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GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee have much satisfaction in again meeting with you on this occasion. We have now entered upon the third year of our occupation of the present useful and commodious edifice, the property of the Institution, and the sixth year of our existence as a public body;—a body created for the promotion and encouragement of arts, literature, and science,—of those attainments that include, on the one hand, much that is useful in regard to the more immediate wants of man, and on the other all that is agreeable and dignified, in exercising and developing the nobler faculties of his mind.

The progress and operations of the past year have been highly successful. During that period, a much greater step has been taken in advancing the various proper objects of the Institution, than during any previous year of its existence, or perhaps than the entire period of its previous career.

Your committee, however, have not thus proceeded without encountering numerous difficulties, chiefly of a financial character, which have frequently and extensively depressed the progress, and obstructed the usefulness of the Institution. The debt which, in the late rapid transition of our community from apparent wealth and prosperity, to an opposite extreme of depression and distress, had been left upon the Institution, after the completion of the present handsome but expensive edifice, amounted, at the period of the last Annual General Meeting at this time last year, to no less a sum than £1782 10s. 10d., of this amount £532 10s. 10d. was due to various creditors, some of whom had liberally assisted the Institution by advances of money. The remaining £1250 is in form of a mortgage, for which six members of your committee (having the property in security) have made themselves responsible.

The management of the Institution under these burdens has been attended, as may be supposed, with some anxiety and difficulty.

But the prosperous career of the Institution during the past year, has enabled your committee to proceed vigorously in the discharge of these debts. They are now the less a subject of discouragement, as the various property of the Institution may be regarded as of equal value, and certainly could not be replaced for the amount to which the debt has now been reduced. The greater part of the smaller sum of £532 10s. 10d. has been already cleared off; the balance, it is anticipated, will be paid during the current year. Your committee take this opportunity of testifying to the liberality and forbearance generally of those parties to whom the Institution is indebted. Mr. R. Bourne, of Sydney, to whom upwards of £160 was due for the rent of the former premises, has generously remitted to the Institution above two-thirds of his claim.

The mortgage of £1250 was contracted for in January, 1843, with the Derwent Bank, Hobart Town, and bears interest at the rate of twelve and a half per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, since that period, however, Captain Swanston, on the part of the Bank, has liberally acceded to the request of your committee to reduce the rate of interest to ten per cent. The original rate of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  still continues to be paid; but on each half-yearly occasion, the difference is applied towards the liquidation of the principal of the debt. The payment due this month will be the first that is made under this new arrangement.

In addition to the usual expenses of the Institution, therefore, there has been (with exception of one half year's interest, drawn for at the rate of ten per cent) the sum of £156 5s., besides expenses of exchange, to be provided annually for the interest due upon the mortgage. In order to raise so large a sum, and still reserve the means for carrying out the objects and intentions of the Institution, your committee were compelled to turn to some other account of immediate profit such of the apartments of the hall, as they could for the present possibly dispense with. They have accordingly let, for the use of the Town Council, and other public bodies, various rooms of the building, at a stipulated rental; and from the abstract of the treasurer's account current, given below, it appears that from this source, and from the occasional hire of the large room of the Institution for various public assemblies, the sum of £128 15s., has been raised during the past year.

Your committee have not without regret consented to this sub-letting of the hall of the Institution,—this promiscuous occupation within the sacred precincts of science. The monetary benefits have not accrued without considerable loss of accommodation to the members of the Institution, and some general constraint and obstruction in carrying out the various objects we have mutually in view. The apartment used at present as the reading room, for example, is not the most suitable for that purpose in the house: that which was originally intended for the reading room is now in occupation of the Town Council. There is great want of accommodation also for the specimens of the museum; and already the library begins to overflow the narrow space that has been set apart for it. Your Committee must, however, express obligations to the Town Council, who have always accommodated the Institution as far as practicable, and supported its cause with the highest rental which times and circumstances enabled them to pay.

But your Committee are sanguine that this extraneous and inconvenient assistance will not continue long to be found necessary to the Institution. They have the highest satisfaction in reporting that from the prosperity of the past year, and the present condition and prospects of the Institution, they consider all difficulties to be now in reality overcome. Since the last annual meeting, the public have exhibited a marked interest in the affairs of the Institution; and the great increase in the amount of subscriptions, has placed considerable means at the disposal of your Committee. At the period of the last general meeting, various adverse circumstances,—the distress of the times, and the depressing effect of the debt, shed a gloomy prospect over the Institution, and a very small number of individuals then rallied to its support: but now, as appears by a list appended to this report, there are 220 subscribing members, besides many who have contributed to the Reading Room only; the donations and subscriptions for the past year have amounted to the considerable sum of £225 2s.; nearly three hundred volumes of books have been added to the library; and the museum has been increased tenfold.

Having stated the support that has been received from the public, your Committee have no less satisfaction in adverting to that which has at length been promised by the Government. Several efforts had been made in vain to secure this most efficient of all subscribers. Your Committee were at first anxious that government should pay off the debt. As the building and various property were of very considerable value, and the

Institution had made some way in the community, further aid from the public treasury would have been unnecessary. But the large amount required for this purpose was not to be obtained; and government was, in other respects, averse to render an assistance that consisted in the discharge of debt. Eventually his Excellency the Governor agreed to place one hundred and fifty pounds upon the estimates for this year, as the first of an annual contribution of that amount, in aid of the Melbourne Institution; and this sum has been acceded to by the Legislative Council.

The following abstracts from the accounts and account current of the Treasurer, exhibit a general view of the financial affairs of the Institution for the year 1844. The Treasurer's accounts, in full detail, will be found in another part of the Report.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION BALANCE SHEET AS AT LAST GENERAL MEETING,  
26TH JANUARY, 1844.

