

Brown's tender for the sum of £1169 was accepted.

The Building is now rapidly advancing towards completion and your Committee trust it will be ready for occupation by the 1st of September next.

To carry out the proposed Building it was resolved in Committee that a share list be opened, the result of which will be more fully shown in the Treasurer's Report, as also the Building Accounts.

The increased value of land in that portion of the City in which the Mechanics Institute is situated may fairly be considered to have raised the value of the site to about £1000 and in conjunction with the new Building and improvements, competent Judges have valued the whole property at £2500.

Your Committee have great hopes that when once in occupation of the New Mechanics Institute, the public will with its usual liberality support so worthy an object and then being in a position to resume the Lectures and hold classes in the different branches of education, a greater progress, in comparison, will be noticed than hitherto.

In the Library your Committee have to report the addition of 175 volumes by purchase exclusive of 546 volumes received from England and 42 volumes by Donations, as follows.

Donations

By Mr. Stansell 4 Vols & 10 Pamphlets

Rev. G. Fraser 1 -

Mr. Parkins 3 -

Mr. May 7

Mr. Millin Esq 11

Mr. Hughes 4

Rev. G. Alabaster 5

Applied through Mr. Alabaster 7

J. Hall Esq File of Lynton Times 1852 to 1861

J. Leap Esq File of Spectator

Colonial Government, Statutes, Statistics and Gazettees for the Year.

Mr. May Map of Mauderille Church and Lincoln District

Colton's Atlas of the World presented by a few friends of the Institute

Purchased in the Province 175 Vols.

From London 431 Vols. uniformly 1/2 bound in calf

115 Wheals Trunks in cloth

Making a total number of Vols. added to the Library this Year of 763 Vols. in addition to the usual Monthly periodicals.

Your Committee have received in good condition the books sent from London, but have been unable to circulate them for want of room in the Library. The books are strongly bound and are in every way suitable for the Library of this Institute and will be ready for circulation as soon as possible after the occupation of the New Building.

Your Committee with much gratification have to announce the fact that the circulation of volumes has nearly doubled, that of last year being 2654 Vols. for 234 Members, and for this year upwards of 4000 Vols. for 280 members.

Your Committee still have reason to believe that the Reading Room being open in the day time is a great benefit and convenience to the Members and would advise its continuance feeling certain that were the Room closed in the day, it would occasion the loss of many Members who could not attend in the evening.

Your Committee in closing this their Report, have to thank those gentlemen who have so kindly presented donations to the Library of this Institute and trust that every individual Member will endeavour to forward to the utmost of his ability the progress of so good and generally beneficial an object as this undertaking.

By order of the Committee

Joshua Cuff

Hon. Sec.