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FOR 1846,

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

OF THE

MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTION

AND

School of Arts.

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GENTLEMEN,—When your Committee had the honor of laying before you their Report for the year 1846, they were induced to take a prospective view of the affairs of the Institution with the two-fold object of inducing assistance externally, and of exciting an increased energy in the internal development of the Society.

It is rarely, however, that such expectations are realized to the extent desired, but a reference to the Abstract of the account current for the past year will exhibit a progress and success in the various operations of the Society, which cannot fail to elicit your cordial approbation. On your last anniversary meeting, Gentlemen, the total amount of debt upon the Institution including the mortgage was £1,548 0s. 6d., and it is with pleasure your Committee are enabled to inform you that it is now reduced to £1,050. The period of the mortgage having expired during the past year, your Committee convened a special general meeting of your body for the purpose of adopting measures necessary for the arrangement of the same, when the recommendation of your Committee was adopted, and has since been carried into effect. The sum of £800 has been borrowed by the Trustees of the Institution from the Port Phillip Saving's Bank, at an interest of 8 per cent. secured by mortgage on the property—the balance of £250 of the mortgage it is proposed to pay off in two years; your Committee cannot too strongly urge upon your attention the fact of Jas. Simpson and Wm. Westgarth, Esqrs., having given their joint security for the balance, in order that the ready adjustment of the Society's affairs might not be impeded.

The Donations in money including the Government aid of £150 during the past year amount to the large sum of £415 12s. 0d., whilst the fees paid for life memberships amount to £124 10s 0d., making a total of £540 2s 0d which have been collected beyond the subscription fees of £204 5s 10d.

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THE FOLLOWING ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS WILL SHEW THE POSITION OF
THE SOCIETY UP TO DECEMBER 31st, 1846.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance on hand 31st December, 1846	32	5	9
To Rents for use of Building	83	6	0
To Donations	265	12	0
To Annual Grant from Government	150	0	0
To Life Members	124	10	0
To Arrears of Subscription	10	5	0
To Subscription	204	5	10
To Charges repaid	0	7	0

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Cr.	£	s.	d.
By account of Mortgage Debt and Interest, previous to 1846, (paid off)	498	0	6
By Furniture	10	5	0
By Repairs of Building	12	12	0
By Interest on Debt, Art Union Subscription and Insurance	72	16	8
By Salaries	87	0	10
By Current Expenses	18	7	4
By Books, Periodicals, &c., for Reading Room and Library	157	11	4
By Advertising	13	9	6
Balance on hand	0	8	5

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In presenting the foregoing Abstract of accounts for the past year your Committee would remark that the item for rents includes the rental of the Town Council and the occasional occupation of the Hall for public purposes. There are upwards of £50 arrears of subscription due upon past year, the greater portion of which the Collector hopes ultimately to obtain, the difficulty however of securing such arrears and the consequent obstruction thereby afforded to the working of the Society, have induced your Committee to bring the matter under your consideration as well as the establishment of Entrance Fees, the previous suspension of which was occasioned by the great monetary depression of the District.

The Library has been increased during the past year 220 volumes, a handsome pair of Globes have been presented to the Library by the President and board of managers of the Port Phillip Academical Institution; your Committee have likewise remitted to their Agent in London the sum of £50 for the purchase of such Works as are calculated to meet the requirements of the members; and they contemplate the remittance of a similar sum for the same purpose this year. Your Committee, Gentlemen, cannot quit this important branch of the Institution without drawing your attention to the great want of punctuality in the return of Books borrowed from the Library and the practice confined, it is hoped to a few, which some subscribers pursue in removing works from the Library without previously entering them in the Librarians book, and of returning them secretly after a long lapse of time, or, as in many cases which have occurred of late, of not returning them at all—a practice which your Committee cannot too strongly deprecate, and to remedy which they have given frequent consideration, the result of which will be communicated to you in a series of resolutions embodied in a Report of the Library Committee, and which will be found appended to this Report. The Reading Room during the past year has received the full attention of the Committee. The sum of £52 has been remitted to England on account of the Periodicals and Newspapers, making a total inclusive of Books purchased in the Colony of £157 11s 4d., which has been expended during the past year on these joint branches of the Society. Your Committee, Gentlemen, are fully sensible of the inconvenience and disappointment which have arisen to you in consequence of the irregularity and lateness of date with which the British Periodicals and Journals have been received; with the view of remedying this defect and of ensuring the earliest and most regular dispatch of the above Papers from England, your Committee have given your late Treasurer Mr. Westgarth, full authority to enter into such arrangements as shall secure to your Society the greatest possible advantage. Your Committee have further to remark that they have revised and extended the former list of Periodicals and Papers, as the experience of two years since its establishment has suggested. The list alluded to will be found appended to this Report.

