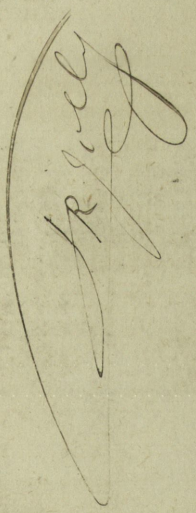
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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

HELD IN THE LECTURE ROOM, CANNON-STREET,

On Tuesday Evening, Oct. 4, 1842,

R. W. HOPKINS, ESQUIRE, IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was presented :—

REPORT.

The Committee of the Preston Institution, in meeting their subscribers at the fourteenth annual meeting, regret that they are unable to announce any increase in the number of members; but, considering the gloom that has hung over the commercial interests of this kingdom, and the great distress that has prevailed among the working classes, there is, perhaps, reason for congratulation that there has not been a greater decrease. There were on the books, at the last annual meeting, 73 life members, 193 annual subscribers, and 146 quarterly subscribers: there are now, 72 life members, 179 annual, and 136 quarterly subscribers. 387

The Committee, during the past year, have added 94 books to the library, which now contains 3180 volumes of works, in every department of literature; a number few provincial institutions possess. To their valuable museum, also, some additions have been made. The Committee cannot but be proud of their extensive library and museum: the advantages to be derived by the members from the

latter are very great, as there are in it excellent specimens of objects of importance to the student of Natural History, Geology, Mineralogy, Botany, &c., &c.,

An important part of the duties of your Committee, is to engage the services of Lecturers. At the commencement of their year of office, Mr. Sturgeon was engaged in delivering a course on Experimental Philosophy, including Galvanism, Magnetism, and Electro-Magnetism; and, so well received were they, that your Committee engaged him to deliver two popular lectures on Mechanical Philosophy; and, in order that the working classes might have the opportunity of attending, the Theatre was engaged, and about three hundred tickets were presented to the operatives at the various mills. The lectures were well received, but there was a loss to the funds of the society. Mr. James Hesketh, an operative of the town, delivered in May last, two interesting lectures on Galvanism and Electro-Magnetism; and the Institution was also indebted to Mr. J. Hemming Webb, for two lectures "On the Origin and Progress of Writing," and the "The History of Education in this Country;" and to Mr. G. Edmondson, for a lecture on Pneumatics. The Committee are gratified in having to state, that promises have already been made of several lectures, on subjects of more than ordinary interest, to be delivered at an early period, particulars of which will be duly announced. The very desirable object of having regular series of lectures during the winter months, is now likely to be attained; and one of the first duties of the new Committee will be to make the necessary arrangements.

The funds of the Institution will be benefitted by a legacy of £100, bequeathed by tbe late Hamer Hargreaves, Esq., of Manchester, formerly of this town. The Committee hope their successors will add this sum to the fund already in hand (the proceeds of the exhibition in 1840,) for the erection of a building for the Institution. The total amount available for this purpose will then be upwards of £380, which, although inadequate for the project for which it is set aside, will probably, ere long, receive some liberal additions.

In making any exertions towards increasing the number of members, and extending the advantages of this Institution, the establishment of classes for mutual instruction is well worthy of consideration.

The encouragement which the Committee have held to members anxious to form these classes has not been without some effect, and they would particularly recommend their successors to countenance and assist these important auxiliaries in the spread of useful knowledge. During the last winter months, a class for the discussion of literary, historical, and scientific questions, was carried on with great success, to the gratification and instruction of a considerable number of members, and the discussions have been recently resumed for the coming winter. Several meetings have also been held to establish classes for the study of grammar, writing, arithmetic, &c., and it is hoped that these praiseworthy efforts will be continued. The accommodations for their meeting are, at present, only meagre; but, should active steps be taken to establish many of these classes on a permanent footing, it will be the duty of the Committee to make suitable provision for them. Although not of their establishment, yet, as connected with this subject, the Committee ought perhaps to allude to the meetings for the teaching of singing, upon Wilhem's system, which have been held in this room; and they cannot but rejoice at the success that has attended the study and practice of this delightful accomplishment. A great majority of the members of the class are operatives, and the progress made by them speaks volumes as to the ability and willingness of this body to receive instruction, when conveyed in a popular and attractive form.

Successive Committees of the Institution have, in their annual reports, regretted that so few working men have joined this Institution; and this lamentable fact is to be again admitted. But your Committee doubt not, if some pains were taken by those in the higher walks of life, to recommend their workpeople and dependents to join the Institution, much might be done towards an effective remedy. Few of our manufacturers, and others who employ large bodies of workmen, are unaware of the advantages of an intelligent, well-educated servant, over an uneducated one; there are few but are ready to appreciate in an operative a desire to add to his stock of knowledge; yet it is feared but few have been active in recommending their workpeople to become subscribers to our society. It may be asserted, without fear of contradiction, that there is scarcely any institution in the kingdom, that, for the same moderate subscription, offers the use of so extensive a library, and so rich a museum. Besides these, the lectures (gratuitous admission to which is afforded

to the members,) and the facilities for forming classes, render the Institution worthy of extensive support from the operative population. The advantages to be derived are so great, and are now so generally admitted, that the Committee hope some influence will be exerted for an extension of the benefits of the Institution among the operative classes; convinced, as they are, that the more education is diffused, the more happy will be the bulk of our population, and the more exalted our country. "There is nothing," says the great Sir Walter Raleigh, "in any state, so terrible as a powerful and authorised ignorance;" and no means can be more effective in counteracting the spread of this power, than those within the reach of Institutions like our own.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

WERE PASSED:—

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be adopted, and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

2. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Hesketh, for their valuable and gratuitous Lectures.

3. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Donors to the Library and Museum.

4. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to G. Jacson, Esq., for his valuable services as President during the year.

5. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Committee, Secretary, Treasurer, Curators, and Auditors.

6. That the Rev. J. Owen Parr be requested to become the President for the ensuing year.

7. That the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year :—

President.

REV. J. OWEN PARR, M.A,

Trustees.

J. ADDISON, ESQ.
B. F. ALLEN, ESQ.
C. BUCK, ESQ.
T. GERMAN, ESQ.
R. W. HOPKINS, ESQ.
G. JACSON, ESQ.
J. PALEY, SENIOR, ESQ.

Curators.

MR. HOULKER.
DR. MOORE.
MR. BOLTON.
MR. GILBERTSON.

Auditors.

MR. J. HUDSON.
MR. S. CRANE.

Committee.

MR. R. LAWE, TREASURER
,, J. R. ALLEN, SECRETARY
,, D. BENSON
,, J. M. BRANDRETH
,, T. BREWER
,, J. B. BOOTH
,, G. CARTWRIGHT
,, J. CROFT
,, W. DOBSON
,, R. FLAMANK
,, J. GORNALL
MR. A. HALLIDAY
,, J. HAMER
,, J. HARRISON
,, J. HESKETH
,, M. HOLDEN
,, H. MARSLAND
,, H. OAKEY
,, R. PARKER
,, W. SHARPLES
,, L. SPENCER
,, C. WILSON

8. That the Committee be instructed to purchase Chess-boards and Chess-men for the use of the members.

9. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Chairman for his valuable services on this occasion.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution, from 1st October, 1841, to 30th September, 1842.

RECEIPTS.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance of last Account		30 4 4
General Subscriptions.		
1 Annual, at £1 1 0	1 1 0	
9 do. at 0 10 6	4 14 6	
169 do. at 0 6 6	54 18 6	
136 quarterly	45 0 9½	
		105 14 9½
Fines		6 6 8
Catalogues sold		1 5 0
Proceeds of Lectures		4 18 8
Use of Lecture Room		1 4 0
Carriage		0 1 0
Interest		1 1 1
		150 15 6½

PAYMENTS.