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	Half expenses of award.. } 12 1 6
	Wm. Burn, on account, for Superintending ba- lance disputed..... 10 0 0
	By Furniture..... 2161 1 6
	Museum..... 22 10 0
	Library..... 10 0 0
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From the above abstracts, it appears that the income for the past year, arising from subscriptions to the Institution and Reading Rooms, donations, and rents, amounts to four hundred and thirty-nine pounds, seventeen shillings (£439 17s.) The amount of £100, in addition to this sum, as per extra list appended, consisted originally of a loan, in 1842, of £10 each, from ten members of your committee, to assist in carrying on the building. This has latterly been converted into a subscription, which entitles each of these gentlemen to a life membership. Your committee may comment with satisfaction upon the improved financial aspect of the Institution, as at 31st December last, compared with that of the previous year. The amount of debt, over and above the mortgage, has been reduced from £532 10s. 10d., to £221 11s.; and the balance in favour of the Institution, taking the value of the building at the amount it has cost, has risen during the past year from £510 15s. 6d., to £943 17s. 7d. The income for the present year will not probably fall short of £550. About the middle of the year, or probably earlier, your Committee may be enabled to dispense entirely with the present practice of letting out the apartments of the Halls, so that a falling off may be looked for in the proportion of income derived from this source; but the increased number of members, and the allowance hereafter to be received from government, justify your Committee in anticipating, for the present year, a larger income, and a still more successful career, than during any previous period of the Institution.

During the past year some repairs and additions have been made to the building, which were necessary for the convenience both of the Secretary and the Members. A small kitchen has been built, the back area of the building has been fenced in, and several alterations and improvements made, at a cost altogether of £52 15s., a considerable portion of which amount was raised by means of a special subscription.

Your Committee will now allude to the progress and condition of those departments which, though often thrust back into secondary importance from the immediate urgency of financial pressure, yet form in reality the only proper objects of the Institution, namely, the lectures, the Library and Reading-room, and the Museum.

*Lectures.*—Some difficulty has been encountered, as might have been expected, for a period at first, and in so limited a community, in procuring frequent and regular lectures. The exertions of your Committee have not, however, been unsuccessful even here. Dr. Wilmot, Dr. Greeves, the Rev. Mr.

Morison, Mr. Ballingall, Mr. Gilbert, and other gentlemen have, in most cases more than once, ascended the rostrum, and contributed to the edification and enjoyment of the public. The Lectures have been chiefly upon subjects relating to Physiology, the Steam Engine, Natural Philosophy, Drawing and Colouring, and several from Mr. Ballingall on the present defective principles of Marine Assurance, in connection with ship-building and the system of registering at Lloyds. Your Committee have hitherto endeavoured to provide Lectures once a fortnight; but having at present various promises of support, they are not without hope that ere long they will be able to provide a weekly repetition of this important part of the business of the Institution.

*The Library* now consists of 650 volumes, among which are many valuable and standard works in Literature and Science; such as Robertson's Historical Works, Hume's England, the Pictorial History of England, a very fine copy of the Pictorial Bible, Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, the Bridgewater Treatises, Smith's Wealth of Nations, 2 copies, Encyclopælia Britannica, Edinburgh Review, Sir J. Sinclair's Statistical Account of Scotland, &c., &c., &c. During the past year two hundred and ninety-seven volumes of books have been added to the Library, besides numerous pamphlets and smaller works. Sixty-six of these volumes have been purchased by your Committee for the Institution; the others have been presented by various gentlemen, who have already received the thanks of your Committee for their efficient support.

Your Committee have been chiefly anxious to store the shelves of the Institution with works of a standard character in Literature and Science; but they are not sorry to find that many of the popular novels of Cooper, Sir Walter Scott, and other distinguished writers, have already found an entrance, as no public library could be regarded as either complete or generally attractive without a considerable proportions of this lighter description of literature.

*The Reading Room* was opened last September, by means of a special subscription undertaken for that purpose, to which nearly one hundred and fifty individuals, both members of the Institution and otherwise, readily gave their names for the amount of one pound each. Although subsequent experience proved, that the collection of the money was considerably more difficult than that of the signatures, yet a sum has since been raised, sufficient, as the account current will show, to enable your Committee not only to purchase various useful

articles of furniture, but also to remit the amount of £50 to an agent in London, Mr. P. L. Simmonds, for the purchase of periodicals and newspapers.

These papers, for economical considerations, are to be purchased at what may be termed second-hand; that is to say, the newspapers will be purchased one day, or perhaps two days after publication, and the Reviews and Magazines some time longer. This arrangement, intolerable no doubt to a local newsreader, will scarcely, if at all, be felt as a disadvantage at this remote distance; and as about one-half of the first cost will be saved, the funds set apart for these purchases will of course procure for the Reading-room a proportionately greater variety of the Periodical Press.

A copy of the list which was forwarded by the Secretary to Mr. Simmonds, is included in the Appendix to this Report. When your Committee have collected further funds on this account, an additional remittance will be made to England, either for the purchase of additional papers, or to assist in completing the order already sent, for which the first remittance is probably insufficient. The arrival of these newspapers and magazines cannot be expected to commence earlier than July next: in the meantime the Reading-room is indebted to the attention and good offices of various gentlemen for its present supply of periodical literature.

*The Museum.*—Your Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of this department of your Institution. If we confine our view to the circle of our own community, the importance of the Museum is probably not superior, if indeed it be equal, to that of any other of the preceding branches which, unitedly, make up the great objects for edification and general usefulness that characterize an Institution like this: but if we quit this narrow sphere of our view, and regard our exertions in this department as having a relation to the whole world,—to the thousands and millions of the enlightened portion of the northern hemisphere, who have no access to this remote region of the earth, who must see through our eyes, and speak through our statements,—then do the interests of our Museum assume an importance that must be regarded as pre-eminent in a Scientific Institution situated in this part of the world.

