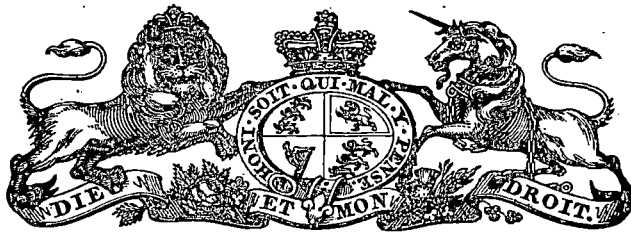


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REPORT FOR 1886.

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REPORT for the Year 1886.

On this the 45th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute, the Board of Management have to report that the Institute has been steadily carrying out the purposes for which it was established.

Though the subscriptions of Members show an increase on the former year, yet in consequence of the opening of another building for professional entertainments, the receipts for the hire of the Hall have greatly fallen off.

The Board have much satisfaction in recording the opening of a Museum during the past year. It was one of the objects contemplated at the formation of the Institute, but the want of suitable accommodation has hitherto prevented its realisation. The recent additions to the building have, however, removed that difficulty, and the new large and well lighted room upstairs has been devoted to that purpose.

For a considerable time past specimens of various kinds had been accumulating, and as soon as the room was ready for their reception, Mr. A. Morton, Curator of the Hobart Museum, very kindly offered to arrange them. Mr. Morton came to Launceston in September, and spent about a week in carrying out the task he had undertaken, and the Museum was formally opened on September 21st. The room is open to the public on the afternoons of Wednesday and Saturday every week, and the attendance has been encouraging. The Board desire to record their sense of their great obligations under which the Members of the Institute have been laid to Mr. Morton for his valuable and gratuitous services.

As intimated in the last Annual Report, it was found necessary to prepare a new Library Catalogue, and early in the year the books were called in for this purpose. After very careful arrangement by the Librarian, assisted by the Library Committee, a new edition of the Catalogue has been issued, which the Board trust will promote the objects of the Institute and the convenience of its Members.

A Chess Club has been successfully formed and carried out in connection with the Institute, the Committee Room being furnished and placed at the disposal of the Members for that purpose. The endeavour to establish other classes, your Board regret, has not been a success, in consequence of the apathy of the Members.

Only one Lecture was delivered during the year, viz., by Mr. F. Drake, on Coal.

The number of subscribers during the year has been 478, of whom 131 are new members, and 110 have ceased to pay their subscriptions, showing an increase of 21. Life members, 42.

The Treasurer's statement shows that the balance in hand from 1885 was £600; receipts during the year were £714 17s. 2d., and the expenditure £960 7s. 3d., leaving a balance of £354 9s. 11d. The Piano account shows a balance from 1885, £63 5s., receipts, £23 10s. 6d.; showing a balance of £86 15s. 6d. The Museum account shows a balance from 1885, £93 12s 6d., interest, £3 13s. 2d., expenditure, £49 10s. 2d.; leaving a balance of £47 15s. 6d.

During the year 519 vols. have been added to the Library, making a total of 12,659. There have been issued 20,500 vols. and 11,360 periodicals.

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

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Lighting	72 12 5	By Balance 31st December, 1885.....	600 0 0
Fuel	15 1 8	Government Grant.....	100 0 0
Insurance	9 7 11	Subscriptions	355 9 0
Printing and Advertising	74 6 3	Hire of Hall, &c.....	227 6 6
Salaries	203 3 0	Sale of Catalogues	7 1 0
Licence.....	2 0 0	" Waste Paper.....	0 9 0
Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, &c.....	141 0 5	" Tables	0 7 0
Bookbinding	21 10 0	Books lost.....	1 8 3
Final payment on account of new Building..	322 12 7	Interest	22 16 5
Architect's Fees	39 5 0		
New work, Repairs, &c.....	15 18 2		
Furnishing.....	28 4 11		
Cementing Footpath.....	4 0 0		
Petty Expenditure.....	3 15 8		
Advance by Treasurer last year	7 9 3		
Balance Deposit Equitable B. Society	318 10 3		
ditto in Savings Bank	35 19 8		
	<u>£1314 17 2</u>		<u>£1314 17 2</u>

Examined and compared with the vouchers, and found correct,

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

The PIANO ACCOUNT in account with GEORGE PULLEN, Treasurer.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Balance at Savings Bank.....	86 15 6	By Balance, 1885.....	63 5 0
		Hire of Piano.....	21 2 0
		Interest	2 8 6
	<u>£86 15 6</u>		<u>£86 15 6</u>

Examined and found correct,

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

The MUSEUM ACCOUNT in account with GEORGE PULLEN, Treasurer.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Large Glass Case	30 18 8	By Balance, 1885	93 12 6
Box of Specimens	5 10 0	Interest.....	3 13 2
Architect's Fee.....	3 3 0		
Sundries	9 18 6		
Balance at Savings Bank.....	47 15 6		
	<u>£97 5 8</u>		<u>£97 5 8</u>

Examined and found correct,

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

HY. BUTTON, *Chairman.*