CR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cash paid for Books	14 1 11	
,, Binding	0 15 0	
,, Periodicals	15 5 0	
		30 1 11
By Transfer to Museum Fund		2 10 6
,, Taxes	0 15 10	
,, Rent (half-year)	10 0 0	
		10 15 10
By Sundries, viz.,		
,, Insurance	2 12 6	
,, Jobbing	0 18 3	
,, Gas	6 9 3	
,, Coals, Candles, Paper, &c.	1 16 3	
,, Printing, &c.	0 7 9	
,, Annual Report, &c	3 2 0	
,, Advertising and Circulars	1 0 0	
,, Librarian's Salary	39 15 0	
		56 1 0
,, Lectures	9 15 4	
,, Do., for September, 1841	26 6 6½	
		36 1 10½
,, Balance		15 4 5
		150 15 6½

Museum Fund.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account	0	16	3	By Cash paid for Apparatus and Repairs	0	18	9
Transfer from General Account	2	10	6	,, Birds and Stuffing	0	19	0
Donation from C. R. Jacson, Esq	1	0	0	By Balance	2	9	0
	4	6	9		4	6	9

General Balances.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance of General Fund	15	4	5	By Cash with Lawe and Co.	16	2	11
Museum Fund	2	9	0	,, In Treasurer's hands	1	10	6
	17	13	5		17	13	5

ROBERT LAWE, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct, { SAMUEL CRANE, JOSEPH HUDSON.

WILCOCKSON AND DOBSON, PRINTERS, PRESTON.

FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

Held in the Lecture-Room, Cannon-street,

On Tuesday Evening, October 3rd, 1843,

THE REV. J. OWEN PARR, VICAR, IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was presented:—

REPORT.

Upon few occasions since the establishment of this society has there been more cause for congratulating the subscribers at their annual meeting than at the present time. The suggestions made at last year's meeting have been, as far as practicable, carried out, and your committee are happy to say with signal success. Immediately upon their appointment, they took steps for the delivery of a weekly course of lectures for the winter months, to which free admission was afforded to all members. The following were the lectures delivered:—one by the Rev. J. Owen Parr.—Introductory lecture; on the use and application of knowledge; two by Mr. Edmondson, on the advantages of science; one by Mr. Park, on the principles and practice of engineers in the improvement of the navigation of the upper parts of tidal rivers; four by Mr. Corless, surgeon, on physiology; four by Mr. Holden, on the history of astronomy; two by Mr. John Ainslie, on electricity; two by the Rev. J. Clay, on sound; one by Mr. T. G. Rylands, of Warring-

ton, on the adaptation of plants to their various localities; one by the Rev. J. P. Simpson, on mental philosophy; one by Mr. Pilkington, surgeon, on the physical education of children; one by the Rev. H. O. Irwin, on etymology; one by Mr. J. H. Webb, on ancient philosophy and philosophers; and one by the Rev. C. Richson, on the objects proposed in mechanics' institutes, and the means best suited for their attainment. The committee cannot too highly express their sense of the obligations they are under to those gentlemen for their kindness in delivering these useful and instructive discourses. It is to be hoped that the advantage of a regular series of lectures during the winter season will be again obtained for the members, as the delivery of popular lectures is a pleasant as well as efficient mode of conveying information. In addition to the above lectures, Mr. Catlow, of Manchester, was engaged to deliver two on rational mesmerism, in the Corn Exchange, which were numerously attended, and from the receipts of which a surplus remained, which was added to the funds. Messrs. Austin and Son, of London, were engaged for a fortnight at Whitsuntide, to exhibit their collection of animals of opposite natures living amicably together; besides affording the members of the institution, and other inhabitants of the town, an opportunity of witnessing so curious a collection, it was of considerable benefit to the institution in a pecuniary sense.

But the most gratifying feature in the year just elapsed is the soirée or tea party, held in the Corn Exchange rooms, in April last. The great numbers who attended it, and who spoke in the highest terms of the enjoyment afforded, leave no doubt that such meetings will be of the greatest advantage to the institution; the meeting was in every sense a successful one, and it is to be hoped that such opportunities of social enjoyment, in connection with the carrying out of the more important objects this institution has in view, will frequently be afforded to the members. The committee take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who presented trays, and to those ladies who so obligingly presided at the tables.

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, chess has been introduced into the institution; it has caused a much greater attendance of members at the room, particularly in an evening, and has been one means of increasing the number of members; some little inconvenience has occasionally been felt by a few of the members from the exercise of chess being permitted in the same room as the readers frequent, which is an additional reason for providing better accommodation for the society.

There is one object connected with the institution upon which the committee have long felt a deep interest; the establishment of classes for mutual instruction. The great importance of these classes is fully appreciated, but the want of suitable accommodation prevents the formation of many very valuable ones, and impedes the advancement of those established. During the year the following have met:—a class for the study of the French language; a singing class on Wilhem's system; a perspective and drawing class; a writing and arithmetic class. The number of works added to the library have been 129, making the total number of volumes 3309, comprising standard works in every branch of literature. There has been during the year an increase in the number of volumes circulated, which is gratifying as shewing that the advantages of the library are becoming more and more appreciated. The number of members now on the books are 72 life, 157 annual, and 216 quarterly, total 445, being 58 more than last year. This addition to the number of subscribers is most cheering, particularly when it is considered that a considerable proportion of the new members are operatives, a class whose absence from the institution has in previous years often been lamented, but many of whom are now among the most frequent visitors to the library. From the accounts it will be seen that there is a balance in the Treasurer's hands for the accounts of the present year. There is also a sum of £387 17s. 6d., the balance of the Exhibition Fund, and a legacy from the late Mr. Hamer Hargreaves; which are reserved for the erection of a new building. The great importance of such societies as this has latterly been more generally acknowledged, and your committee are glad to announce that the legislature has shewn its opinion of their merit, by passing an act of parliament for exempting all literary and scientific societies from local taxation. The necessary preliminary steps have been taken to secure the advantages of the enactment to this society. The want of accommodation for classes, and the inconvenient crowding of the lecture-room upon several occasions, will probably lead some of the members to suggest that steps should be taken to obviate these difficulties. A suitable building for the institution has long been wanted, and as there is a small sum available for that purpose, they beg to recommend to their successors the propriety of taking some steps to increase that sum, and they trust that the liberality of their townsmen will enable them in a short time to have a building worthy of the society and the town.

Donors to the Museum.

Sir E. Belcher; Mr. Glover, of Manchester; Mr. J. R. Allen; Mr. Cooper; Mr. R. Flamank.

Donors to the Library.

Poor Law Commissioners; Mr. J. Bell; Corporation of Preston; Dr. Norris; Mr. W. Dobson; Mr. Cross; Mr. Walker, of Manchester; the Institution Discussion Class.

THE FOLLOWING

RESOLUTIONS

WERE PASSED:—

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

2. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Rev. J. Owen Parr, Rev. J. Clay, Mr. Rylands, Rev. J. P. Simpson, Mr. Pilkington, Rev. H. O. Irwin, Mr. Webb, and the Rev. C. Richson, for their valuable and gratuitous lectures.

3. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Donors to the Library and Museum.

4. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Rev. J. Owen Parr, fer his valuable services as President during the year.

5. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Committee, Secretary, Treasurer, Curators, and Auditors.

6. That R. W. Hopkins, Esq., be requested to accept the office of President for the ensuing year.

7. That the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:—

President.

R. W. HOPKINS, ESQ.

Trustees.

J. ADDISON, ESQ. — T. GERMAN, ESQ.
B. F. ALLEN, ESQ. — R. W. HOPKINS, ESQ.
C. BUCK, ESQ. — G. JACSON, ESQ.
J. PALEY, SENIOR, ESQ.

Curators.

MR. HOULKER. — MR. BOLTON.
DR. MOORE. — MR. GILBERTSON.

Auditors.

MR. J. HUDSON. — MR. S. CRANE.

Committee.

MR. R. LAWE, TREASURER
,, J. R. ALLEN, SECTY.
,, D. BENSON
,, T. BREWER
,, J. B. BOOTH
,, G. CARTWRIGHT
,, J. CROFT
,, W. DOBSON
,, R. FLAMANK
,, G. EDMONDSON
,, M. PENNINGTON
MR. L. SPENCER
,, J. HAMER
,, J. HARRISON
,, C. HARDWICK
,, M. HOLDEN
,, J. HESKETH
,, R. PARKER
,, F. W. TUACH
,, R. SEGAR
,, D. WILCOCKSON
,, C. WILSON.

8. That the Committee be requested to desire the Librarian to retain the second and following volumes of any work for the first applicant.

9. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Chairman for his valuable services on this occasion.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution, from 1st October, 1842, to 30th September, 1843.

RECEIPTS.

