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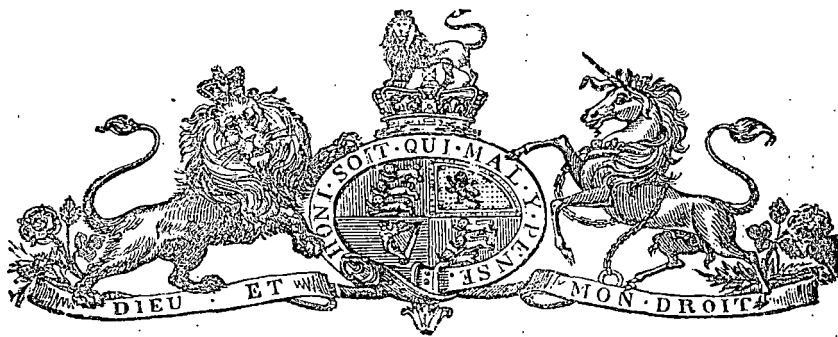
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1871.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, June 25, 1872.



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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 Victoria, No. 27), beg to submit the following account of its working for the year ending 31st December, 1871.

A. KENNERLEY, *Chairman of Trustees of the
Tasmanian Public Library.*

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

R E P O R T.

THE anticipations of the Trustees in their Report made at the close of 1870, as to the due appreciation by the Citizens and Visitors of the advantages presented by the Institution, have been more than realised, no less than 25,675 persons having recorded their names in the Visitors' Book during the period under review.

The Library has been increased during the year by 242 volumes, of which 82 have been purchased and 160 presented,—the donors being the Governments of Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, Trustees of the Melbourne Public Library, Royal Commissioners of Foreign Industries and Forests, Victoria, New Zealand Institute, South Australian Institute, Royal Society of Tasmania, the Hon. H. Butler, Captain Warren, R.E., Mr. Castray, A.C.G., the Hon. A. Kennerley, M.L.C., Mrs. C. Meredith, Mrs. Fielding Browne, Rev. R. D. P. Harris, Rev. Isaac Stone, J. W. Agnew, M.D., and Messrs. Walch and Sons, Justin M'C. Browne, Vanderkiste, Stops, L. Agnew, Wintle, Fletcher, Fitzgerald, Ivey, and Belstead.

Through the kind intervention of Sir Thomas Gore Browne, a very large and valuable presentation of Books, Maps, Plans, &c. has been made to the Library by H.M. Government; the Trustees of the British Museum have made a liberal grant of their publications; and the Royal Historical and Archæological Association of Ireland promises their Transactions as they are published. All these presentations are shortly expected to arrive. The Trustees are also in communication with various Literary and Scientific bodies in Europe and elsewhere, with a view to the enrichment of the Library, with every prospect of success.

"All the Year Round" and the "Edinburgh Quarterly Review" have been added to the Periodicals furnished to the Reading Room: and the Proprietors of the "Sydney Mail," the "Queenslander," "Otago Daily Times," "Lyttelton Times," and "Hamilton Spectator" supply gratuitously regular files of their respective papers, for which they are entitled to the thanks of those interested in shipping and the reading public generally. To James Barnard, Esq., the Trustees are gratefully indebted for supplying "Public Opinion," a journal highly appreciated, as well as frequent files of French newspapers.

The Balance Sheet, which is annexed, exhibits a sum of £79.16s. 3d. in the Treasurer's hands at the credit of the Trustees, but there is an account outstanding for Books, Periodicals, and Stationery supplied during the past half-year, which will leave only about £50 available for the maintenance of the Institution, the supplying the Reading Room with Papers and Periodicals, purchase of new and binding old books, &c., during the year 1872.

In conclusion, the Trustees would desire to represent that it is scarcely possible to overrate the advantages of the Institution, not only to the citizens of Hobart Town—to whom, however, at this period when no other similar Institution is in existence in the city it is especially valuable—but to the Colony generally, inasmuch as in addition to the existing collection of Books, every effort is being made to enrich it by obtaining such valuable works of reference as are too costly to be purchased privately, and are only presented to Libraries having a status such as that of the Tasmanian Public Library. They therefore venture to express an earnest hope that the providing means for its proper maintenance and efficient management may receive the early consideration of your Government.

Dr.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Tasmanian Public Library for 1871.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
1871. Balance from 1870	264	11	6
Received for Catalogues sold	0	12	0
	265	3	6

£265 3 6

Balance brought down *£79 16 3

Examined and certified to be correct,
E. J. MANLEY, Colonial Auditor.
7 March, 1872.

* Walch and Sons' half-yearly account for Books, Periodicals, and Newspapers will reduce this amount to about £50.

	£	s.	d.
1871. New Books purchased	53	0	3
Binding old Books, and printing	25	16	3
Newspapers and Periodicals	49	10	5
Official Books and stationery	13	14	1
Furniture and glassware	6	3	1
Frames for Rules, and packing cases	2	6	0
Die for stamping Books, &c.	2	0	0
Postages from June, 1870	4	19	0
Petty cash	2	14	0
Stamped Cheque Book	0	4	2
Secretary's salary	25	0	0

185 7 3

Balance on hand 31 December, 1871* 79 16 3

£265 3 6

A. KENNERLEY, Chairman of Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library.

Dr.

THE Savings' Bank in Account Current with Messrs. CHAPMAN and ALLPORT, (Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library).

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
1871 To balance from 1870	63	1	0
To interest on Government Debenture, £1400*	84	0	0
To interest allowed by Savings' Bank to 31 August	2	16	3

£149 17 3

To balance brought down £74 17 3

Examined and certified to be correct,
E. J. MANLEY, Colonial Auditor.
7 March, 1872.

*£1400 of the Library Funds are invested in a Government Debenture, bearing 6 per cent. interest, and maturing on 31 December, 1877.

	£	s.	d.
1871. By amount paid City Corporation on account of Librarian's salary	75	0	0
	75	0	0
By balance on hand 31 December, 1871	74	17	3
	£149	17	3

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, } Trustees of the Tasmanian Public
JOSH. ALLPORT, } Library.