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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY :

REPORT FOR 1879.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 10, 1880.



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, 1st February, 1880.

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 1879.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman,*
J. W. AGNEW,
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JAS. HARCOURT,
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THOS. C. SMART,
C. J. BARCLAY,

*Trustees
Tasmanian
Public Library.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

R E P O R T.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Ninth Annual Report, have pleasure in announcing that during the past twelve months 29,537 visits have been recorded in the Visitors' Book.

2. The experiment of opening the Institution on all public holidays, and on the afternoons of Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, has been continued throughout the year with satisfactory results.

3. During the year the entrance to the Institution has been much improved; and the Trustees are glad to be able to report that the City Council has made provision for cleansing and decorating the walls of the Library and Reading Rooms during the year 1880.

4. The Trustees have to acknowledge with thanks presentations from kindred Institutions in England, Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and from the Governments of the various Colonies.

5. During the year 222 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation.

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

REVIEWS.

Quarterly.	New Quarterly.
Edinburgh.	Fortnightly.
Westminster.	Melbourne Quarterly.
Contemporary.	English Woman's Review.
Nineteenth Century.	Victorian Review.
British Quarterly.	

MAGAZINES.

Macmillan's.	Iron.
Blackwood's.	Scientific American.
Fraser's.	Geographical Magazine.
Cornhill.	All the Year Round.
Temple Bar.	Journal of Science.
Chambers' Journal.	Australian Journal.
Athenæum.	American Agriculturist.
Notes and Queries.	Builder.
Tasmanian Presbyterian.	The Catholic Standard.
Science for All.	Church News.

NEWSPAPERS.

The Mail.	Weekly Times.
Spectator.	Australasian.
Saturday Review.	Otago Daily Times.
Pall Mall Budget.	Lyttleton Times.
Home News.	Fiji Argus.
Land and Water.	Hobart Town Mercury.
Illustrated London News.	Evening Star.
Graphic.	Launceston Examiner.
Punch.	Chronicle.
Sydney Morning Herald.	People's Friend.
South Australian Register.	Sketcher.
Queenslander.	Tasmanian Mail.
Brisbane Courier.	Hobart Town Gazette.
Sydney Mail.	New South Wales Gazette.
Melbourne Argus.	Public Opinion.

7. The City Council has voted the sum of £486 for Library purposes for the year 1880, the estimated expenditure being as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	150	0	0			
Assistant	35	0	0			
				185	0	0
Extras 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

8. 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 in Government Securities, viz.,—in one Treasury Bill for Fifteen hundred Pounds, bearing interest at Six per cent. per annum, and redeemable on 30th December, 1880. Out of the revenue so derived a sum of Seventy-five Pounds is paid over by the Trustees to the Municipal Council of Hobart Town in aid of the salary of the Librarian.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees for the Year 1879.

1879.	Dr.	£ s. d.	1879.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To amount paid to Municipal Council on account of Librarian's Salary.....		75 0 0	By Balance from 1878.....		0 10 7
Allowance to Secretary for the year 1879...		23 0 0	Interest on Debentures.....		90 0 0
Balance—			Proceeds waste paper sold.....		7 14 0
In Commercial Bank.....	0 2 3				
In Savings' Bank.....	0 2 3				
In hands of Secretary.....	0 0 1				
		0 4 7			
		<u>£98 4 7</u>			<u>£98 4 7</u>

1880. Balance brought down 0 4 7

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman of the Trustees.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor,*
5th March, 1880.

Treasury Bill, No. 56, Act 43 Vict. No. 6, for £1500, bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum, due 31 December, 1880, produced by the Secretary.

W. L., 5th March, 1880.

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EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Town Corporation for the Year 1879.

	£ s. d.
Librarian's Salary.....	183 6 8
Assistant.....	51 13 4
Books, Papers, Periodicals, &c.....	176 3 0
Binding.....	16 17 6
Gas.....	35 0 0
Insurance.....	4 10 0
Fuel.....	6 15 0
Stationery.....	0 11 6
Ironmongery.....	2 8 0
Special repairs.....	18 18 0
Sundries.....	8 7 7
Freight.....	3 1 3
	<u>£507 11 10</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.