DR.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account				15	4	5
To General Subscriptions—						
1 Annual, at £1 0 0	1	0	0			
10 do. at 0 10 6	5	5	0			
146 do. at 0 6 6	47	9	0			
216 Quarterly	70	7	1½			
				124	1	1½
Fines				6	12	7
Catalogues sold				2	7	0
Lectures				31	11	6
Use of Lecture Room				3	1	6
Balance of "Austin's Happy Family" Exhibition				7	0	0
Profits of Soirée				11	17	6
Stove sold				2	2	0
Interest from Bank				1	1	4
				£204	18	11½

DISBURSEMENTS.

CR.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
By Cash paid for Books	11	5	2			
,, ,, Binding	5	11	10			
,, ,, Periodicals	15	2	11½			
				31	19	11½
By Transfer to Museum Fund				2	13	6
By Taxes	0	15	0			
Rent for one and a half years	30	0	0			
				30	15	10
By Sundries, viz.,—						
Insurance	2	12	6			
Jobbing and Repairs	7	16	3			
Gas	8	16	11			
Coals, Candles, Paper, &c.	2	1	0			
Printing	2	8	6			
Annual Meeting and Report	3	13	6			
Librarian's Salary	39	0	0			
New Furniture	1	3	6			
Chess-Board and Chessmen	1	3	0			
				68	15	2
Expences of Lectures				23	18	6
By Balance				46	16	0
				£204	18	11½

Receipts and Disbursements of the Museum Fund during the same period.

RECEIPTS.	£.	s.	d.	DISBURSEMENTS	£.	s.	d
To Balance of last Account	2	0	0	By Cash Paid for Case	3	5	0
To Transfer from General Account	2	13	6	By Balance	1	17	6
	£5	2	6		£5	2	6

General Balances.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To Balance of General Fund	46	16	0	By Cash with Lawe and Co.	48	13	6
Museum Fund	1	17	6				
	£48	13	6		£48	13	6

Examined and found Correct, { SAML. CRANE. / J. HUDSON.

ROBERT LAWE,
Treasurer.

Preston Institution Building Fund.

	£.	s.	d.
Balance on hand 30th June, 1842	287	19	9
Interest, 31st December	4	7	2
Legacy of Mr. H. Hargreaves	90	0	0
Interest, 30th June, 1843	5	10	8
	£387	17	7

Balance with Messrs. Lawe and Co., £387 17s. 7d.

LAWE & Co.

SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

HELD IN

THE LECTURE ROOM, CANNON STREET,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 1st, 1844,

R. W. Hopkins Esqr. IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was presented:—

REPORT.

In presenting a report of their proceedings to the subscribers, the committee feel great pleasure in being enabled to congratulate them on the present very flourishing condition of the Institution. At no period since its formation has its position been higher, or its prospects brighter.

In compliance with a suggestion thrown out in the report read at the last annual meeting, the committee have taken active steps for the purpose of increasing the fund intended to be appropriated to the erection of a new building for the institution. With this view, in the month of October last, a tea party or soiree was held in the Exchange Rooms, the proceeds of which were added to the building fund; and, in January last, a number of the younger members of the committee, and other friends of the institution, undertook the management of a public ball, for the express purpose of benefiting this fund. This produced upwards of £37. On the 29th of November last, a meeting of the operative members of the institution was held, when it was agreed that they should commence a subscription amongst themselves and friends for the furtherance of this

object. The amount received from this source was £51 16s. 2d. The committee afterwards commenced a general subscription amongst the gentry and tradesmen of the town and neighbourhood; and they have great satisfaction in stating that their appeal has been most liberally responded to. The total amount of funds subscribed, together with those previously available for this purpose, is nearly £1700; and the committee feel confident that the sum may yet be very considerably increased.

Very great difficulty was found in obtaining a suitable site for the new building. After considerable pains had been taken in the examination and discussion of the merits of the various sites offered to their notice, the committee decided in favour of the one in Cross-street; but this not meeting with the approbation of a considerable number of those gentlemen who have largely subscribed to the fund, it was abandoned, and the site opposite to the end of Avenham Walk substituted and approved of at a general meeting of the subscribers. It is expected that the land will shortly be conveyed to the trustees of the institution, and as the plans submitted by Mr. Welch, the architect, have been approved of, it is therefore confidently expected that the erection of the building will be immediately proceeded with.

During the winter months the following lectures were delivered, to which the members of the institution had free admission:—one by the Rev. J. Owen Parr, on "The Imitative Arts as a means of instruction;" one by Mr. Ainsley, on "Electricity;" one by Mr. Winston, on "the Study of Arithmetic;" one by Mr. Edmondson, on "Recent Inventions, Improvements, and Discoveries;" two by the Rev. J. P. Simpson, on "Genius;" two by Mr. Pennington, on "Phrenology and Mesmerism;" one by the Rev. R. Slate, on the "Reciprocal Harmony existing between Scripture Revelation and Scientific and Historical Facts;" one by Mr. Hodgson, of Liverpool, on the "Objects and Advantages of Mechanics' Institutions;" one by Mr. Holden, on the "Telescope;" one by the Rev. S. Bell, on the "Sun—its nature, constitution, spots, &c.;" one by Mr. T. G. Rylands, of Manchester, on the "Uses and Adaptations of the Vegetable Kingdom in the Economy of Nature;" three by the Rev. J. Clay, on the "Sanatory condition of Preston;" and one by Mr. Corless, on "Some of the Physical and Moral Effects of the Factory System." The attendance at the greater portion of the above lectures was very numerous. On two or three occasions the present room was found to be not sufficiently large for the comfortable ac-

commodation of the audiences assembled. On the completion of the new building, however, this, as well as several other inconveniences arising from the smallness of the premises at present occupied, will be remedied. The committee take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the above-named gentlemen for their kindness in gratuitously delivering their interesting and instructive discourses, and they venture to express a hope that so good an example will not be without its influence in inducing others of their townsmen to come forward in a similar manner on future occasions.

In consequence of the great want of accommodation for the meeting of classes for mutual instruction, the committee regret that comparatively but few members of the Institution have availed themselves of this most aggreeable and effective method of acquiring information. During the past year, however, classes have met for the study of the French language, Phonography, and Drawing and Perspective. A class, too, met during the winter, for the practice of choral and other vocal and instrumental music. Its operations, however, have been partially suspended during the summer months, but it is the intention of the members to recommence their full practice as speedily as possible.

During the past year, the library has been augmented by the addition of 68 volumes. The total number of volumes now available to the members is 3,377.

The committee regret that, during the past year, very few additions have been made to the articles deposited in the Museum. This they attribute, in some measure, to the great want of room for their convenient display; but they hope that, on the completion of the new building, the superior arrangements which will then be made will induce the friends of the institution to exert their influence in the augmentation and improvement of the collection.

There are at present 72 life, 150 annual, and 235 quarterly subscribers to the institution: the total is 457, being an increase of twelve of the number of last year. Though it would have been more satisfactory for the committee to have been enabled to announce a larger number of additional subscribers, yet it is very gratifying to think that the slight increase has been amongst the operative portion of the community, for whose benefit the institution was more especially established.

It will be seen, on reference to the statement of accounts, that there is a clear balance of nearly £50 in the treasurer's hands, in favour of the funds of the institution.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution from October, 1843, to September 30th, 1844.

RECEIPTS.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance of last Account		46 16 0
To General Subscriptions—		
1 Annual, at £1 0 0	1 0 0	
9 do., at 0 10 6	4 14 6	
140 do., at 0 6 6	45 10 0	
235 Quarterly	76 16 10	
		128 1 4
Fines		6 1 1
Catalogues sold		1 17 0
Lectures		2 9 6
Use of Lecture Room		0 1 6
Donation from Chemical Class per Edward Harrison		0 17 6½
Interest from Bank		1 17 8
		£188 1 7½

DISBURSEMENTS.