The natural productions of Australia, from their unique and extraordinary character, are indeed much more highly prized by the scientific bodies of Europe, than those of any other portion of the globe. The myriads of the diversified forms of living beings upon the earth, with which men were already acquainted about the middle of the last century, might then ap-

pear to have exhausted the powers of nature for the production of any new shape or characteristics in the development of life. But gradually the geologist opened up the boundless prospect of pre-existing worlds, peopled by an endless diversity of animal and vegetable beings, comparatively few of which, and these of the most recent occurrence in the geological eras, have continued the existence of their specific forms down to the present day, and in no instance does any particular species, that has once become extinct, seem to have re-appeared upon the world. While, however, the romantic aspect of the ancient world thus aroused curiosity and wonder both as to the plan and intention of creation, and the incredible diversity of form and character that pertained to organised beings, the great territory of Australia became gradually known to the naturalist, and developed to his astonished gaze a vast array of the existing creation, not less peculiar in its characteristics than those beings of the past whose remains are entombed in the rocks and strata around us. The natural productions of the Southern Hemisphere are, indeed, generally very different from those of the north; and two celebrated French travellers, M. M. Peron and Sueur, have even affirmed that, of their numerous collection of the simpler animals of the southern regions, not a single species exists in the Northern Hemisphere. But in Australia this distinctness of character is still more complete and remarkable, and exists with reference to the southern almost as much as to the northern hemisphere, extending to almost every form of organised existence, from the fantastic and paradoxical quadrupeds, to the extraordinary types of the vegetable creation, which about 70 years ago astonished Sir Joseph Banks and his companions in the subsequently well-known region of Botany Bay.

The first important step of the year was the division of the curatorship, at the last annual General Meeting, into various independent branches, to which seven gentlemen were respectively appointed, who preside as follows over the various departments, viz:—

Zoology, comparative Anatomy, E. C. Hobson, M.D.

Ornithology, C. J. Sanford.

Conchology, W. Westgarth.

Entomology and Botany, Godfrey Howitt, M.D.

Geology, A. F. A. Greeves.

Aborigines and Miscellaneous, Robert Wilson.

Fine Arts, G. A. Gilbert.

The department of coins and antiquities has since been taken charge of by Mr. F. J. Byerly. The curators are, *ex officio*, members of committee.

The curators have met usually once a week, namely, on Thursdays, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of arranging and examining such specimens as from time to time come to hand. In a country so rich in unexplored natural history, the principal difficulty they have experienced is the want of accommodation for the specimens, and the narrow means which your committee could place in their hands for the purchase of drawers and cases. The large room of the Hall, whose dimensions are about 61 by 26 feet, was originally designed for the use of the Museum; but your committee were compelled, not only, as already mentioned, to let out this room occasionally to other public bodies, but also to reserve its use for the occasion of the lectures, until possessed of means to construct an amphitheatre at the back of the edifice, as originally intended, for the accommodation of the audience. The present favourable prospects of the Institution, from the support both of the public and the government, enable your committee to hope that they will shortly be able to fulfil the original intention, and apply the large room wholly to the use of the Museum. In the meantime, the larger of the two small rooms adjoining this apartment has been fitted up with shelves and cases, which are so far a convenience to the curators, and have enabled them to keep many of the specimens under cover and free from dust.

The Museum now contains several thousand specimens, many of which are illustrative of the geology and natural history of the Port Phillip district. The geological indications of this country are remarkably interesting. The greater part of the surface is covered with various descriptions of trap rocks, which appear to be of very recent production. Some of the subjacent fossiliferous strata, so recent perhaps as to be comprehended within the newer pliocene formations, indicate by the character of their organised remains, that during the era in which they flourished, a description of climate and country prevailed, altogether different from the dry atmosphere, the arid soil, and scanty vegetation which now characterise Australia. The recently discovered remains of Pachydermatous animals in several parts of New South Wales lend additional probability to the view, that at no remote geological era, the climate of this locality was more moist, the vegetation much more luxuriant, and probably the distribution of land and sea essentially different from what appears to us at present. It is, of course, an object of the highest ambition with your Committee to present to the members and public a museum well stored with scientific objects illustrative of the District within which the Institution is placed.

Among the more valuable objects of the present collection may be mentioned, 1. Several skulls and one entire skeleton of Aboriginal Australians; 2. Various specimens of fossil bones, discovered by Mr. P. Main, in the neighbourhood of Mount Macedon, some of which have already been examined by Professor Owen, of London, and others by the anatomical curator, Dr. Hobson, who considers that they include not only the remains of an extinct gigantic species of kangaroo, (*Macropus Titany* of Owen), but also of an animal nearly allied to the Mastodon; 3. Several new species of insects discovered last year by Mr. R. Bakewell, Dr. Howitt, and Mr. Gilbert; 4. A varied assortment of Van Diemen's Land fossils, selected for the Institution by Mr. Breton, from his own collection, in Launceston; 5. Numerous specimens of tin ore from Cornwall, presented by Mr. Pittman; 6. Derbyshire spars, presented by Mr. Curr, &c. There are a considerable number of ancient British, and of Greek and Roman coins, besides modern money of various nations. Arrangements are not yet made, however, for publicly exhibiting the coins. There are also a number of drawings and other illustrations of the Fine Arts. One of the most conspicuous of these is a large lithographic drawing of London as it stood in 1647, presented to the Institution by Mr. Hull. This interesting picture may call up many reminiscences of the times,—the "Fortunes of Nigel," and our master dramatist and his cotemporaries. Here, also, the faithful antiquarian may turn from the monotonous regularity of modern times, the wide and well built streets, and luxuriate with loyal enthusiasm in the crooked lanes, the crowded hovels, the dark, mysterious, miserable piles of our departed ancestors.

Before concluding this Report, your Committee feel called upon to notice specially the support which the Institution had received from various gentlemen connected with the District, both members and otherwise of the society. In the first place, they must acknowledge their obligations to his Honor Mr. La Trobe, who has not only liberally contributed both in books and money to the cause of the Institution, but has, during the past year, most strenuously co-operated with your Committee in forwarding the common interest, especially in regard to the long hoped for assistance from Government, which had probably been a "hope long deferred," but for his efficient exertions. His Honor Judge Jeffcott has contributed £10, with an intimation that this shall be annual during his residence in the District; his Worship the Mayor, and Mr. John Cotton have each given donations of £10; the former, also, a fine copy of Cuvier's Natural History, in 8 volumes,



with coloured plates. Our representative for Melbourne, Mr. J. P. Robinson, M.C., has most zealously interested himself in the welfare of the Institution; and has contributed, in money, and books specially purchased for the Institution, a larger amount than any other private subscriber. Mr. Benjamin Boyd, M.C., has contributed the handsome donation of twenty guineas, besides various specimens for the museum. Mr. A. W. Young, M.C., has contributed £10 10s.

