

interest, in this town and its neighbourhood.

Your Committee however in face of this have the pleading duty to affirm the fact that the Church-Mechanics Institute has taken a wholesome and firm root; and as a proof of which your Committee desire to lay before you the following brief statement of its operations and present position - comprised in:

First - The Treasurer's Report

Received from 87 annual subscribers	91.6.0	
20 Half yearly d.	10.10.0	
5 Quarterly d.	1.17.6	
The proceeds of Conversations and Lectures	59.7.10	
Library Fines	4.0.0	
	<u>£ 163.5.14</u>	
Paid to		
Norris at per agreement	7.0.10	
Subs ^{ns} to the Colonial Papers	15.0.0	
Use of Eng ^l Periodicals	15.0.0	
Whinop for Books	6.0.0	
Rent of Rooms Lambhall	18.6.8	
Clerk's Salary	27.10.0	
Advertising in "Times" & "Star"	26.5.2	
Furniture of Rooms, &c.	9.4.6	
Candles	10.6.6	
Firwood	3.0.0	
Prize Essay	5.0.0	
sundries	11.1.10	
	<u>£ 163.15.6</u>	
Balance in hand	£ 9.9.10	

There is also a balance in hand on "Building Fund" of £3.0.0, and on "Library Fund" of £2.0.0.

Secondly - The Librarian's Report

The number of members attending the Reading Room has increased to an average nightly attendance of nine members.

50 members have availed themselves of the advantages offered by the circulation of Books;

314 Volumes having been circulated since the opening of the Library 21st of November 1859.

The Library consists at the present time of:

79 Volumes purchased

20 do presented

69 do lent

The following Newspapers and Periodicals are on the table of the Reading Room - viz:

Canterbury Standard
Lyttelton Times
New Zealander
Wellington Independent
Nelson Examiner
Otago Witness
Sydney Morning Herald
Melbourne Argus
Home News
Illustrated London News
Builder
Economist
Mechanic's Magazine
Punch
Dublin University Magazine
North America Review
Quarterly Review
Edinburgh d.
Sunday at home
Leisure hour
Chambers' Journal
Art Journal
Athenaeum
Blackwood's Magazine
Illustrated Times
Cassell's Family Magazine.

By the above statements it will be easily seen that the Institute is being duly appreciated by a very large portion of our population; and its usefulness would be considerably augmented were the Institute in a position to afford more extended