

REPORT

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OF THE

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

OF THE

MELBOURNE

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION

AND SCHOOL OF ARTS,

FOR THE YEAR 1869.

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R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1869.

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, duly audited, and a statement of the liabilities and assets for the year ending December 31st, 1869.

2. The income for the year has been £893 ls. 7d., about the amount estimated by the Committee. It will be seen by the Treasurer's statement that the liabilities of the Institution are only £94 5s. 7d., as against £190 16s. 11d. at the end of last year.

3. The number of new books purchased during the year was 323 volumes and 90 volumes of periodicals, making a total of 413 volumes.

4. The number of members on the roll for 1869 was 460, of which 129 were new members; 111 life members; and 16 honorary members.

5. The number of periodicals in circulation during the year was 10,278; and the number of volumes 13,614, classified as follows:—

CLASSIFICATION.	1869.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics .. .. .	23
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts .. .. .	60
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence .. .. .	349
Classics and Philology .. .. .	50
Fine Arts .. .. .	68
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works .. .. .	856
History and Historical Memoirs .. .. .	619
Jurisprudence and Legislation .. .. .	9
Medical Science and Chemistry .. .. .	27
Miscellaneous and Collective Works .. .. .	1041
Natural History and Botany .. .. .	29
Works of Fiction .. .. .	8447
Music .. .. .	6
Periodical Literature .. .. .	1495
Philosophy and General Science .. .. .	232
Poetry and the Drama .. .. .	192
Politics .. .. .	66
Religious and Ecclesiastical Works .. .. .	45
	13,614

6. It will have been evident to the members that for some time past the accumulation of books has been in excess of the shelf accommodation in the library. This has not escaped the attention of the Committee: plans for the re-arrangement of the library, including the provision of a considerable extent of new shelving, have been approved, which are recommended to the Committee for 1870.

7. The number of visitors introduced to the reading-room during the year, in accordance with rule 10, was 210.

8. The Government has, during the year, presented to the Institution the following valuable contributions.

Victorian Parliamentary Debates, 1869.  
Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria, 1869.  
Government Gazette, 1869.  
Gold Fields and Mineral Districts of Victoria.

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

Treatise on Collisions at Sea and Shipwrecks, with description of the Anti-Collision Dial—Capt. C. J. C. Perry.  
Medical Treatise—Dr. Beaney.  
Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria—The Proprietors.

Presented by the New South Wales Government:—

Report of the Commission on Sydney Water Supply:  
Blue Book, N.S.W., 1868.  
Statistical Register, N.S.W., 1868.  
Estimates of Probable Expenditure of the Government N.S.W., 1870.  
Report on Lunatic Asylums, by Fred. Norton Manning, M.D.  
Report on Leprosy, by the Royal College of Physicians, prepared for Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies. With an Appendix.

Presented by the Province of Otago, New Zealand:—

Votes and Proceedings of the Provincial Council.  
Ordinances of the Province of Otago, N.Z.

NEWSPAPERS (BY THE PROPRIETORS).

One Copy of each of the following:

Melbourne Argus.	Kilmore Examiner.
Melbourne Age.	Kyneton Observer.
Melbourne Leader.	Kyneton Guardian.
Christian Review.	Majorca & Carisbrook Independent.
Richmond Australian.	M'Ivor Times.
Emerald Hill Record.	Mount Alexander Mail.
Alexandra Times.	Ovens and Murray Advertiser.
Ararat Advertiser.	Pleasant Creek Chronicle.
Australian Medical Gazette.	Portland Guardian.
Bacchus Marsh Express.	South Bourke Standard.
Ballarat Star.	Spring Creek Advertiser.
Ballarat Evening Post.	St. Arnaud Mercury.
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Dunolly and Betbetshire Express.	Queensland Times.
Geelong Advertiser.	Queensland Courier.
Hamilton Spectator.	



**LIBRARY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT,**  
DECEMBER 31ST, 1869.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance due Members, 31st Dec., 1868 .. .. .	23 0 0	By Deposits returned in 1869 ..	14 0 0
„ Deposits received in 1869 ..	5 0 0	„ Balance due Members, 31st December, 1869 .. .. .	14 0 0
	£28 0 0		£28 0 0
To Balance brought down..	14 0 0		

**STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS,**  
DECEMBER 31ST, 1869.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Salaries, December .. .. .	26 0 10	By Cash in Bank .. .. .	50 11 9
„ Gas—Oct., Nov., Dec. .. .. .	16 1 4	„ Rents .. .. .	34 10 3
„ City Rates .. .. .	7 5 0	„ Second-hand Magazines .. .. .	9 2 10
„ Repairs .. .. .	1 14 0		£94 4 10
„ Books .. .. £20 13 6		Balance .. .. .	94 5 7
„ Magazines .. .. 30 1 6			
„ Newspapers .. .. 45 19 0			
„ Binding .. .. 20 5 3			
	116 19 3		
„ Printing .. .. .	0 7 6		
„ Petty Cash Account .. .. .	3 12 0		
„ P. & O. Company—Average charges on Magazines, &c., by S.S. "Surat" .. .. .	2 10 6		
„ Library Deposit Account .. .. .	14 0 0		
	£188 10 5		£188 10 5
To Balance brought down..	94 5 7		

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Annual Subscription—entitling Members to the use of Library, Reading Room, Lectures, &c. .. .. .	One Pound.
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Any Member borrowing Books from the Library may be required to leave with the Secretary a deposit of £1, for the safe return of the property.

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Members have the privilege of gaining for any friend who shall live beyond the precincts of Melbourne, or who shall be a naval or military officer, or the captain of a vessel trading to this port, free admission to the Reading Room for a period of one month in any year, by entering the name and address in the Introduction Book.

The Reading Room is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays and Public Holidays excepted.

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