List of Subscribers who have given, from the commencement, £10 and upwards to the Mechanics' Institution:—

Atkinson, H. H.....	£12	0	0
Bear, John.....	10	0	0
Beaver, George.....	18	15	0
Bland, John.....	12	10	0
Boyd, Benjamin, M.C.....	21	0	0
Chisholm, J. M.....	18	15	0
Clay, F. L.....	10	0	0
Cotton, John.....	12	0	0
Jeffcott, William.....	10	0	0
Kerr, William.....	12	10	0
La Trobe, C. J. (Superintend.).....	19	19	0
Lonsdale, William.....	11	0	0
Moor, Henry, J.P., (Mayer).....	11	0	0
M'Arthur, D. C.....	18	5	0
M'Crae, A.M.....	14	0	0
M'Crae, F., M.D.....	35	0	0
Peers, J. J.....	10	0	0
Robinson, J. P., M.C.....	15	10	0
Sandford, C. J.....	13	10	0
Simpson, James, J.P.....	22	15	0
Wilson, Robert.....	19	5	0
Welsh, P. W.....	13	10	0
Yaldwin.....	10	0	0
Young, A. W.....	10	10	0

The Reading-room has been supplied with newspapers and periodicals by numerous gentlemen, whose names have been already given in the monthly reports.

Your Committee take this opportunity of noticing the liberality of various Editors of the public press, not only in Port Phillip but throughout the Australian Colonies, in forwarding copies of their respective newspapers gratuitously to the Reading-room of your Institution. The following newspapers are thus regularly sent from different parts of these colonies: *Sydney Morning Herald, Australian, Atlas and Register; Hobart Town Courier, and Tasmanian Journal; Launceston Examiner; Geelong Advertiser; and the Melbourne papers.*

The following parties have contributed to the Library during the past year the number of volumes respectively opposite to each name:—

Balcombe.....	Vols.	7
Balingall, J.....		1
Banbury, C.....		1
Beaver, George.....		2
Belcher.....		20
Bowler, John.....		13
Brown, R. H.....		13
Empson, Wm.....		2
Fawkner, J. P.....		6
Foxton, J. G.....		4
Gilbert, G. A.....		4
Hodgson, Edward.....		26
Hull, Wm. J. P.....		2
King, J. C.....		21
Langhorne W.....		2
Lang. J. D., M.C., D.D.....		5
La Trobe, His Honor, C. J.....		24
Marsden J. A.....		1
Moor, His Worship the Mayor.....		8
Morrison, Rev. S.....		4
Mouritz, G.....		3
M'Arthur, J.....		1
Mechanics' Institution.....		66
O'Nial.....		9
Robinson. J.P.; M.C.....		8
Russell, A., J. P.....		1
Simpson, James, J.P.....		24
Smith, A.....		3
Smith James, J.P.....		13
Wills, T.....		2
Wilson, G. F. A.....		2

Total..... 298

A number of political, commercial, and other pamphlets have been also presented by Messrs. R. H. Brown, G. W. Cole, Westgarth and Dr. Lang.

In conclusion, your Committee need scarcely comment upon the importance of extending the Library; and as this, for the present, can be but slowly accomplished through the funds of the Institution, they would urge upon those parties who have anything to spare in this department, to contribute of their literary treasures, to so excellent and useful a cause.

Melbourne, Port Phillip, 19th Jan., 1845.

## LIST OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.

## COMMERCE, THE ARTS, ETC.

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| Smith's Wealth of Nations, 2 copies  | Smith's Mechanics                                 |
| Gilbart on Banking in Ireland  | The Carpenter's Instructor                        |
| Report on Import Duties  | The Printing Machine                              |
| ———on Hand Loom Weavers  | Village Plans                                     |
| Economy of Manufactures  | The Artist's Portfolio                            |
| Mercantile Navy Improved   | Gothic Ornaments                                  |
| Treatise on Sheep  | ——— Architecture                                  |
| Southey's Treatise on Sheep  | Mather's Elements of Drawing                      |
| Mechanics for Practical Men  | Tingray's Painter's Guide                         |
| Mechanics' Magazine  | Perrier Statues Antiques                          |
| Handmaid of the Arts   | School of Raphael                                 |
| Repertory of Arts  | Field's Harmony of Colours                        |
| Partington's Lectures on the Steam Engine                                  | Transactions of the Agricultural Society of India |
| Transactions of the Society for the Encouragement of Arts and Manufactures | Prize Essays of the Highland Society              |
|  | Journal of Agriculture                            |

## GEOGRAPHY, VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Guthrie's Geography                   | Travels in the Pyrenees                       |
| Malte Brun's Geography                | Journey through Spain                         |
| Colombia                              | Summer in the Pyrenees                        |
| Geographical Annual                   | Africa, Edinburgh, Cab. Lib.                  |
| Statistical Account of Scotland       | Denham's Africa                               |
| Liziers' General Atlas                | Head's Journey to the Pampas                  |
| Vancouver's Voyages                   | Murray's North America                        |
| M'Leod's Voyage of the Alceste        | Laborde's Mount Sinai and Petra               |
| Galt's Voyages and Travels            | Narrative of a Mission of Enquiry to the Jews |
| Polar Seas and Regions                | Stephens' Incidents of Travel in Russia       |
| Lang's View of the Polynesian Nations | Lady Morgan's "Italy"                         |
| Mitchell's Australia                  | Travels of English Missionaries               |
| Russell's Australian Tour             | Reminiscences of an Old Traveller             |
| Dawson's Australia                    |   |
| Sturt's Australia                     |   |