The Museum has received several additions during the past year from his Honor the Superintendent, and others whose contributions are duly acknowledged in the appendix to this Report.

The heavy claims which have pressed upon the Institution during the past year have prevented your Committee from extending this branch of the Society's objects so far as your Committee could have wished. Application was made during that period to his late Excellency Sir George Gipps for a separate grant to the Museum of £150 per annum, which, however did not meet with success. Your Committee intend to renew their application and hope to receive a more favorable reply.

The Lectures during the year have been less frequent than your Committee could desire; no opportunity has been omitted to secure a constant succession of Lectures, but without success—many promises have been made, but circumstances have prevented their fulfilment. Your Committee have therefore determined on adopting some plan which would facilitate the carrying out of this all important object.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that a Class for Drawing has been established and is in full operation, and they hope ere long that other important branches in education will be made the subject of study in the Institution.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, your Committee in submitting their Report for your approval and adoption cannot omit offering their congratulations upon the steady and effectual developement of the society, and they would most earnestly solicit your co-operation in obtaining donations in Money, Books, and objects of Natural History, and to second them in their efforts to establish in this Society, those all important objects which are comprehended under the fundamental principles of Mechanics' Institutions and Schools of Arts in the Mother Country.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED
TO THE LIBRARY

During the past year, the number of vols. respectively opposite to each name.

	VOLS.		VOLS.
James Simpson	2	G. A. Gilbert	4
John Cotton	2	Robert Wilson	1
M. Cashmore	6	J. P. Fawkner	1
James Ballingall	6	A. Somerville	1
E. L. Lee	5	James Pinkerton	2
William Buckley	1	David Ogilvie	4
David Young	4	John Porter	1
Robert Knox	1	His Honor the Superintendent	1
William Empson	1	Mechanics' Institution pur-	
Dr. Nicholson, M.L.C.	1	chased	177

Academical Institution—A pair of large Globes.

TO THE MUSEUM.

Dr. Sanford	Model, 20 gun Frigate
Captain Bunbury	Porpoise Skull
Mr. La Trobe	A large box of Minerals and Fossils
Dr. Curdie	Limestone Fossils from Port Fairy
Mons. E. B. Greene	A white breasted Penguin
Mr. M'Vitie	A chemical Toxicological Chest
Mr. La Trobe	Fossils from Cape Otway
R. Hoddle	Native Porcupine or Echidna
Dr. Griffin	A Wasp's Nest
Dr. Greeves	A Sea Eagle
Mechanics' Institution purchased	A Vampire Bat and a Dog Fish,

LECTURES DELIVERED.

One by Dr. Lang, M.L.C. | One by George Arden, Esq.
One by William Hull, Esq., J.P.

LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MELBOURNE MECHANICS' SCHOOL OF ARTS.

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M'Crae, A.

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Buckley, George
Bradshaw, Charles
Buckley, Wm.
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Bray, Thomas
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Barber, George
Benjamin, S.
Benjamin, M.
Budge, Henry
Burnett, C. J.
Beauchamp, A.
Brown, James
Berwick, James
Baird, F. T.
Brodie, James
Bingley, T. B.
Buckland, James
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Bacchus, J.
Barber, Walter
Byrnes, Irwine
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Condell, Henry
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Dallimore, Wm.