CR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cash paid for Books and Periodicals	33 1 0	
,, ,, Binding	4 4 5	
		37 5 5
By Transfer to Museum Fund		2 13 6
By Taxes		1 19 2
Rent	20 0 0	
Less Property Tax	1 3 4	
		18 16 8
By Sundries, viz. :—		
Insurance	2 12 6	
Jobbing and Repairs	3 8 1½	
Gas	8 15 0	
Printing and Expenses of Lectures	9 18 5	
Annual Report	2 1 0	
Coals, Candles, Paper, &c	3 4 1	
Librarian's Salary	39 0 0	
New Furniture	1 0 0	
Enrolment of Rules, &c	1 16 11	
		71 16 0½
By Balance		55 10 10
		£188 1 7½

Receipts and Disbursements of the Museum Fund for the same period.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance of last Account	1 17 6	
To Transfer from General Account	2 13 6	
		4 11 0
To Balance due to Treasurer		0 1 9
		£4 12 9

DISBURSEMENTS.	£ s. d.
By Cash Paid for Stuffing Birds	0 3 6
„ „ Casts	3 17 5
„ „ New Furniture	0 11 10
	£4 12 9

The Treasurer for General Balances.

DR.	£ s. d.
To Balance due to General Account	55 10 10
	£55 10 10

CR.	£ s. d.
By Balance due from Museum Account	0 1 9
By Cash with Lawe & Co.	55 9 1
	£55 10 10

The above Accounts Examined and found Correct ..... J. HUDSON.

ROBERT LAWE, Treasurer.

Rev E D Rudell

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

HELD IN THE LECTURE ROOM, CANNON STREET,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 1845,

I. WILCOCKSON, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was read :—

REPORT.

The period for which your Committee were elected has now terminated, and it is required that they should present you with a Report of their proceedings, and of all such other matters, in relation to the Institution, as have come under their consideration during the past year.

Institutions for the diffusion of knowledge are of recent origin: they originated in sensible benevolence making observations on modern wants. They are new levers inserted into the moral machinery of society, and they possess numerous capabilities to raise its condition, and secure to it the enjoyment of those varied advantages which attend the development and right direction of its intellectual powers. But these Institutions do not reach their maturity at once;—infancy and childhood must precede their adolescence and manhood; nor, important as they unquestionably are, is it reasonable to expect that their progress will be entirely free from difficulty;—the sun itself is not without its spots. Nothing of permanent utility is sudden in the attainment of its perfection: the fungi which grow in a night, perish the succeeding day; but the oak is a hundred years in reaching its perfection, and then it has acquired a strength to endure for ages.

Your Committee have been led to these reflections by a general review of what this Institution has effected, by noticing its progressive character, by observing the difficulties which have attended its advancement, and by contemplating its future prospects.

During the past year, your Committee have met twenty-seven times—fourteen on the general purposes of the Institution, and thirteen on special business; having for their object, the advancement of its respectability and permanence. The number of members by whom it is at present constituted, is as follows:—69 for life; 139 annual; and 232 quarterly subscribers,—making a total of 440.

From this statement, compared with the previous report, it is to be observed, that there is a decrease of seventeen members since the last annual meeting: three of these are

life members deceased, eleven are annual, and three are quarterly subscribers. To what circumstances this decrease is wholly attributable, may be difficult to ascertain. Removals and death have done their part; but fluctuations in the numerical condition of public bodies are frequently occurring, from undeveloped causes, and over which their directors can have no control.

Still your Committee venture to think, that most of the numerical decreases which take place in such Institutions as the present, are, in a great degree, traceable to indifference to, or a deficiency of, taste for mental acquirements among those for whose especial benefit they were established; and they are of opinion, this unfavourable fluctuation in their numbers will occasionally take place, so long as the *love of learning* is neglected to be cultivated in early youth; for that which is really loved will be diligently thought of and industriously provided for. If the schools wherein the industrious classes receive their instruction were more successful in impressing upon their pupils the love of knowledge, as a means of improving their character and condition, they, on their arrival at maturity, would more readily perceive the privileges offered to their acceptance by your Institution; and if the members themselves, instead of remaining satisfied with the advantages of their own membership, would take every suitable opportunity to introduce those advantages to the consideration and embraces of their acquaintance, there is little doubt but that the efficiency of your Institution would be appreciated, and the population be considerably benefitted by its educational influences.

The books which have been added to your library, in the past year, though not numerous, are valuable. The various departments of literature, science, philosophy, and the arts, have received the particular attention of your Committee, when deliberating on the wants and recommendation of the members. Hence, works have been purchased on anatomy, architecture, biography, chemistry, education, electricity, fiction, history, ornithology, painting, philology, poetry, and novels; also, scientific journals and magazines, literary journals, magazines and reviews, together with some miscellaneous literature, amounting in all to 55 distinct works, making 76 vols. Besides these, 54 works, consisting of 261 volumes, have been liberally presented to your Institution by gentlemen whose names are appended to this Report; so that your library now consists of the handsome number of 3714 volumes, the whole of which may be had access to for the trifling cost of 6s. 6d. per year; besides the use of a reading room, free admission to a respectable and increasing museum of natural history, &c., together with the privilege of gratuitously attending, during the winter season, two distinct courses of lectures, varying in number from 12 to 20. Your Committee respectfully urge the consideration of these advantages upon your attention, and think that if they obtain more extensive publicity through your personal exertions, that their successors would have the gratification of announcing to you, at the close of another year, a successful increase in the numerical condition of your society.

Between the months of October and April last, your Committee made arrangements for the delivery of two courses of lectures, amounting in all to 18. They were as follow:—1—"On the Phenomenon and Immensity of the Sidereal Universe," by the Rev. S. Bell; 2 and 3—"On Electricity," by Mr. Ainslie; 4—"On some of the Elementary Principles of Natural Philosophy;" 5—"On the Influence of the Fine Arts," by the Rev. E. D. Rendell; 6—"On Entomology," by Mr. J. B. Hodgkinson; 7—"Phrenology Objectionable," by Mr. Hamilton; 8—"On the Elements, Formation, and Development of Character," by the Rev. J. Edwards; 9—"On the Drainage and Sewerage of Towns, and on Irrigation connected therewith," by Mr. P. Park; 10—"On Civilization, viewed in reference to the aid it has received from Human Discovery, Philosophy, Literature,

and Christianity," by Mr. E. P. Hood; 11—"On the Moon," by the Rev. S. Bell; 12—"On Phrenology," by Mr. Corless; 13—"On China," by Mr. J. B. Langley; 14—"On the Progress of Society," by the Rev. J. Edwards; 15 and 16—"On the Principles of Algebra," by Mr. S. Tebay; 17—"On the Chemistry of Fire and Water," by the Rev. E. D. Rendell; 18—"On the Pulpit, the Platform, and the Press," by the Rev. J. Edwards.

These Lectures were well attended, and gratuitously delivered: they evinced important research, displayed various ability and genius, and were eminently useful and instructive; and while your Committee are assured that this Institution is considerably indebted to those gentlemen for their interesting and valuable services, they have no doubt but you will pass a suitable resolution on the subject.

The formation of Classes for the study of specific subjects and pursuits, is an available and important means for carrying out the instructive purposes of the Institution. With this view Classes have been frequently formed, with various, but no very decided results; nor do they appear to have maintained that permanency which is desirable. Some of the causes of these circumstances are sufficiently apparent. Want of accommodation in our present building has no doubt limited the number of the Classes, and not unfrequently contributed to their discontinuance; but your Committees have not, at any time, had that intimate connection with the origination and management of the Classes, which might have been useful to their order and duration, and this circumstance your Committee regard as an imperfection demanding the remedial consideration of their successors. For the purpose of information, it would be useful for the Committee to effect an arrangement with the conductors of the respective Classes, to furnish them with a periodical report of their state and proceedings, so that they may be provided by such documents with authentic information to embody in their general Report at the annual meeting.

For the want of this, or some other adequate arrangement, your Committee have merely to report, that during the past year small classes for the study of the French language, drawing, and music, have been in operation. A class for teaching the knowledge of characteristic form, by means of outline drawing, and another for the study of chemistry, were attempted to be formed, but without success.

The Museum is an important branch of your Institution. It is now admirably adapted to facilitate the study of several branches of natural history, and promote acquaintance with other departments of valuable knowledge. Within the past year some interesting contributions have been made to this portion of your property; and there is no doubt, if more extensive and convenient premises were provided for a more favourable arrangement and display of contributions, that their number would be considerably increased. Notwithstanding this want of accommodation at present, it is hoped that the friends of the Institution will bear in mind that more extensive premises are now in contemplation, and that special apartments will be provided therein for the more convenient exhibition of their liberal contributions towards this branch of scientific learning. The names of the contributors to the Museum for the past year are appended to this Report. The Philosophical Apparatus has remained much in the same condition for some time past. Your Committee would have been most happy to have acknowledged any presentation thereto; and they take this opportunity of reminding the sudents, requiring the use of such apparatus, that, this which is possessed by this Institution, is at the gratuitous service of its members, upon the prudent condition of its being carefully treated and safely returned.