## HISTORY.

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Adolphus' History of England      | Napier's Peninsula War                            |
| Hume and Smollett's England       | Lang's History of New South Wales                 |
| Pictorial History of England      | History of Greece                                 |
| D. O'Connell's Memoirs of Ireland | Gibbon's Roman Empire                             |
| Histoire de Charles 12            | Researches into the Aboriginal History of America |
| History of Charles the 12th       | Robertson's Works                                 |
| Histoire de Napoleon              | Close's Historical Discourses                     |
| French Revolution of 1830         |   |

## BIOGRAPHY.

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| Gifford's Life of Pitt         | Memoirs of the Rev. J. Newton |
| Life of Buchannan              | Life of Washington            |
| Reminiscences of Thomas Dibdin | Reminiscences of M. Angelo    |
| Memoirs of Edgeworth           | Watson's Phillip the 2nd      |
| Life of Sir W. Jones           | Life of Petrarch              |
| Memoirs of T. Sadler, M. P.    | Historical Parallels          |

## NATURAL HISTORY.

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Whites Natural History of Selborne | Elements de Zoologie |
| Goldsmith's Natural History        | Naturalist's Cabinet |
| Works of Cuvier                    |                      |

## MEDICINE.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Works of J. Hunter         | Curiosities of Medical Experience |
| Plates to same             | Medical Statistics                |
| Outlines of Physiology     | Cooper's Surgical Dictionary      |
| Morrison on Mental Disease |                                   |

## PHILOSOPHY, PHYSICAL SCIENCES.

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Field's Outlines of Analytical Philosophy | Bridgewater Treatise, Prout         |
| Locke on the Understanding                | Brande's Chemistry                  |
| Reid's Essays                             | Murray's Chemistry                  |
| Burke on the Sublime                      | The Chemist                         |
| Combe's Phrenology                        | Buckland's Geology and Mineralogy   |
| Economy of Nature                         | Lyell's Geology                     |
| Chalmers Bridgewater Treatise             | Elements of Mineralogy              |
| Zimmerman on Solitude                     | M'Culloch's Classification of Rocks |
| Vattel's Law of Nations                   | Wildenow's Botany                   |
| Phenomena of Nature                       | Vegetable Physiology                |
| Scientific Dialogues                      | Kitchener's Economy of the Eyes     |
| Arcana of Science                         | Euclid's Elements                   |
| Beaufoy's Nautical Experiments            | Euclid's 6 first Books              |
| Newton's Philosophy                       | Sharpe's Algebra                    |
| Brewster's Astronomy                      | Brunton's Algebra                   |
| Whewell's Bridgewater Treatise            | Bonnycastle's Algebra               |
| Crawford's Animal Heat                    | ——— Mensuration                     |
| Turner's Chemistry                        | ——— Key to "                        |

## ECCLESIASTICAL AND RELIGIOUS.

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| Butler's Analogy                              | Lang's Religion and Education in America      |
| Blackwell's Sacred Scheme                     | Fletcher's Works                              |
| Baxter's Saints' Rest                         | Way to do good                                |
| St. Grotius, De Veritat, Religious, Christoe. | Practical View of Christianity                |
| Biblical Annual                               | Religion in connexion with National Education |
| Blair's Lecturer                              | Economy of Human Life                         |
| Church Review                                 | Montgomery's Omnipresence of the Deity        |
| Field's Words of Christ                       |   |
| Aurora Australis                              |   |
| Montgomery's Omnipresence of the Deity        |   |

## NOVELS, POETRY AND THE DRAMA.

Spirit of Life	Byron's complete Works
Indian Cottage	Young's Night Thoughts
Milton's Poetic Works	Joseph Andrews
Juningham and Fenton's Poems	Milton's Paradise Lost
Goldsmith's Essays	Don Sebastian
Gaith and Browns' Poems	The Spy
Congreve and Sheffield's ———	Lionel Lincoln
Shenstone's Essays	Pamela
Falconer and Tickell's Poems	Mysteries of Udolpho
The Adventurer	St. Clair of the Isles
Fenelon's Poems	Cecilia
Telemaque „	Castle of Inchvalley
Count Fathom	The Pilot
Journey from this World to the next	Farmer of Inglewood Forest
Johnson's Rasselas	O'Halloran or the Insurgent Chief
Works of Akenside	Shakespeare
——— Blackmore and Garth	Nicholas Nickleby
——— Congreve and Goldsmith	Barnaby Rudge
——— Akenside	Old Curiosity Shop
——— Cunningham and Mickle	Panorama of Wit
Dryden's Poems	Wordsworth's Poems
Fenton and Smollet's Poems	Poetic Works of Wilson, &c.
Gay's Poems	Waverly's „
Glover's „	Mansie Waugh
Moore, Shan and Dorset's Poems	Guy Mannering
Parnell's Poems	Ivanhoe
Somerville's „	Tales of my Landlord
Waller's „	Rob Roy
Paul and Virginia	Ivanhoe
Vicar of Wakefield	Percy Anecdotes
Old English Baron	Akenside's Poems
Roger's Poems	* England and the English
Gaston de Blondeville	Elizabeth or the Exiles of Siberia

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Boileau's French Dictionary	Reports on the Training of Pauper Children
Fulton's Dictionary	Report of Poor Law Commissioners
Latin Dictionary, Young's	M'Conochie on Convict Management
Perry's Dictionary	Dr. Lang on Transportation and Colonisation
Bibliographical Dictionary	Australian Directory
——— Annual	Howison's View of the Colonies
Edinburgh Academic Annual	British relations with China
Dictionary of General Knowledge	China, its State and Prospects
Murray's Grammar	Bristed's Resources of the United States
Greek Grammar	Roads of England and Wales
Phillip's Million of Facts	M'Adam on Road Making
What to Observe	
Education	
La Literature et la Philosophie	

Devonshire Dialogue	Scott's Demonology
Newton's Narrative Letters	Johnson's (Dr. Samuel) Works
Cooper's Letters	Speechly's Hints
Spectator (2 copies)	Bion on Mathematical Instruments
Virgil	Acts of Council of New South Wales
Spirit of the Public Journals	Edinburgh Illustrated
Companion to the Newspaper	Edinburgh Review—1802 to 1816
Domestic Economy	————— 1837 to 1838
Magazine of Domestic Economy	Encyclopedia Britannica.

