

by donation from Mr. Wm. Thomson of 24 Vol's
 " " " Mr. W. H. Hincep " 8 "
 " " " Mr. Tribe " 34 "
 " " " Mr. A. Hoddart " 1 "
 " " " Mr. Bowdler " 10 "

It is gratifying to your Committee to have to report a numerical attendance at the reading rooms decidedly superior to that last reported.

Your Committee has received the most satisfactory assurances from the government of the wish and full intention to support a grant of money for the Institute, in lieu of the reserve, and have taken measures to have a sum placed on the next estimates for the approval of the Provincial Council.

Your Committee has to report a valuable gift to the Institute from Edward Dobson Esq. of a collection of Trained maps of this Province.

Your Committee is indebted to Messrs. Buller, Brittan, Olivier, Fraser, and Jacobs, for the lectures delivered by them during the year, and likewise to all and every one who has in any way contributed towards the benefit of the Institute; and your Committee hopes that those and other gentlemen may be prevailed upon to grant and continue their good services in support of the Institute during the ensuing year.

Indeed renewed and strenuous exertions are required from each and every member to obtain a corresponding benefit; for it is quite clear that the more advantages can be offered to the public, the greater will be the support obtained.

It is quite clear to your Committee that full public patronage cannot be secured until the Institute is in a position to have its reading rooms made of more universal service, by being open to members during the day as well as in the evening.

Although the hope expressed in the last report of the Institute has not so far been realized, yet your Committee does not despair but that there will be found in the residents of Christchurch an intelligence

and a determination to help the Christchurch Mechanics' Institute in its infancy, and so certain as it is allowed to gain strength and to flourish, so certain will it have within itself the means of returning the greatest benefits & blessings to society at large.

Your Committee begs to lay before you the Treasurer's account of receipts and disbursements during the year; by which it will be seen that in the "General Account" there is a balance of £ 11. 12. 9 due to the Treasurer; that in the "Building Fund" there is a balance of £ 3. 0. 0 in the hands of the Treasurer, and that in the "Library Fund" there is a balance of £ 8. 9. 6 in the hands of the Treasurer.

By order of the Committee
 C. W. Bishop
 Hon. Sec.

Treasurer's Account

Dr	Balance in hand	9. 9. 10
	Received for Government for Firewood	2. 0. 0
	Sundry Lectures	10. 16. 6
	Conversations	1. 10. 6
	Library Fund	3. 11. 6
	Copies of Laws	1. 11. 0
	47 annual subscribers @ 1.00	47. 0. 0
	20 half yearly " @ 1.00	20. 0. 0
	74 quarterly " @ 1.50	110. 0. 0
	9 Visitors @ 1.00	9. 0. 0
	Balance due to Treasurer	11. 12. 9
		<u>£ 114. 11. 1</u>
Cr	Clerk to Institute	30. 0. 0
	Rent of Rooms	20. 0. 0
	Fire wood	6. 10. 6
	Candles	11. 8. 0
	Printing Rules & Cards	16. 0. 0
	do Circulars	5. 10. 0
	Advertising	6. 13. 11
	Table, Book Shelves &c	12. 6. 6
	Books purchased	4. 7. 0
	Sundries purchased	1. 15. 2
		<u>£ 114. 11. 1</u>