A Catalogue of the Library, with a list of the Philosophical Apparatus, has been published during the past year. Five hundred copies were printed, and your Committee directed that they should be sold to the members at 6d. each, which is upwards of two-pence each less than the cost price. The Committee, in coming to this decision, were actuated by a desire of ultimately benefitting the Institution. They thought that the cheapness of the Catalogue would increase its circulation, and that as it contained such a valuable variety of works in all the departments of useful and elegant learning, it would act as a favourable advertisement, and that persons by an inspection of the literary advantages exhibited therein, would be induced to become members of the Institution. They yet retain the same opinion, and feel that the Catalogue only requires more extensive circulation to produce the wished-for results. If every member would feel it his duty to purchase the Catalogue and lend it to a friend, it is believed that the effect would be to increase the number of your society.

The subject of the intended new building for the Institution has occupied a considerable share of the anxious attention of your Committee. Scarcely a meeting has taken place but some business connected with that contemplated erection has been under their deliberation; and, although they cannot announce the time when the building may be commenced, they are happy in being able to report that considerable progress has been made in the preliminary arrangements necessary to effect that object. Land, nearly opposite Avenham Walk, was purchased in December last, of Mr. Halliday, and the agreement formally signed by the Trustees. The quantity is 1544 square yards, and the purchase money will amount to £772, being 6d. per yard, at twenty years' purchase. This sum has not yet been paid, and, consequently, a yearly interest is incurred thereon, amounting to £38 12s. 0d. This is a serious item in the annual expenditure of the Institution, besides the rent of the premises at present occupied, which renders it important that the new building should be completed with the least possible delay.

The architectural plans of the building have been carefully attended to; several alterations and improvements have been effected in the original design, and they are now in a satisfactory state. It will be seen by them that the building is to be an elegant Grecian structure, suited for the purposes of a modern Institution, and possessing varied accommodation for carrying out the respective objects which are contemplated by it.

But your Committee have had considerable difficulty with the written specifications. They have always felt that it was exceedingly desirable that nothing should be omitted; that all extra fittings and expenses should be avoided as much as possible; and that the erection should be completed and fitted for the uses of the Institution at a definite cost, to be named and understood at the commencement. They regret, however, that they have not been enabled to effect this object to their full satisfaction. They proceeded in this matter with as much caution as they could command, and the difficult nature of the business would allow; and, finally, they advertised for estimates in the several departments of work. The result shewed that the building, upon the lowest estimate, would cost £3,050. Your Committee were aware of many things not mentioned in the specifications, in the shape of furniture, architect's fees, &c., and they feared that there might be others which they had not foreseen; they, therefore, had no doubt that the erection would cost between £3,500 and £3,700, which, with £772, the price of the land, would make the whole undertaking to cost at least £4,400. The sum at the disposal of your Committee for this purpose was altogether inadequate to commence such an expensive work, and the whole business is now waiting for such an augmentation of the funds as will render it safe and prudent to commence so important an erection.

The Committee of last year reported that the building fund amounted to about £1,700; at the present time it reaches nearly £2,750, so that it has increased upwards of £1,000 within the past year. This handsome sum has been provided with great liberality; it evinces the estimation in which the Institution is held by the wealth, respectability, and authorities of the town and neighbourhood; and your Committee trust that their generosity will be rewarded by the Institution contributing largely to the moral and intellectual welfare of the humbler classes of society. Still the sum which has been so liberally provided is insufficient for the commencement of so great an undertaking; and, therefore, additional exertion will have to be made to increase the amount to at least £700 more, before it can be prudent or business-like to begin the erection, and even then for its completion it will leave £1,000 to be provided for in the way of mortgage.

The propriety of erecting the whole of the masonry, and only finishing certain parts of the interior, has been under the consideration both of your Committee and Trustees, and estimates have been procured for this purpose, amounting to £2,413 12s., but no further step has been taken in the matter, and whether such a course would be either economical or satisfactory, are points that must be left for further deliberation.

The reduction of the scale of the building has also been incidentally spoken of; but your Committee have not had any proposition to that effect brought before them, nor could they, under all the circumstances of the case, have entertained the consideration of such a subject. From the liberality which has hitherto been displayed, they confidently hope that the magnificent dimensions at present contemplated will be ultimately realized; and for this purpose they most ardently appeal to the liberality of those who have not yet contributed towards it, and earnestly recommend their successors to work diligently on its behalf.

Your Committee have further to report, that Mr. Wm. Rhodes, who was the Librarian to your Institution, has felt it necessary to resign his situation. The cause which has led to this is physical incapacity to perform the duties of his office, arising from approaching blindness. On account of this painful circumstance, your Committee had no alternative but to accept his resignation. In having done so, they are desirous of recording their sense of his willingness and fidelity during the eight years he has filled the office of Librarian, to express their sympathy for his case, and to recommend it to the kind consideration of his townsmen.

Mr. John Croft, a member of your Committee for some years, and Secretary during the past year, has been elected to the office of Librarian, an appointment which it is hoped will give every satisfaction to the members. It was deemed advisable to raise the salary of the librarian from £39 to £49 per year, together with an interest of two and a half per cent. on the whole amount of the general subscriptions.

A motion, of which due notice has been given, to increase the number of Trustees, will be brought under your consideration, and the Treasurer's account will be laid before you in a separate communication.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

Mr. John Smith, Mr. C. Wilson, Rev. D. G. Goyder, Rev. J. Rigg, Mr. W. Dobson, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Dearden, New Zealand Gompany, Corporation of Preston.

DONORS TO THE MUSEUM.

Miss Hindson, Mr. D. Benson, Mr. Bibby, Dr. Moore, Mr. Dearden, Mr. Pilkington.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

WERE PASSED:—

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be received, and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

2. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the year.

3. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the donors to the library and museum.

4. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the secretary, treasurer, curators, auditors, and committee, for their valuable services during the year.

5. That Thomas Miller, Esq., be appointed a Trustee of this Institution, in the place of the late C. Buck, Esq.

6. That John Paley, jun., Esq., Mayor of Preston, be appointed President for the ensuing year.

7. That Mr. Lawe be appointed Treasurer: Mr. J. B. Booth, Secretary; Mr. Hudson and Mr. Crane, Auditors; and Mr. John Bolton and Mr. J. Cooper, Curators for the ensuing year.

8. That the number of trustees for the property of this institution shall be twenty-one, instead of seven, as provided by rule 19: that the new trustees necessary to make up the aforesaid number shall be elected at a general meeting to be convened according to rule 21, and future vacancies shall be supplied either at an annual or general meeting; but it shall not be necessary to supply vacancies excepting when and so often as the number of existing trustees shall be reduced to five. On every election of a new trustee all the then vacancies shall be supplied.

9. That rule 19 be altered in conformity with the preceding resolution.

10. That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to I. Wilcockson, Esq., for his valuable services as President during the past year.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

President.

JOHN PALEY, JUNIOR, ESQ.

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MR. J. COOPER

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MR. HUDSON
MR. CRANE

Committee.

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„ C. WILSON

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution, from 1st October, 1844, to 30th September, 1845.

RECEIPTS. Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account	55	10	10
To General Subscriptions.			
1 Annual, at £1 0s. 0d	1	0	0
9 do. at £0 10s. 6d	4	14	6
129 do. at £0 6s. 6d	41	18	6
233 Quarterly	77	5	9
To Cash received for Fines	5	1	3
Do. for Catalogues sold	1	13	6
Gross proceeds of Lectures	0	17	6
Use of Lecture Room	4	1	6
Interest from Bank	2	5	9
	£194	9	1

DISBURSEMENTS. Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid for Books and Periodicals	40	10	7
Cash paid for Binding	6	2	2
Transfer to Museum Fund	1	13	6
Rent, less Property Tax	19	8	4
Taxes	1	7	6
Insurance	2	12	6
Jobbing	0	6	6
Gas	6	16	6
Printing and Lectures	11	14	1
Do. Annual Report	1	15	0
Coals, Candles, Paper, &c	2	1	6½
Librarian's Salary	39	0	0
Catalogues	17	14	5
Use of Rooms	0	15	0
By Balance	42	11	5½
	£194	9	1

Museum Fund.