## LIST OF PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS,

ORDERED FROM ENGLAND ON ACCOUNT OF THE READING ROOM; THROUGH THE AGENCY OF P. L. SIMMONDS, ESQ.

MAGAZINES.—Simmond's Colonial Magazine,\* Ainsworth's Magazine, Illuminated Magazine, Natural History Magazine,\* Edinburgh Review,\* Quarterly Review,\* Blackwood's Magazine,\* Dublin University Magazine,\* Mechanics' Magazine,\* Bently's Miscellany, Metropolitan, New Monthly, Fraser's, Tait's, and Law Magazines,\* Annals of Science. The best London and best Edinburgh, Scientific Journals,\* Nautical Magazine, New Navy List,\* New Army List.\*

NEWSPAPERS.—London Times,\* Morning Chronicle,\* Glasgow Herald,\* Liverpool Albion,\* Leeds Mercury,\* Dublin Evening Mail,\* Limerick Chronicle,\* Examiner,\* Atlas, Journal of Commerce,\* Illustrated London News,\* Pictorial Times, Punch,\* Athenæum, Literary Gazette, Chemical Gazette, Lancet, John Bull, Bell's Life in London, Colonial Gazette,\* Scotchman,\* Spectator,\* Lancet.\*

Those marked with an asterisk, (\*) are the papers, &c., which were selected by the Committee to be forwarded in preference to the rest, to the extent of £50, being the amount of the first remittance. Should that amount however be more than sufficient to cover the expenses of the papers selected, then the balance, together with any further sum which might be forwarded, to be appropriated according to the Agent's judgment in procuring the remainder of the periodicals entered on the list.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTION

Dr.		FOR 1844.		Cr.				
1844.		£	s.	d.	1844.	£	s.	d.
	Balance from 1843.....	11	4	10	Jan. 14—By James Simpson .....	7	10	0
Jan.	30—To Rent account, one quarter from Baptist Church .....	7	10	0	Feb. 5—By Sewell's costs re Donovan & Co. builders .....	23	0	0
	31—To subscription to 31st December, viz., J. Alison 20s; A. Allan 30s; A. A. Broadfoot 20s.; S. Craig 20s.; A. H. Knight 20s.; H. Townend 20s.; W. Westgarth 20s.; C. Williamson 20s. ....	8	10	0	5—By repairing doors &c. of Secretary's apartments .....	1	0	6
Feb.	5—To donations account from A. Ross 20s.; 10th, W. Jeffcott £10 .....	11	0	0	10—By James Simpson £25 10s., and £63 15s. 6d. ....	89	5	6
	10—To James Simpson £23, and £63 15s. 6d. ....	86	15	6	Mar. 11—By James Simpson £16 2s.; 21st. do £44 15s. 10d. ....	60	17	10
	28—To subscriptions to 30th June from W. Hull 10s.; W. N. Hull 10s. ....	1	0	0	20—By Town Rates on the Hall.....	5	4	2
	28—To subscription to 31st December, R. Wilson 20s.; G. Howitt 20s.; J. Bakewell 20s. W. B. Wilmot 20s.; Pittman 20s. Wight 20s. ....	6	0	0	May 4—By building account, kitchen, &c., 60s.; 15th do do 20s. ....	4	0	0
Mar.	8—To donation account from J. Cotton £10; C. J. La Trobe 42s. ....	12	2	0	17—Removing late Secretary's effects, 7s. 6d. ....	0	7	6
	20—To rent account from Town Council half year .....	50	0	0	17—By candles 5s.; distributing circulars, 1s.; 37 yards calico 16s. ....	1	2	0
	31—To subscription to 30th December, J. R. Murphy 40s.; W. Wilson 20s.; David Young 20s. ....	4	0	0				
May	4—To donation account, extra subscription to kitchen £5 7s., 9th do £4 17s. ....	10	4	0				
	17—To donation account, admission fees at lectures .....	2	2	6				
	Carried forward.....	£210	8	10				
					Carried forward.....	£192	7	6

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Dr.		FOR 1844.		Cr.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
	Brought forward.....	210	8	10	Brought forward.....	192	7	6
31—	To subscriptions to 31st March, viz., J. Bowler 5s.; L. M'Kinnon 5s.; C. H. Miller 5s.; Umphelby 5s.; Buckley, Senior 5s.; Buckley, Junior 5s. ....	1	10	0	17—By sundry small accounts as per Secretary's account 28s.; candles 31s.; three weeks' wages to boy 12s. ....	4	11	0
31—	To subscription to 30th June, viz., W. Wilson 5s. ....	0	5	0	17—By Secretary's salary 21s.; for one quarter Collector's commission £6 9s. ....	7	10	0
31—	To subscription to 31st December, viz., F. G. Dalgetty 15s.; J. M'Lachlan 15s.; A. R. Kenny 15s.; R. Fennell 20s.; W. M'Carter 23s.; Dr. Black 15s.; W. Harper 15s.; Philpot 20s.; J. P. Fawkner 20s.; Damyon 20s.; Dr. Patterson 20s.; Patterson 20s.; W. M'Vitie 20s.; H. Condell 20s.; H. Bell 20s.; D. Ogilvy 20s.; Hodgson 40s.; W. L. Cole 30s.; C. Neville 20s.; G. Matson 15s.; M'Kenzie 20s.; Davis 15s. ....	22	0	0	17—By books bought £1 17s. 1d.; fitting up small room 60s. ....	4	17	1
July	2—To rent account, one quarter from Baptist Church (ended 20th March) .....	7	10	0	17—By insect case .....	0	8	0
	2—To rent account, one quarter from Baptist Church, (ended 20th June,) on account ..	3	10	0	June 20—By balance of account for fencing back area 70s.; Binding books £2 11s. ....	6	1	0
	16—To James Simpson .....	80	2	7	30—By balance of account for fitting up back room (museum).....	7	10	0
	31—To donation account for fencing, viz., from Dr. Howitt 5s.; J. Bowler 5s.; 2nd, from Hamilton Gd.; R. Wilson 5s. ....	15	6		July 16—By half year's interest on mortgage .....	80	2	7
Aug.	1—To Rent account, 1 qr., from Town Council .....	35	0	0	Aug. 2—By James Simpson .....	56	6	0
	Carried forward.....	£361	1	11				
					Carried forward.....	£359	13	2

