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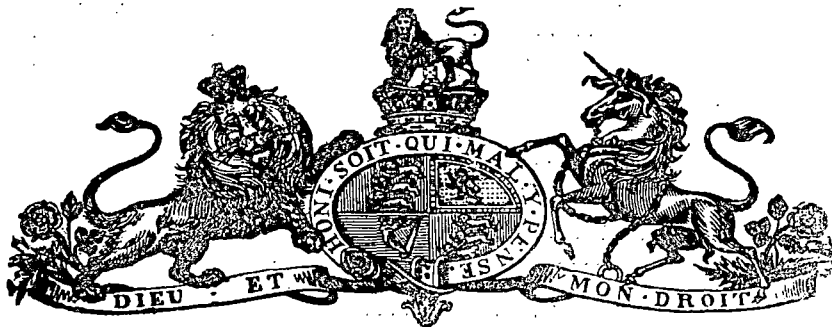
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**TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY :**

**REPORT FOR 1882.**

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*Tasmanian Public Library, 13th March, 1883.*

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 1882.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman*,  
C. M. MAXWELL,  
E. M. FISHER,  
WM. BELBIN,  
THOS. C. SMART,  
W. F. BROWNELL,  
C. J. BARCLAY.

} *Trustees\* Public  
Library.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

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## REPORT.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Twelfth Annual Report, have to record that during the past year 19,147 visits have been registered in the Visitors' Book. It must again be mentioned that a very large number of those who frequent the Institution neglect to register their visits, and the Trustees have had under consideration the desirability of adopting some more certain method of registering the actual daily attendance, which is very much greater than the Visitors' Book ever shows. Unfortunately, the construction of the building prevents the erection of a turnstile similar to the one which registers the attendance at the Melbourne Public Library.

2. The Trustees have pleasure in reporting that the privileges afforded by the Institution are fully appreciated, and that the practice of keeping the rooms open on Sunday afternoons and on all public holidays is still maintained, and fully taken advantage of by the public.

3. During the year 216 volumes have been added to the Library by purchase and presentation, and several orders for books have been forwarded to England through Messrs. Walch & Sons, which, on their completion, will be partly paid for out of the amounts recently voted by Parliament in aid of the Institution.

The additions which are constantly being made to the stock of books in the Library will shortly necessitate the expenditure of a special vote to provide extra shelving accommodation.

4. The Trustees have pleasure in recording that during last Session of Parliament a sum of £206 15s. 10d. was voted from Escheated Estates in aid of the Public Library.

The Trustees would continue to urge upon the Government and Parliament the great claims of the Institution, which is mainly sustained at the cost of the inhabitants of Hobart, but open to all persons who may choose to avail themselves of its advantages.

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\* Hon. J. W. Agnew, M.E.C. (absent), is still a Member of the Board.

The City Council has voted a sum of £486 for Library purposes for the year 1882, the estimated expenditure being as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian .....	150	0	0			
„ Assistant.....	35	0	0			
	<hr/>			185	0	0
Extras for Sundays and holidays:—						
Librarian.....	28	6	8			
Assistant.....	16	13	4			
Messenger .....	5	0	0			
	<hr/>			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
	<hr/>			£486	0	0
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To be provided for by contribution from Trustees and appropriation of Municipal Funds.

6. The Trustees have to acknowledge with thanks presentations received from His Excellency the Governor, and from the Governments of the various Colonies and kindred institutions in England, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and New Zealand.

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.  
• Englishwoman's Review.  
Melbourne Quarterly.  
Victoria Review.

#### MAGAZINES.

Knowledge.  
Macmillan's.  
Blackwood's.  
Cornhill.  
Temple Bar.  
Chambers' Journal.  
Athenæum.  
Art Journal.  
Science for all.  
All the Year Round.  
Longman's.  
Iron.

Builder.  
Scientific American.  
American Agriculturist.  
Journal of Science.  
Australian Journal.  
\* Catholic Standard.  
\* Tasmanian Standard.  
\* Church News.  
\* Presbyterian Magazine.  
\* Christian Witness.  
\* Protestant Standard.

#### NEWSPAPERS.

Mail.  
Public Opinion.  
Spectator.  
Saturday Review.  
Pall Mall Budget.  
St. James's Budget.  
Home News.  
Land and Water.  
Illustrated London News.  
Graphic.  
Punch.  
Sydney Morning Herald.  
Sydney Mail.  
South Australian Register.  
Queenslander.  
Dundaberg and Mount Perry Mail.

Melbourne Argus.  
Australasian.  
Federal Australian.  
Weekly Times.  
Sketcher.  
\* Otago Daily Times.  
\* Lyttleton Times.  
\* Fiji Argus.  
Hobart Mercury.  
Tasmanian Mail.  
Southern Star.  
\* People's Friend.  
\* Launceston Examiner.  
\* Launceston Telegraph.  
\* Hobart Gazette.  
\* N.S.W. Gazette.

The Books, Furniture, and Fittings belonging to the Public Library are insured in the Cornwall Insurance Company for £2000.

*THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees, 1882.*

1882.	Dr.	£	s.	d.	1882.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
March 6.	Amount paid to Municipal Council on account of Librarian's Salary for year 1881 .....	26	5	0	By balance from 1881 .....	200	18	6	
1883.					Amount received from the Treasury, being the sum appropriated by Act of Parliament from Escheated Estates* .....	206	15	10	
Feb. 3.	Ditto, 1882 .....	75	0	0	Interest .....	75	12	7	
13.	J. Walch & Sons, for new Books	21	19	8					
Balance—									
	In Commercial Bank.....	358	13	4					
	In Savings Bank.....	1	8	11					
		360	2	3					
		£483	6	11			£483	6	11
					Balance brought down .....	£360	2	3	

\* It is the intention of the Trustees to invest the whole of this amount in the purchase of books for the Library.

MEMORANDUM.—The invested funds amount to One thousand five hundred Pounds in Government Immigration Debentures, bearing interest at the rate of Five per cent. and redeemable on 5th May, 1883. The revenue so derived (£75) will be paid over by the Trustees to the Municipal Council of Hobart in aid of the salary of the Librarian.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman.*

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

30th March, 1883.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Corporation for the Year 1882.*

SALARIES—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Librarian .....	150	0	0						
Assistant .....	35	0	0						
				185	0	0			
Extra for Sunday 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 .....							173	19	7
Lighting .....							17	4	0
Fuel.....							35	0	0
Insurance .....							6	2	0
Stationery .....							4	10	0
Ironmongery.....							0	12	9
Sundries .....							1	6	0
							12	5	8
							£486	0	0

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.