RECEIPTS. Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Transfer from General Account	1	13	6
	£1	13	6

DISBURSEMENTS. Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance of last Account	0	1	9
„ Cash paid for Stuffing Birds	0	3	0
„ Balance	1	8	9
	£1	13	6

The Treasurer for General Purposes.

RECEIPTS. Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance due to General Account	42	11	5½
Museum	1	8	9
	£44	0	2½

DISBURSEMENTS. Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance with Lawe and Co.	44	0	2½
	£44	0	2½

Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL CRANE.
J. HUDSON.

Oct. 6, 1845.

DOBSON, DILWORTH, AND DOBSON, PRINTERS, CHRONICLE OFFICE, PRESTON.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

HELD IN THE LECTURE ROOM, CANNON STREET,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6, 1846,

JOHN PALEY, JUNR., ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was read :—

REPORT.

In meeting the subscribers at this, the eighteenth anniversary, the committee feel proud at there being so many subjects upon which they can congratulate the members. The improved position which the institution has attained in public estimation, the increased number of subscribers, the greater attendance at the reading tables, and a more general interest felt in its welfare by the members, are each sufficient to afford much gratification; there is also the commencement of the new building, an era in our society of much importance, not only to the whole of our body, but to all who take an interest in the spread of education and the diffusion of knowledge.

At the last annual meeting the average number of members, on the books during the year, was reported at 69 life, 139 annual, and 232 quarterly, being a total of 440. The number for the past year has been 68 life, 181 annual, and 299 quarterly members, a total of 548, being an increase of not less than 108. This increase is exceedingly gratifying, not only as many of the additional subscribers are operatives, a class whom successive committees have endeavoured, with not very encouraging results, to attach to the institution, but, also, because this addition to our numbers has not arisen from canvasing or any other extraordinary effort having been made, to bring the advantages of the institution under public notice. While allowing their fair influence to the lectures, and to the improved management of the library, the committee consider that the principal cause of this increase has been owing to the popular character of many of the books admitted during the year. While selecting works on art, the various branches of science, history, and general literature, they have considered that they ought not to overlook those works, which, though fiction, as regards individual life, are yet true to nature, and which seek the elevation and improvement of our race, by creations of the imagination. A perusal of the volumes purchased will show that the committee have been cautious of admitting such only as are of high character, and calculated to instruct as well as amuse.

The number of members thus reported, however, scarcely gives an adequate idea of all who avail themselves of the advantages of this institution. Many working men only join us for one or two of the winter quarters, and there is considerable fluctuation in the number of quarterly sub scribers throughout the year. The

following is the number of quarterly members who have been on the books each quarter:—

October, 1845	298	April, 1846	307
January, 1846	362	July, 1846	277

The committee consider that, during the year, not less than 800 persons have been partakers of the benefits of this society.

The number of volumes added to the library during the past year is 195. Of these 99 have been purchased, 8 are donations, and 88 are volumes procured to complete works in the Institution, or to renew those which have been worn out. The purchase of books has been a material item in the expenditure of last year; but your Committee have considered it due to the character of the library that it should keep pace with the times, and be provided with all new books of interest as they are published. While adverting to the library, they may observe that an inconvenience, hitherto much complained of, of members having a difficulty in obtaining interesting works, will, it is hoped, now be obviated—arrangements having been made for delivering books to members in the order in which they shall be applied for.

Your committee have to acknowledge their obligations to the following gentlemen for their kindness in delivering lectures gratuitously to the members of the institution.

October	21.	On the various Substances employed for Writing, &c.	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
„	28.	On China	Mr. J. B. Langley.
November	4.	On Criminal Legislation	„ Corless.
„	11.	On Art	„ R. Flamank, jun.
„	18.	On Beauty	do.
„	25.	On English Coins	„ Joseph Kenyon.
December	2.	Galvanism	„ John Ainslie.
„	9.	do.	do.
„	16.	Practical Knowledge	Rev. J. O. Parr.
January	27.	On Photography, or making Pictures by the Light, in the course of which Mr. Eastham exhibited his Apparatus	Mr. John Eastham.
February	10.	On Oratory	Rev. J. Edwards.
„	17.	On Caloric	„ E. D. Rendell.
March	3.	On the Frauds of Picture Dealers	Mr. C. Hardwick.
„	10.	Select Poetical Readings	„ Vallet.
„	17.	On English Coins	„ Kenyon.
„	24.	On the Moral Influence of Poetry	„ Hopland.
„	31.	On the Nature of Instinct and the Philosophy of Reason	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
April	7.	On Photography	Mr. John Eastham.

They were nearly all of them attended by crowded and attentive audiences—a proof that their exertions were fully appreciated. The committee have every reason to believe that this important branch of your society's operations is of considerable benefit to the members, many of the discourses having been calculated to awaken a spirit of enquiry among those who heard them. Mr. Spencer Hall also delivered, in the Exchange Rooms, three lectures on the Physiology of Mesmerism, by arrangement with the committee.

There have been but few donations to, and there have been no purchases for, the museum, during the year. The limited space in the present building, and the want of proper accommodation, may, perhaps, have deterred many of our friends from forwarding specimens; but, when the new building is occupied, they trust the museum will be an interesting feature in it; and it would not be amiss if members would bear in mind how acceptable suitable objects will then be.

During the year, a class, conducted by Mr. Ferguson, has, with great regularity, met for the study of landscape, architectural, and perspective drawing. With the present want of accommodation, the committee did not consider it advisable to take any active steps in the formation of classes, although every facility has been given to members anxious to avail themselves of this useful and agreeable means of obtaining instruction. The ample suite of rooms which, however, will be available in the new building, will be so well adapted for such meetings, that the committee venture to recommend to the then executive of the institution, to spare

no pains in extending and rendering efficient these most important auxiliaries. It is to be hoped that competent teachers will be obtained to render instruction in the various arts and sciences, as well as in the principal living and dead languages. Classes conducted by efficient teachers, and under the superintendence of the committee, will add much to the usefulness of the institution.

The foundation stone of the new building was laid on the 15th of June, under circumstances of great *éclat*. Thomas German, Esq., the worthy Mayor of the borough, who, upon all occasions has laboured indefatigably for the Institution, performed that ceremony, when he was attended by the several municipal authorities and a large number of subscribers. In the evening a *soirée* was held, at which George Dawson, Esq., M.A., of Birmingham, attended. The committee regret that the attendance was not more numerous, but in other respects the meeting was of an exceedingly gratifying character.

Another *soirée* was also held in November last, which passed off to the satisfaction of all present. These interesting *re-unions*, it is to be hoped, will be continued, affording, as they do, an innocent means of social enjoyment, with which frequently may be associated higher and more useful objects.

The committee have not this year done much towards increasing the building fund, considering that the gloom that has hung over commercial affairs rendered it advisable to defer any general appeal until a more favourable opportunity. They, however, entertain a confident hope, that the generous liberality of their fellow-townsmen, which has enabled them to commence operations, will be continued, that they may complete the new building to the full extent of the plans adopted.

At the last annual meeting the amount subscribed towards this object was nearly £2,750, and there has been added since £43 9s. 10d. Of this sum there were received from the *soirée* in November, £12 4s. 7d.; from the ball £21 2s. 7½d.; and from the Oddfellows' ball, £10 2s. 7½d. The last contribution demands especial notice on this occasion, the circumstances attending it being worthy of more than a passing acknowledgment. The members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, in this district, have, for some years past, held an annual ball, the proceeds of which they have applied to a charitable institution in connection with their own Order. The finances of the Widow and Orphan's Fund being this year in a favourable position, they announced, unsolicitedly, their intention to present the proceeds to our building fund. The great majority of the members of this Order being operatives, this generous act is the more commendable, as shewing that intelligent working men really appreciate the advantages of this Institution.

The committee have the pleasure to announce that the erection of the new building proceeds in a satisfactory manner, and that the contractors lose no time in furthering the work to the utmost of their ability.