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTION FOR 1844.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	361	1	11
19—To Henry Moor £7; John Bear £10.....	17	0	0
31—To donations account from J. P. Robinson, M. L. C., £5; second ditto £10 10s.; A. W. Young, M.L.C., 10 10s.; E. C. Hobson, 5s.; H. Moor, £10; F. J. Byerly, 5s.; J. Montgomery, 5s.; G. S. Brodie, 5s.; A. R. Cruikshank, 5s.; Admission to Lectures, 18s. 6d.....	38	3	6
31—To subscriptions to 30th June, viz. Buckley, 5s.; Baird, 5s.....	10	0	0
31—To ditto 31st December, P. Holland, 10s.; E. C. Hobson, 20s.; W. H. Bunbury, 15s.; James Croke, 20s.; Datch, 5s.; Dow, 15s.; Duerdin, 20s.; Elder, 5s.; Griffin, 15s.; J. Graham, 15s.; W. Hull, 10s.; Rev. J. Ham, 20s.; Ham, jun., 20s.; Holmes, 5s.; Harvey, 10s.; Stewart, 5s.; Thomson, 5s.; E. Westby, 20s.; J. B. Were, 20s.; W. Lonsdale, 10s.; Mouritz, 15s.; Hart, 10s.; OZanne, 15s.; J. G. Foxtan, 20s.; Clarke, jun., 5s.; Mouat, 10s.; Wharton, 10s.; Dyer, 15s.; Furniss, 10s.....	18	10	0
31—To Rent account, 2 Balls, £12 12s.; 2 Public Meetings, £3 3s.....	15	15	0
Sept. 2—To Rent account, from Baptist Church, to			
Carried forward.....	£451	0	5

FOR 1844.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	359	13	2
2—By Law Charges, on account for rent, Bourne v. Stephen .....	17	0	0
19—By valuation of the Institution per J. Bear .....	10	0	0
19—By "Times" newspaper account .....	1	2	0
19—By James Simpson, £9 15s. 3d., and £14 1s. 4d. ....	23	16	7
19—By shelves for Library, 20s.; Books purchased, 21s. 5d. ....	2	1	5
19—By stuffed Mountain Duck, for Museum ..		6	0
19—By Police Rate.....	1	3	6
19—By Building account, paid on account of Fencing and Kitchen .....	6	14	6
20—By Candles, 44s. 6d.; Wood and Water, 11s.; Lithographing, 40s.; Boy's Wages, £3 8s.; Secretary's Salary, one quarter, 21s.; Commission to Secretary, 98s.; Sundries, 13s. 9d.....	14	16	3
Sept. 2—By Building account, paid Moodie on account £3 12s.....	1	0	0
Carried forward.....	£437	13	5

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THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTION FOR 1844.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	451	0	5
20th June .....	4	0	0
25—To Rent account, from Richards' Concert ..	3	0	0
28—To James Simpson .....	9	10	0
31—To Donations account, from James Cain, 5s.; J. C. King, 5s. ....	10	0	0
31—To Subscriptions to December, 1844, viz., J. Moodie, 20s.; D. Lyons, 5s.; Henry Hull, 10s.; W. H. Campbell, 10s.; M. Cantlon, 5s.; Brisbane, 5s.; John Broadfoot, 10s.; W. Empson, 5s.; W. Easey, 5s.; G. James, 5s.; A. Musgrove, 5s.; J. C. Passmore, 5s.; C. J. Sanford, 20s.; G. Say, 5s.; G. Cropper, 10s.; G. Kelly, 5s.; Lush, 15s.; M'Quater, 10s. ....	7	15	0
31—To Subscriptions to 31st December, 1845, viz., A. Bogle, 25s.; G. Houston, 25s.; A. Sprout, 20s.; S. Crook, 60s. ....	6	10	0
Oct. 8—To Rent account from Baptists per Crook,	1	10	0
31—To Donations account from A. Ross, Launceston, 20s.; G. Thomas, 5s.....	1	5	0
31—To Donations account from C. J. Latrobe, 42s.; N. Lonsdale, 20s.; W. L. Cole, 20s.; G. W. Cole, 20; J. Montgomery, 20; J. G. Foxtan, 20s.; G. Howitt, 20s.; J. Brown, 20s.; E. Curr, 20s.; Woollaston, 20s.; Westby, 20s.; Thorpe, 20s.; Sanford, 20s.; M'Vitie, 20s.; Dr. Black, 20s.; Wilson, 20s.; Williams 20s.; Hull 10s.; Connell, 5s.; Macrae, 10s.; G. S. Brodie, 10s.; A. Cunningham, 20s.....	20	19	0
Carried forward.....	£505	19	5

FOR 1844.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	437	13	5
3—By Building account, paid S. Crook, Kitchen ..	2	0	0
11—By Balance paid Moodie, £2 12s.; 14th, S. Crook, on account of Kitchen, £5 10s. ....	8	2	0
14—By S. Crook, on account of Kitchen, 20s...	1	0	0
14—By G. S. Brodie, Insurance.....	3	16	9
27—By Collector's Commission .....	0	11	3
27—By Building account, paid S. Crook, building wall .....	7	5	0
28—By Lamps, £1 10s.; Sundry Repairs, £2 17s.; Repairing Forms, 18s. ....	5	5	0
28—By Building account, paid for Kitchen, on account .....	5	0	1
Oct. 18—By Bank discount on bill for £30 10s.....	0	12	0
Carried forward.....	£471	5	6

