.
Hobart Mercury.
Launceston Examiner.
Church News.
People's Friend.
Sketcher.
Tasmanian Mail.
Hobart Gazette.
New South Wales Gazette.

8. The City Council has voted a sum of £486 for Library purposes for the year 1881, the estimated expenditure being as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	150	0	0			
„ Assistant	35	0	0			
				185	0	0
Extra for Sundays and holidays:—						
Librarian	28	6	8			
Assistant	16	13	4			
Messenger	5	0	0			
				50	0	0
Lighting .....	..			35	0	0
Fuel .....	..			9	10	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 .....	..			7	0	0
Insurance .....	..			4	10	0
				£486	0	0

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.

MEMORANDUM.—The invested funds amount to One thousand five hundred Pounds placed in the Commercial Bank, and bearing interest at the rate of Three per cent. The revenue so derived will be paid over by the Trustees to the Municipal Council of Hobart in aid of the salary of the Librarian. (It has been usual for the Trustees to invest the funds in Government Securities; but none being available when last applied for, the Trustees deemed it advisable to deposit the funds in the Commercial Bank until a favourable opportunity for investment should offer).*

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees, 1880.

1880.	Dr.	£ s. d.	1880.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To amount paid to Municipal Council on account of Librarian's Salary		75 0 0	By Balance from 1879		0 4 7
Allowance to Secretary for the year 1880...		18 10 0	Interest on Debentures *		90 0 0
Balance—			Proceeds waste paper sold.....		3 12 6
In Commercial Bank	0 2 3		Proceeds old matting sold		1 3 6
In Savings' Bank	0 4 9				
In hands of Secretary.....	1 3 7				
		1 10 7			
		<u>£95 0 7</u>			<u>£95 0 7</u>
			1881. Balance brought down		1 10 7

* £1500 deposited in Commercial Bank.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

Hobart, 1st April, 1881.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Town Corporation for the Year 1880.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SALARIES—			
Librarian	150 0 0		
Assistant.....	35 0 0		
		185 0 0	
Extra for Sundays and holidays :—			
Librarian	28 6 8		
Assistant.....	16 13 4		
Messenger	5 0 0		
		50 0 0	
Books, Papers, and Periodicals .....	...	...	235 0 0
Binding .....	...	...	175 15 4
Lighting.....	...	...	20 7 0
Fuel .....	...	...	35 0 0
Insurance .....	...	...	7 8 0
Stationery, &c. ....	...	...	4 10 0
Repairs, new shelving, &c.....	...	...	4 13 5
Ironmongery.....	...	...	18 17 10
Sundries.....	...	...	6 15 10
			6 0 8
			<u>£514 8 1</u>

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.

* Since the above was in type the Trustees have invested the funds referred to in Debentures issued by the Immigration Commissioners, and bearing interest at the rate of five per cent.—A. J. T., *Secretary.*