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Dow, James

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Empson, William
Ellis, A.

Foxton, J. G.
Firebrace, William
Flemming, William
Fletcher, William
Fennell, Robert
Foot, T. V.
Faircloth George
Fairbank, Henry
Farmer, Thomas
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Freer, W. M.
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Gilmore, George
Greeves, A. F. A.
Green, Edward C.
Gregory, S.
Ginn, Henry
Gallaher, M.
Guthridge, N.
Green, Thomas
Goddard, C. H.
Grey, John
Groves, George
Glisson, James

Howey, J.
Hoddle, Robert
Hodgson, J.
Houston, George
Hull, Alfred

Hull, William
Howett, Dr.
Hobson, Dr.
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Ham, Rev. P.
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Hoffman, William
Holmer, Charles
Holmes, A.
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Hammond, M. E.
Hobson, Francis
Harlin, John
Hall, Joseph
Hay, William
Hardcastle, W. M.
Horton, W. P.
Hood, J.
Howard, C.
Hordern, A.
Howard, J. H.

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Jones, J.
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Jackson, Samuel
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King, J. C.
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Kavanagh, Rev. M.
La Trobe, C. J.
Lonsdale, W.
Lee, E. L.
Lennox, Dr.
Lush, E.
Lilburne, William
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Lyons, David
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Legge, Samuel
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Miller, Henry

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Murray, R.
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Mickle, Thomas
Masson, David B.
Moody, L.
Morris, Samuel
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Nicholson, G.
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Pender, William
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Pilkington Thomas
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Patterson, J.
Quirk, James
Russell, A.
Ross, A.
Rae, James
Raleigh, James
Richardson, J.
Riddell, William
Rucker, W. F. A.
Roach, George
Robinson, G. A.
Robinson, Robert
Ralston, Gavin
Robson, Samuel
Rochfort, —
Rogers, P. B.
Reardon, James
Sayce, Edward
Simeon, James

Shaw, J. W.
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Smith, Alfred
Smith, Charles
Smith, J. T.
Smith, Robert
Smyth, William
Splatt, F. W.
Simson, John
Stratchen, —
Stewart, James
Sibering, T. B.
Stephen, F. J. S.
Sommerville, A.
Stammers, J. H.
Stevens, J. C.
Stawell, F. W.
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Therry, Rev., J. J.
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Vernon, Edward
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Were, George
Williams, O.
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Wilson, Jos.
Woolaston, J.
Wintle, George
Walker, Hugh
Wright, William
Webb, R. S.
Wilson, G. F. A.
Waugh, Robert
Westby, Edmund
Woodman, —
Young, D.

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- 2nd—The annual subscription of one pound must be paid on or before the 31st of March, in each year, and all parties not having paid such subscription at the period stated, shall cease to be longer members.
- 3rd—The annual Fee from Working Tradesmen and Mechanics' may, however, be paid quarterly in advance, but any person being one quarter in arrear shall cease to be a member.
- 4th—The annual subscription from new members will commence from the 1st of the month in which they are admitted, and the proportion of the annual subscription must be paid to the 31st December, in each year, except in the case of Working Tradesmen and Mechanics' who may pay from the month in which they are admitted to the termination of the first quarter.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF THE LIBRARY.

- 1st—No Periodicals, Pamphlets, Papers, or Books are to be removed from the Library, unless entered by the Librarian in a book kept for that purpose—and any Member infringing on this rule will be subject to a fine of 5s. for each volume he may have removed.
- 2nd—A set of books may be taken out at one time, provided it does not consist of more than three volumes.
- 3rd—Any book taken out by a member may be renewed, provided no application has, in the interim, been made for the same—but no book can be taken out more than twice for a consecutive period, until it has been three months in the Library.
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- 5th—A Member losing or injuring any work belonging to the Library, shall be subject to such penalty as the Committee may determine.
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