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THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTION  
FOR 1844.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	505	19	5
Oct. 31.—To Subscriptions to 31st December 1844, viz. J. Ballingall, 20s.; G. F. A. Wilson, 10s.; F. B. Darling, 5s.; Murray, 5s.; Dr. Greeves, 20s.; C. Barnes, 5s.; E. Barnes, 5s.; J. Shearer, 5s.; J. Quirk, 5s.; Dredge, 5s.; C. Smith, 5s.; A. Noyes, 5s.; G. Barber, 5s.; J. Hill, 5s.; J. R. Pascoe, 5s.; Perry, 10s.; Coulson, 5s.; Sutherland, 5s.; Bennett, 5s.; J. J. Smith, 5s.; A. Smith, 20s.....	8	0	0
31—To James Simpson acceptances due 15th Nov. £30 10s. and £40 due 11th Feb.....	70	10	0
Nov. 15—To Donations account from B. Boyd, M. C.	21	0	0
22—To Subscriptions to 31st December, 1844, viz.: Cogan, 15s.; Lumsden, 5s.; Sugden, 15s.; Woodman, 5s.....	2	0	0
Dec. 1—To Rents account, Balance from Phillips for Concert.....	1	0	0
31—To Subscription to 30th June, Buckley, jun.	0	5	0
31—To " 30th Sept. Buckley, sen. 5s.; Miller, 5s.....	0	10	0
31—To Subscription to 31st Dec. Bray, 5s.; Egan, 5s.; Kilburn, 5s.; C. Kerr, 5s.; R. Kerr, 5s.; Mann, 5s.; Maine, 10s.; Mars- den, 5s.; Marsden, 5s.; Napier 10s.; Nicholson, 5s.; O'Cock, 5s.; Purves, 5s.; Riddle, 15s.; Renny, 15s.; Russell, 10s.; Wilkie, 20s.; Crossley, 5s.; Houstone, 20s.; Horncastle, 5s.; J. N. Smith, 20s.; Dr. Adams, 5s.; Sayce, 5s.....	9	15	0
	£618	19	5

Melbourne, 31st Dec. 1844.

	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	471	5	6	
31—By W. Easey compromise for Stephen, a bill for rent.....	50	0	0	
31—By Discount in acceptance for £40.....	1	7	0	
31—By J. Stephen, paid J. Clark on his account £10 0s. 6d.; By do. do. G. Cavenagh, do. £20; By do. do. Annand Smith, and Co., do. £5 16s. 6d.....	35	17	0	
31—By Collector's Commission.....	0	8	3	
Nov. 15—By James Simpson, paid bill.....	30	10	0	
30—By Collector's Commission.....	0	3	0	
Dec. 1—By Sundry disbursements, as per Secretary's account.....	5	5	8	
1—By Repairs to Secretary's apartments.....	4	0	0	
1—By Life of "Mansie Waugh".....	0	5	0	
5—By parchment roll, 10s.; pro Sutch, £1 19s. 6d.....	2	9	6	
5—By Moodie for bill boards.....	1	4	0	
5—By Collectors Commission.....	0	4	1	
Balance.....	16	0	5	

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THE TREASURER OF THE MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTION IN ACCOUNT CURRENT  
WITH THE READING ROOM FOR 1844.

1844,	£	s.	d.
Sep. 30—To Subscriptions this month of £1 each, from 60 members viz.:—J. Alison; H. G. Ashhurst; C. Bradshaw; J. Broadfoot; H. Bell; J. Bakewell; J. Buchanan; W. R. Belcher; G. S. Brodie; J. P. Bear; S. Craig; S. Crook; J. Cain; J. W. Cowell; J. Dinwoodie; J. Duerdin; W. Firebrace; E. Francis; W. H. Free; P. B. Geoghegan; M. Gibson; R. Grice; S. Gregory; J. Howey; W. M. Harper; R. Hoddle; G. James; C. Kilburn; T. Kisson; H. D. Kemp; C. J. La Trobe; W. Lonsdale; J. A. Marsden; E. Watson; J. Murphy; J. R. Murphy; S. M'Donnell; A. M'Lachlan; M'Nab; E. R. M'Crae; C. Neville; J. Pohlman; J. Rae; A. Russell; J. H. Ross; A. K. Kenny; G. Shaw; H. A. Smith; W. F. Splatt; P. Turnbull; H. Townend; E. Westby; C. Williamson; E. E. B. Wight; J. Watson; Wildridge; F. Wyght; Captain Wilson; E. E. Williams; J. B. Were.....	60	0	0
Oct. 31—To Subscriptions this month of £1 each, from 13 members, viz.:—E. Burns; C. Burns; E. Curr; D. S. Campbell; W. Easey; J. H. Gaull; E. C. Hobson; S. Jackson; G. Howitt; H. H. Kitson; James Montgomery; A. M'Kenzie; A. Sutherland.....	13	0	0
Nov. 31—To Subscriptions this month of £1 each, from 5 members, viz.:—James Gill; W. M'Vitie; John Orr; J. B. Wilmot; A. Smith.....	5	0	0
Dec. 31—To Subscriptions this month of £1 each, from 8 members, viz.:—Dr. Adams; John Cotton; Griffin; Dr. Jamison; W. Lilburne; Joseph Raleigh; Mildrige; Captain Wilson.....	8	0	0
Total.....	£86	0	0

Melbourne, 31st December, 1844.

1844,	£	s.	d.
Sep. 25—By Reading Room Table.....	5	10	0
28—By Binding Acts of Council and other books	1	15	6
28—By Collector's Commission.....	1	14	0
Oct. 8—By Oil Cloth for Table 17s. 6d.; Candle Sticks 31s. 6d.; Bell &c. £1 5s.; News- paper Stand £1; Door and Baize £1 7s. 6d.	6	1	6
9—By Remittance to London Bank draft for £50 at 2 per cent. discount.....	49	0	0
31—By Collector's Commission.....	0	11	0
May 4—By Printing Receipts.....	0	3	6
5—By expense of opening a door at back of Building.....	7	6	0
31—By Collector's Commission.....	0	3	0
Dec. 1—By Pamphlet on Education.....	0	2	0
1—By 4 Weeks Wages to Boy £1; 12 lbs. Candles 4s.; Charwoman 2s.;.....	1	6	0
31—By Collector's Commission.....	0	1	0
Balance.....	12	6	6

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Total..... £86 0 0

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