The lecture-room and library of the present building have been ventilated within the present year; the imperfect structure of the rooms in this respect having previously rendered the air very oppressive at times to persons present. It is to be regretted, that, in this all important particular, buildings generally are so ill constructed, that much of the health and comfort of human beings is sacrificed for want of a free supply of fresh air, which the kindness of Providence has rendered almost as easy of attainment as it is indispensable to life.

Your committee recommend to their successors a revision of the rules before possession is taken of the new building, and the increase, at an early period, of the trustees to the full number provided.

The committee have met during the year sixteen times, and they hope that their labours have tended to the advantage of the institution, and met with the approbation of the members.

The treasurer's accounts for the year will be laid before you, and the committee also present a list of the books added to the library during the past year, as well as the few ordered by their predecessors, after the printing of the catalogue, forming, with it, a complete list of the books now in the library.

Donors to the Library: Mr. S. Tebay; Mr. William Kilner; Corporation of Preston.—*Donors to the Museum:* Miss Holden; Dr. Moore; John Paley, jun., Esq.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

CLASS 1.—ARTS AND SCIENCES.

557 D Abercrombie's Pathological Researches on the Brain and Spinal Cord, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - - - - 1841
89 B Addington's Abridgment of Penal Statutes, 1 vol. - - - 1786
847 C Attwood's Plan of Course of Lectures on Natural Philosophy, 1 vol. 1776
850 C Baker's Integration of Differentials by Geometry, 1 vol. - - 1843
803 C Bridge's Elementary Treatise on Algebra, 1 vol. - - - - 1815
73 E Busby's Catechism of Music, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1843
818 C Butler's Praxis on the Latin Prepositions, 1 vol. - - - - 1834
849 C Coddington's Elementary Treatise on Optics, 1 vol. - - - 1823
576 D Dodd's Days at the Factories, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1843
389 D Dick's Practical Astronomer, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1845
91 B Durham Goal, Act for the Erection of, 1 vol. - - - - 1809
805 C Farmer's, (The) Guide in Hiring and Stocking Farms, 2 vols.- - 1770
578 D Fetis's History of Music, 1 vol. - - - - - - - 1846
823 C Field's Chromatics; or the Analogy, Harmony, and Philosophy of Colours, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - - - 1845
841 C Field's Chromatography; or a Treatise on Colours and Pigments, and on their powers in painting, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1841
573 D Fichte's Destination of Man, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1846
843 C Genesius's Hebrew Grammer, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1839
297 E Hampton's Prosodia Construed, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1728
558 D Hodgkin on the Means of Promoting and Preserving Health, 1 vol. - 1841
391 D Kenrick's Essay on Primeval History, 1 vol.- - - - - 1846
817 C Kenrick's Exercises on Latin Syntax, 1 vol. - - - - - 1828
554 D Labour; an Essay on the Claims of, &c., 1 vol. - - - - 1845
808 C Land Tax; Observations upon the Act for the Redemption of, 1 vol.
561 D Lyne's Latin Primer, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - 1825
101 E O'Neil's Guide to Pictorial Art, 1 vol.- - - - - - -
*88 B Pugin's True Principles of Pointed or Christian Architecture, 1 vol.- 1841
175 E Recreations in Science, 1 vol. - - - - - - - -
840 C Reichenback's Abstract of Researches on Magnetism, 1 vol. - - 1846
*42 A Scott's Engineer's and Mechanic's Assistant; a Series of Plans, Sections, and Elevations of Steam Engines, &c., &c., &c., 1 vol. - 1846
563 D Sharpe on the use of the Definite Article, 1 vol. - - - - 1803
846 C Sigoni's Introduction a la Philosophie de Newton, 2 vols. - - 1747
848 C Simpson's Doctrine of Annuities and Reversions, 1 vol. - - - 1742
566 D Squire's Exercises for Greek Verse, 1 vol. - - - - - 1833
116 E Templeton's Guide to Oil Painting, 1 vol. - - - - - 1838
814 C Tuke's Agriculture of the North Riding of Yorkshire, 1 vol. - - 1800
565 D Valpy's Greek Exercises, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - 1842
822 C Vestiges of Natural History of Creation, 1 vol. - - - - 1845
797 C Wheat, a Treatise on the Culture of, 1 vol. - - - - - 1812

CLASS 2.—HISTORY.

TRAVELS, BIOGROPHY, &c.

844 C Bell's Life of Mary Queen of Scots, 1 vol. - - - - - 1844
559 D Bigland on the Study and Use of History, 1 vol. - - - - 1840
798 C Biographical Sketches of Eminent Persons, 1 vol. - - - 1795
227 D Borrow's Gypsies in Spain, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1846
816 C Brookes's General Gazetteer, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1773
813 C Cambrian Itinenary, 1 vol.- - - - - - - - -
577 D Carey's Life of William Carey, D.D., 1 vol. - - - - - 1837

838 C Chambers's Tour in Switzerland, 1 vol. - - - - - 1842
807 C Clény's Journal de la Captivite de Louis 16th., 1 vol. - - - 1798
826 C Currie's Life and Prose Works of Burns, 1 vol.- - - - - 1843
574 D Dickens's Pictures from Italy, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1846
800 C Douglas's Life of Professor Gellert, 3 vols. - - - - - 1805
575 D Eustace's Classical Tour through Italy, 3 vols. - - - - 1841
815 C Guthrie's Geographical, Historical, and Commercial Grammar, 2 vols. 1776
562 D Gazetteer of the Netherlands, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1794
269 D Hugo's, Victor, Rhine, 1 vol. - - - - - - - 1846
830 C Hutchinson, (Colonel) Memoirs of the Life of, by his Widow, 1 vol. 1839
201 C Inglis's Solitary Walks through Many Lands, 1 vol.- - - - 1843
69 C Laing's Notes of a Traveller, on the Social and Political state of France, Prussia, &c., &c., 1 vol. - - - - - - 1842
853 C Latrobe's Pedestrian; or a Summer's Ramble in the Tyrol, 1 vol. - 1802
835 C Malcome's Travels in the Burman Empire, 1 vol. - - - - 1840
836 C do. Hindustan and China, 1 vol. - - - 1840
837 C Mackenzie's Travels in Iceland, 1 vol. - - - - - 1842
94 B Martin's History of the British Colonies, 1 vol. - - - - 1843
569 D Massie's Summer Ramble in Belgium, Germany, & Switzerland, 1 vol. 1846
810 C Morris's Narrative of his Government of St. Vincent, 1 vol. - - 1787
100 D Moschelles' Life and Correspondence of Mozart, 2 vols. - - 1841
829 C Neal's History of the Puritans, 2 vols. - - - - - 1837
832 C Parker's Journey beyond the Rocky Mountains in 1835, 1836, and 1837, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - - - - 1841
802 C Potter's Antiquities of Greece, 2 vols. - - - - - 1764
824 C Prescott's History of the Conquest of Mexico, 3 vols. - - - 1843
553 D Ripa's, (Father) Residence at the Court of Pekin, 1 vol. - - 1844
258 D Southey's Cromwell and Bunyan, 1 vol. - - - - - 1846
794 C Stanley's Life of Dr. Arnold, 2 vols. - - - - - 1845
834 C The Sea; Narratives of Adventures and Shipwrecks, 1 vol. - - 1840
570 D Two Summers in Norway, 2 vols. - - - - - - -

CLASS 3.—POETRY AND THE DRAMA.

825 C Baillie's, Johanna, Fugitive Verses, 1 vol. - - - - - 1843
162 E Cornwall's, Barry, English Songs, 1 vol. - - - - - 1844
560 D Dodsley's Collection of Poems, 2 vols. - - - - - - 1758
393 D Hood's Poems, 2 vols. - - - - - - - - 1846
163 E Hunt's, Leigh, Poetical Works, 1 vol. - - - - - 1845
157 E Talfourd's Tragedies, Sonnets, and Verses, 1 vol. - - - - 1846
831 C Schiller's Tragedies, 1 vol.- - - - - - - - 1845

NOVELS, &c.

