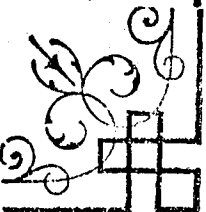
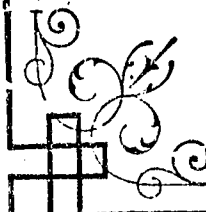


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Report of the Committee of Management

FOR THE YEAR 1868.

1. THE Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution have the honor to present to the members their annual report with the abstract of the Treasurer's account-current for 1868 duly audited, together with the statement of the liabilities and assets for the year ending December 31, 1868.

2. In the last annual report it was mentioned that the whole of the interior of the building had been put into a thorough state of repair with the exception of the secretary's office.

3. During the year your Committee found it indispensably necessary that the secretary's office should be taken down and a new room erected of larger dimensions, which has accordingly been done at a cost of about £106, the Trustees giving their acceptance to the Bank of New South Wales for the amount of £86 to enable the Committee to meet this extra expense; this room is used by the Committee as their Board room and enables them to let the corresponding room on the opposite side of the Hall.

4. The Committee estimated the income for the year at about £1000 which sum has been nearly realized as will be seen by the Treasurer's statement and list of receipts annexed.

5. The balance against the Institution is £190 16s. 11d., which sum is somewhat larger than at the end of 1867, but deducting the outlay for the erection of the new room it will be seen that the liabilities against the Institution are less comparatively than at the corresponding period of the previous year.

6. The number of new books purchased during the past year (1868) was 254 volumes, and 176 volumes of periodicals, making a total of 430 volumes.

7. The number of members on the annual roll of subscribers for 1868 was 458; that of new members, 131; the number of life members, was 115; and of honorary members, 18.

8. The number of periodicals in circulation during the past year was 11,378; and the number of volumes, 13,249, classified as follows :

| CLASSIFICATION. | 1868. |
|--|--------|
| Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics | 29 |
| Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts | 75 |
| Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence | 545 |
| Classics and Philology | 40 |
| Fine Arts | 88 |
| Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works | 1080 |
| History and Historical Memoirs | 842 |
| Jurisprudence and Legislation | 14 |
| Medical Science and Chemistry | 38 |
| Miscellaneous and Collective Works | 1360 |
| Natural History and Botany | 59 |
| Works of Fiction | 6812 |
| Music | 19 |
| Periodical Literature | 1324 |
| Philosophy and General Science | 484 |
| Poetry and the Drama | 274 |
| Politics | 65 |
| Religious and Ecclesiastical Works | 101 |
| | 13,249 |

9. The number of visitors introduced by members, in accordance with rule 10, was 150.

10. The Government has, during the year, presented to the Institution the following valuable contributions:—

- Victorian Parliamentary Debates, 1868.
- Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria, 1868.
- Government *Gazette*, 1868.
- The Victorian Statutes, Vol. 5, 4to., cloth.
- Plants indigenous to the Colony of Victoria, by Dr. Mueller vol. 2, cloth.
- Statistical Notes on the progress of Victoria, from the foundation of the Colony, 1835—1860. First series, parts 1, 2, by W. H. Archer.
- Ditto. relating to Agriculture, 1861 to 1867.
- Descriptive Catalogue of the Rock Specimens and Minerals in the National Museum, by A. R. C. Selwyn.
- Patents and Patentees, Victoria, from 1854 to 1866, by W. H. Archer.
- Observations on the mode of occurrence and the treatment of Auriferous, Lead, and Silver Ores at Schewnitz, Upper Hungary, by G. H. F. Ulrich, F. G. S.

And the following donations have kindly been made during the year:—

- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society, Vol. 9, 1868—The Council of the Society.
- Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria—The Proprietors.
- Melbourne Directory—The Proprietors.
- Geological Report on Londonderry and parts of Tyrone and Fermanagh, by J. E. Portlock, F. R. S., F. G. S.—G. H. F. Ulrich, Field Geologist.
- Medical Record of Australia, Vol. 1, 2, 3—Dr. Reeves.

Softening of the Stomach in Children in Australia, etc.—Dr. Reeves.
An Essay on the Nature and Treatment of Australian Diseases, more especially Dysentery and Fever.—Dr. Clutterbuck.
Auriferous Drifts in Australia, or the Cause and its Continuity.—“Research.”

NEWSPAPERS (BY THE PROPRIETORS).

