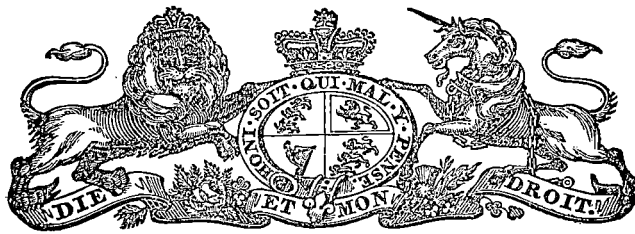


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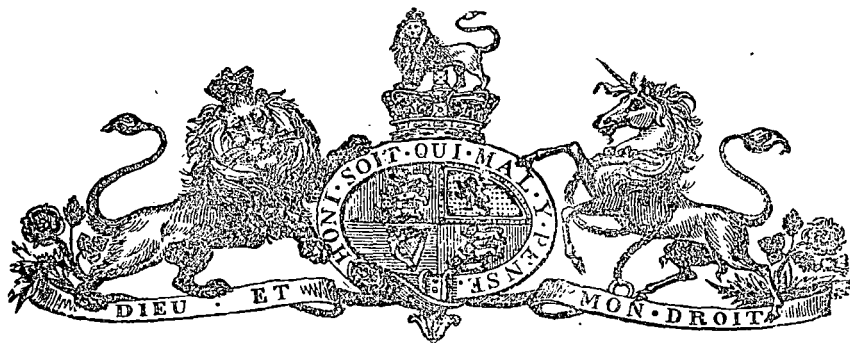
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR 1876.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, April 24, 1877.



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, 1st February, 1877.

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 1876.

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman.*
C. M. MAXWELL.
JAS. HARCOURT.
JOHN PERKINS, JR.
JOSH. ALLPORT.
THOS. D. CHAPMAN.
THOS. GIBLIN.
W. H. BURGESS, JUNR.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

R E P O R T.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Sixth Annual Report, have much pleasure in announcing that during the past twelve months 29,810 visits have been recorded in the Visitors' Book, showing an increase as compared with the number for any previous year. This does not, however, represent the total number of persons who have visited the Institution during the year, as many visitors disregard the request to register their names.

2. The Library during the period under review has been increased by 207 volumes.

3. The Secretary of State for the Colonies having been asked to be pleased to make a further donation to this Institution, the Trustees have to acknowledge with thanks the presentation of a number of works of great interest and value to the Library. Valuable donations have also been received from the Trustees of the British Museum and the Royal Geographical Society, London; the Royal Historical and Archaeological Society and the Royal Academy, Ireland; the Smithsonian Institution, Washington; Royal Colonial Institute and Cobden Club, London; the Trustees of the Public Library and Industrial Museum, Melbourne; Royal Societies of New Zealand and Tasmania. The Trustees have also to acknowledge presentations from the Government Statisticians of New South Wales, Victoria, New Zealand, and Tasmania; Board of Education, Tasmania; Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, Victoria; the Hon. the Colonial Secretary of Tasmania; and Messrs. A. Winter, A. C. Douglas, S. H. Wintle, S. S. Travers, W. F. Brownell, Captain Copping, the Rev. W. C. Robinson, and J. W. Simmons, and the late Dr. Lewis.

4. The Statistics and Statutes of the Colony are always available for reference, as well as Reports, Transactions, and Proceedings of various Libraries and Societies in England and America.

5. 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.
Edinburgh.
Westminster.
Contemporary.

British Quarterly.
New Quarterly.
Fortnightly.
Melbourne Quarterly.

MAGAZINES.

Macmillan's.
Blackwood's.
Fraser's.
Cornhill.
Temple Bar.
Chambers' Journal.
Athenæum.
Builder.

Iron.
Geographical Magazine.
All the Year Round.
Journal of Science.
Notes and Queries.
American Agriculturist.
English Woman's Review.
Australian Journal.

NEWSPAPERS.

The Mail.
Spectator.
Saturday Review.
Pall Mall Budget.
Home News.
Land and Water.
Spiritualist.
Illustrated London News.
Punch.
Sydney Morning Herald.
South Australian Register.
Queenslander.
Brisbane Courier.
Melbourne Argus.
Sydney Mail.

Australasian.
Town and Country.
Otago and Daily Times.
Lyttleton Times.
Daily Southern Cross.
Hamilton Spectator.
Fiji Argus.
Hobart Town Mercury.
Hobart Town Tribune.
Launceston Examiner.
Church News.
People's Friend.
Sketcher.
Hobart Town Gazette.
New South Wales Gazette.

The books, furniture, and fittings are insured in the Cornwall Insurance Company for £2000.

6. The City Council has voted the sum of £445 for Library purposes for the year 1877:

7. Estimated expenditure for the year 1877:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	150	0	0			
Assistant.....	35	0	0			
				185	0	0
Lighting				40	0	0
Fuel				6	0	0
Newspapers, Periodicals, &c				90	0	0
Purchase of Books				70	0	0
Binding				20	0	0
Stationery				4	0	0
Postage				2	0	0
Printing				5	0	0
Freight				10	0	0
Sundries				3	0	0
Insurance, &c				10	0	0
				<u>£445</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

To be provided as follows:—

By contributions from Trustees	75	0	0
By appropriation of Municipal Funds.....	370	0	0
	<u>£445</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in Account with the Trustees for the Year 1876.

1876.	Dr.	£	s.	d.	1876.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	To amount paid to Municipal Council on account of Librarian's Salary..	75	0	0		By balance from 1875.....	10	19	6
	Allowance to Secretary.....	24	10	0		Interest on Debentures.....	89	0	0
	Balance—					Interest allowed by Savings' Bank.	0	1	0
	In Commercial Bank... 0 2 3					Proceeds waste paper sold.....	8	12	1½
	In hands of Secretary.. 1 18 2½								
	In Savings' Bank..... 7 2 2								
				9 2 7½					
				<u>£108 12 7½</u>					<u>£108 12 7½</u>

Jan. 1877. Balance brought down..... £9 2 7½

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *for Trustees of Tasmanian Public Library.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*
23 Feb., 1877.

MEMORANDUM.

THE invested funds amount to one thousand five hundred pounds in Government Debentures, namely,—one thousand four hundred pounds bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, redeemable on the 30th December, 1877, and one hundred pounds bearing interest at five per cent. per annum, redeemable on the 1st December, 1878, together producing an annual revenue of eighty-nine pounds; and from that income the sum of seventy-five pounds is annually paid over by the Trustees of the Library to the Municipal Council of Hobart Town in aid of the salary of the Librarian.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Town Corporation for the Year 1876.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Librarian's Salary.....	150	0	0			
Assistant.....	25	0	0			
				175	0	0
Books, Papers, Periodicals, &c.....	..			179	2	1
Binding.....	..			9	18	6
Gas.....	..			35	0	0
Insurance.....	..			6	0	0
Fuel.....	..			7	12	0
Stationery.....	..			1	18	11
Repairs and Sundries.....	..			24	10	5
				<u>£439</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11*</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 as being worth £20 a year.

* On reference to the account published by the Trustees of the Library, it will be seen that the Trustees contributed £75 towards the salary of the Librarian, thereby reducing the actual expenditure from the Municipal Funds to £364 1s. 11d.