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Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

AND SCHOOL OF ARTS,

FOR THE YEAR 1864.



THE COMMITTEE, in presenting the Annual Report of the proceedings of the past year, have the satisfaction in stating that the revenue of the Institution has in all respects equalled that of the preceding year.

The Abstract of the Treasurer's account current for the year 1864, shews that the total amount of the liabilities of the Institution on the 31st December was £300 7s. 4d., inclusive of the amount due to members for Library Deposits, shewing a large reduction of the liabilities of the Institution as compared with the liabilities on the 31st December, 1863, and the Committee have every confidence in stating that they believe the Institution will be free from debt by the end of 1866.

The Revenue for the last year is only apparently less than that of the year 1863, as the Committee have not included the amount hitherto received for Classes as in the previous year. These Classes were entirely under the control of the various masters, by which the Committee was relieved from every responsibility in connexion with them. It has therefore been considered that the amount should not appear in the balance sheet and report; the amount received from the classes, for rent, is included in the item lettings of hall, &c.

The Committee have every reason to believe that the Income of the Institution for the year 1865 will be equal in every way to that of 1864.

The Committee during the past year have made every endeavor to reduce the expenditure incurred in carrying on the Institution, as will be seen from the balance sheet, consistent with its efficient management.

The death of the Hon. Richard Heales, M.P., causes a vacancy in the office of Trustee, which will require to be filled

up at this meeting.

The members will observe that a new Catalogue of the books has been prepared and printed, and is now sold to the members at the small charge of one shilling. This Catalogue was an absolute requirement, arising from the large increase of Books to the Library of the Institution, since the printing of the previous catalogue.

The number of members on the annual roll for 1864 is 512,

whilst the number for 1863 was 569.

The number of new members who joined the Institution in 1864 was 127. The number who had ceased to be members at the close of the year 1863 was 184. The number of Life members is at present 125, and the Honorary members 19.

The number of New Books added to the Library during the past year amount to 200 volumes, and about 150 volumes of

New Periodicals will be added in a few weeks.

The number of members borrowing books from the Library

of the Institution during 1864 was 316.

The number of volumes in circulation during the year was 13,315, and the number of magazines during the same period was 6,249.

The following table gives the circulation of volumes during the past year, according to the classification in the library:—

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Agricultural, Commerce, and Statist	ics		• •		35
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences,	Architect	nre.	Engineering	and	
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Useful Arts	Jones	••	_		580
Biography, Speeches, and Correspond	аенсе	• •	• •	• •	79
Classics and Philology · · ·	• •	• •	• •		44
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Geography, Voyages, Travels, and D	escriptive	wor!	KS ··	• •	786
History and Historical Memoirs	• •	• •	• •	• •	6
Jurisprudence and Legislation	• •	• •	• •	• •	_
Medical Science and Chemistry		• •		• •	35
Miscellaneous and Collective Works			• •		1,108
The Land History and Rotany	• .		• •		47
Natural History and Botany			• •		7,939
Works of Fiction	• •	• • •	• •	• •	8
Music	• •		• •		904
Periodical Literature	• •	• •		,	176
Philosophy and General Science	. •	• •	• •		292
Poetry and the Drama	• •	• •	• •	. • •	68
Politics	• •	• •	• • .	• •	
Religious and Ecclesiastical Works	• •	• •	• •	• •	55
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The number of Visitors introduced by members, in accordance with Rule 10, was 120.

In conclusion the Committee feel that it is a source of gratification that the Institution has not retrograded in carrying out its objects, notwithstanding the general depression of the last few years, and the establishment of new circulating libraries. They have every confidence in its future prosperity and advancement, aided, as it should be, by the assistance of each member.

Comparative statement of the Liabilities and Assets, from 1858 to 1864, inclusive:—

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ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CURRENT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1864.

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Examined and found correct, January 24th, 1865.

JAMES SWIFT, HENRY BUDGE, AUDITORS.

DAVID E. WILKIE, TREASURER.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, 31st DECEMBER, 1864.

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DAVID E. WILKIE, Treasurer. W. THOMPSON, Secretary.		JUHN EDWARDS, 1700000000

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M'Conochie, Captain Nicholson, Sir Charles Stuart, Captain Strzelechi, Count Therry, Judge Wilson, Edward

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Davis, P.

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Motherwell, Dr.

Moubray, T.

COLONIAL NEWSPAPERS.

Melb. Argus (daily) 4 Melb. Age Melb. Herald Melb. Bell's Life (weekly) Melb. Economist Melb. Australasian Melb. Christian Messenger Melb. Weekly Age Melb. Illustrated Post Melb. Journal of Commerce Melb. Leader Melb. Mining Record, (Dicker's) Melb. Punch Melb. Government Gazette (Tuesday and Friday) Collingwood Observer (wky.) Richmond Australian

Ararat Advertiser Ballarat Star (daily) Ballarat Sun (daily) Banner of Belfast Belfast Gazette Bendigo Advertiser (daily) Bendigo Evening Post,, Castlemaine Daily News Clunes Gazette Creswick and Clunes Advertiser Daylesford Express Daylesford Mercury Dunolly and Betbetshire Express Geelong Advertiser Gipps Land Guardian Grenville Advocate Inglewood Advertiser Kilmore Examiner Kyneton Observer Kyneton Guardian Majorca and Carisbrook Independent McIvor News McIvor Times Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser

Mountaineer
Ovens and Murray Advertiser
Portland Guardian
Talbot Leader
Tarrengower Times
Warrnambool Examiner
Warrnambool Sentinel

Hobart Town Mercury Launceston Examiner New Zealander (Auckland) New Zealand Advertiser (Wellington) New Zeuland Herald (Auckland) New Zealand, Otago Witness New Zealand, Invercargill Times Waikonaiti Herald Queensland Times Queensland Guardian Queensland Courier South Australian Register (daily) Sydney Morning Herald

BRITISH AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

Mount Alexander Mail

Band of Hope Review
Belfast Weekly News
British Workman
Christian World
Dublin Evening Muil
Economist
Examiner
Freeman
Gardeners Chronicle
Glasgow Heruld

Home News 4 copies
Illustrated London News
3 copies

Jewish Chronicle
London Times
London Record
London Review
Liverpool Albion
L'Illustration, Journal Universal

Mining Journal
News of the World
Nonconformist
Public Opinion
Queen
Saturday Review
Scotsman
Spectator
Watchman

BRITISH AND COLONIAL PERIODICALS.

All the Year Round ArtJournal Army List Assurance Magazine Athenæum Australian Medical Journal Australian Phonographic News Banker's Magazine Bentley's Miscellany 2 Blackwood's Magazine 3 Bradshaw's Guide for Victoria British Quarterly Review Builder Can You Forgive Her? Chambers Edinburgh JournalChurchman's Family Magazine Civil Engineer and Architects' Magazine Cornhill Magazine

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