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Melbourne Argus (1 copy). | Hamilton Spectator. |
| Melbourne Age ” | Kilmore Examiner. |
| Melbourne Leader. | Kyneton Observer. |
| Christian Review. | Kyneton Guardian. |
| Richmond Australian. | Majorca & Carisbrook Independent. |
| Emerald Hill Record. | M'vor Times. |
| Ararat Advertiser. | Mount Alexander Mail. |
| Bacchus Marsh Express. | Ovens and Murray Advertiser. |
| Ballarat Star. | Portland Guardian. |
| Ballarat Evening Post. | Spring Creek Advertiser. |
| Ballarat Courier. | St. Arnaud Mercury. |
| Ballarat Punch. | Talbot Leader. |
| Banner of Belfast. | Tarrengower Times. |
| Belfast Gazette. | Warrnambool Examiner. |
| Bendigo Advertiser. | Warrnambool Sentinel. |
| Bendigo Evening News. | Warrnambool Advertiser. |
| Bendigo Independent. | Wood's Point Times. |
| Castlemaine Daily News. | Hobart Town Mercury. |
| Coleraine Albion. | Kiama Independent, N.S.W. |
| Clunes Gazette. | Launceston Examiner. |
| Creswick and Clunes Advertiser. | ” Cornwall Chronicle. |
| Daylesford Express. | ” Times. |
| Daylesford Mercury. | New Zealand, Otago Witness. |
| Dunolly and Betbeshire Express. | Grey River Argus. |
| Geelong Register. | Queensland Times. |
| Geelong Advertiser. | Queensland Guardian. |
| Gipps Land Guardian. | Queensland Courier. |

11. It was announced at the last annual meeting that instructions had been given for the preparation of a supplementary catalogue to the end of 1867: this was completed without delay and distributed among the members.

12. Since the closing of the account, for the year ending Dec. 31, over £100 has been collected, consisting of rents and subscriptions due to the Institution: this has enabled the Committee to reduce the acceptance given by the Trustees to the Bank for £86 by the sum of £30, and to discharge other liabilities.

13. Attendance of members at meetings of the general Committee during 1868.

There were 14 meetings during the year—

President—E. M. Gibbs, Esq. attended 12.

Vice President—John Edwards Esq. attended 12.

COMMITTEE:

| | | | |
|---|----|----------------------------|----|
| Benjamin, D. attended | 8 | Cock, C. attended | 7 |
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| Greeves, The Hon. A. F. A. ” | 9 | Gilchrist, W. J. ” | 5 |
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| Rintel, Rev. M. ” | 3 | Liston, J. ” | 14 |
| Richards, W. ” | 5 | Thomas, H. ” | 13 |
| Henri J. Hart, Esq., J.P., <i>ex officio</i> Member of Committee for 1868 | ” | ” | 7 |

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CURRENT FOR 1868.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| To Amount brought forward from 1867 | ... | 248 | 19 | 8 | ... | ... | ... |
| " Rent of Offices | ... | 217 | 11 | 8 | ... | ... | ... |
| " Hall, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " Subscriptions | ... | 3 | 12 | 6 | ... | ... | ... |
| " Donations | ... | 13 | 0 | 6 | ... | ... | ... |
| " Sales | ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | ... | ... | ... |
| " Fines | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " Lectures | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " Library Deposits received | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " Amount advanced by the Bank of New South Wales (July, 1868) on the Trustees' acceptance, for erecting a new room | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| By Payments—Furniture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Additions and repairs to building | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Insurance | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| City Rates | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Water Rates | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Interest | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Books | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Magazines | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Newspapers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
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| Sundries | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Stationery | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Printing | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Advertising | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Lectures (advertising) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Repaid Bank of New South Wales (Jan. 1868) balance of Trustees' original acceptance for £150, dated Jan. 19, 1867 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Library deposits returned | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Cash Balance in Bank, Dec. 31, 1868 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Cash in hand (paid into bank Jan. 2, 1869) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Balance brought down | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

DAVID E. WILKIE, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct,
January 16th, 1869.

JAMES H. GIBBS, }
R. HEALES, } AUDITORS.

**LIBRARY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT,
DECEMBER 31ST, 1868.**

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | | |
|---|-----|----|----|---|---------------------------------------|-----|----|---|---|
| To Balance due Members, Dec. 31st, 1867 | ... | 45 | 0 | 0 | By Amount returned to Mem- bers, 1868 | ... | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Deposits received, 1868 | ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | „ Balance | ... | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| | £50 | 0 | 0 | | | £50 | 0 | 0 | |
| To Balance brought down | £23 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

**STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS,
DECEMBER 31ST, 1868.**

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----|----|---|-----------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| To Bank New South Wales | ... | 86 | 0 | 0 | By Cash in Bank and in hand | ... | 58 | 3 | 11 |
| „ Salaries, Dec.— | ... | 25 | 0 | 0 | „ Rent | ... | 43 | 4 | 3 |
| „ Gas—Oct., Nov., Dec. | ... | 14 | 9 | 5 | „ Magazines | ... | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| „ Rates | ... | 7 | 5 | 0 | „ Subscriptions | ... | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Fuel | ... | 2 | 4 | 3 | | | | | |
| „ Repairs | ... | 11 | 9 | 2 | Balance | ... | 190 | 16 | 11 |
| „ Books | £22 | 3 | 6 | | | | | | |
| „ Magazines | 35 | 5 | 9 | | | | | | |
| „ Newspapers | 37 | 17 | 0 | | | | | | |
| „ Binding | 44 | 18 | 10 | | | | | | |
| „ Petty Cash Account | ... | 140 | 5 | 1 | | | | | |
| „ Library Deposit Account | ... | 23 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| | £310 | 11 | 5 | | | | | | |
| To Balance brought down | £190 | 16 | 11 | | | | | | |

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