842 C Brunton's, Mrs., Self Controul, 1 vol. - - - - - 1839
116 C Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry, 2 vols. - - 1846
851 C „ Tales and Sketches of the Irish Peasantry, 1 vol. - - 1845
24 E Dickens's Cricket on the Hearth, 1 vol. - - - - - 1845
57 C „ Martin Chuzzlewit, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1844
854 C „ Nicholas Nickleby, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1839
855 C „ Old Curiosity Shop, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1840
856 C „ Barnaby Rudge, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1840
581 D Evenings with the Old Story Tellers, 1 vol. - - - - - 1845
390 D Galt's Works, 2 vols. - - - - - - - - - 1843
1. Annals of the Parish and Ayrshire Legatees.
2. Provost, and other Tales.
819 C Hunt's, L., 100 Romances of Real Life, 1 vol. - - - - 1846
279 D Jerrold's Candle's Curtain Lectures, 1 vol. - - - - - 1846
141 C Inglis's, H. D., Tales of Ardennes, 1 vol. - - - - - 1841
556 D Irving's, W., Bracebridge Hall, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1845
571 D Livonian Tales, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - - 1846
203 D Martineau's Hour and the Man, 1 vol. - - - - - 1845

244 D Martineau's Deerbrook, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - 1845
843 C Sedgwick's Linwoods, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - 1844
580 D Vathek, Castle of Otranto, and the Bravo of Venice, 1 vol. - - 1836
392 D Undine, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - - - - 1844

MISCELLANEOUS.

839 C Addison's Moral and Humorous Essays, 1 vol. - - - - 1839
*93 B Burke's Encyclopædia of Heraldry, 1 vol. - - - - - 1844
564 D Cambridge University Calendar, 1 vol. - - - - - 1842
555 D Chambers's Tracts, 12 vols. - - - - - - - 1846
811 C Church of England, an Essay on the Revenues of, 1 vol. - - 1795
796 C Douglas on the Advancement of Society in Knowledge and Religion, 1 vol. - - - - - - - - - - 1828
232 D Drinkwater's Siege of Gibralter, 1 vol. - - - - - 1846
579 D Ellis's Daughters of England, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1846
795 C Foster's Contributions to the Eclectic Review, 2 vols. - - - 1844
568 D Knight's Penny Magazine, 2 vols. - - - - - - 1846
833 C Hutton's Court of Requests, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1840
852 C Muller's Introduction to Mythology, 1 vol. - - - - - 1844
809 C Political Pamphlets, 1 vol., of - - - - - - - 1798
799 C Robinson's Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe, 1 vol. - - - - - - - 1846
857 C Sale's (Lady) Journal of the Disasters in Affghanistan, 1 vol. - 1845
801 C St. Paul's Cathedral, History and Description of, 1 vol. - - 1826
804 C Swinden's Enquiry into the Nature and Place of Hell, 1 vol. - - 1727
572 D Sketches of Popular Tumults, 1 vol. - - - - - - 1837

Those marked * do not circulate without the special consent of the committee.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

WERE PASSED :—

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be received, and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

2. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the donors to the library and museum.

3. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the year.

4. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Secretary, treasurer, curators, auditors, and committee, for their valuable services during the year.

5. That Thomas German Esq., Mayor of Preston, be appointed President for the ensuing year.

5. That Mr. Lawe be appointed Treasurer ; Mr. J. B. Booth, Secretary ; Mr. Hudson and Mr. Crane, Auditors ; Mr. John Bolton and Mr. J. Cooper, Curators ; and the following the Committee for the ensuing year (see list on the next page).

7. That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to John Paley, Jun., Esq., for his valuable services as President during the past year.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

President.

THOMAS GERMAN, ESQ.

Trustees.

JOHN ADDISON, ESQ.
B. F. ALLEN, ESQ.
T. GERMAN, ESQ.
R. W. HOPKINS, ESQ.
T. MILLER, ESQ.
J. PALEY, SENIOR, ESQ.

Curators.

MR. T. HOULKER.
MR. J. BOLTON.
DR. MOORE.
MR. J. COOPER.

Auditors.

MR. HUDSON.
MR. CRANE.

Committee.

MR. R. LAWE, Treasurer,
„ T. BREWER,
„ G. CARTWRIGHT,
„ J. CATTERALL,
„ W. COOPER,
„ W. DOBSON,
„ W. ESCOME,
„ T. DUCKETT,
„ R. FLAMANK,
„ R. GRADWELL,
„ J. GRUNDY,
MR. J. B. BOOTH, Secretary,
„ J. HESKETH,
„ M. HOLDEN,
„ R. JACKSON,
„ W. LIVESEY,
„ R. PARKER,
REV. E. D. RENDELL,
MR. R. SEGAR,
„ L. SPENCER,
„ D. WILCOCKSON,
„ C. WILSON.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution, from 1st October, 1845, to 30th September, 1846.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.	£.	s.	d.	Cr.	£.	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account..	42	11	5½	By Books, Binding, Printing, &c.....	76	13	11½
To General Subscriptions:—				„ Advertising & Circulars	4	3	0
1 Annual at £1 0s. 0d..	1	0	0	„ Transfer to Museum Fund.....	2	9	6
9 do. at 0 10 6 ...	4	14	6	„ Rent and Taxes.....	20	18	3
171 do. at 0 6 6 ...	55	11	6	„ Sundries viz:—Jobbing	2	6	10
299 Quarterly.....	97	4	9	Insurance.....	2	12	6
To Fines, (less 6d., error.)...	9	3	0	Gas and Water charges	7	6	11½
„ Catalogues.....	3	0	0	Lectures	3	1	0
„ Lectures and use of Lecture Room.....	0	19	6	Librarian's Salary.....	49	0	0
„ Books.....	0	1	2	do. Allowances for collecting	3	19	3
„ Tickets	0	4	2	„ Coals, Candles and Sundries	7	15	6½
„ Interest from Bank.....	2	9	3	„ Balance	36	12	6
	£216	19	3½		£216	19	3½

Museum Fund.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.	£.	s.	d.	Cr.	£.	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account.	1	8	9	By Balance.....	3	18	3
„ Transfer fron Gen. Acct.	2	9	6				
	£3	18	3		£3	18	3

General Balances.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.	£.	s.	d.	Cr.	£.	s.	d.
To Balance due to Gen. Acct.	36	12	6	By Balance with Lawe & Co.	38	14	0
„ Museum Fund	3	18	3	„ Treasurer's hands.....	1	16	9
	£40	10	9		£40	10	9

Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL CRANE,
J. HUDSON, } Auditors.

October 6th, 1846.

DOBSON, DILWORTH, AND DOBSON, CHRONICLE OFFICE, MARKET-PLACE, PRESTON.

W. H. Dobson

NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

HELD IN THE LECTURE ROOM, CANNON STREET,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5, 1847.

JOHN PALEY, JUNR., ESQ., MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was read:—

REPORT.

The Committee of the Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, at the close of their year of office, beg to present to the subscribers a review of their proceedings during the past year, with some account of the present position and future prospects of the Society.

Twelve months ago, the number of members was reported to be 548, being an increase of 108 over the average number of the preceding year.

The Committee have pleasure in reporting a further increase of 72, the total number of members being now 620—a larger number than has ever been attached to the institution since the first year after its commencement. The number of members of the different classes are:—Life, 66; Annual, 201; and 353 Quarterly. The number in each quarter of quarterly subscribers has been—October, 405; January, 439; April, 326; July, 281.

Although the unfortunate position of the commercial affairs of the country by diminishing the available resources of the people generally, may have prevented some few individuals joining, or drawn others from the society, your Committee do not consider the "bad times" to have exercised any unfavourable influence on the institution; indeed, perhaps the greater leisure allowed to operatives in slack periods is devoted by the more intelligent and provident to the advantages of the society.

It may not be out of place for the Committee to advert to the Ten Hours' Bill, that has long agitated the public mind, and which was long looked forward to with much anxiety and interest by large portions of the working classes, and which has now become law. It is not within the province of a report of this nature to speculate on the commercial or economical effects of this measure; but as two hours hitherto devoted to labour are now at the disposal of the operatives for relaxation, amusement, or the pursuit of knowledge, your Committee considered it advisable to circulate, extensively, among the factory population, a statement of the advantages of an institution of this nature, and urge upon them

the propriety of becoming members. The appeal has not been without its effects, but the Committee did not look for any great or immediate addition to the number of subscribers from this source. They have no doubt that gradually a great accession to the number of members will be received from the factory population, in consequence of a generally increasing feeling in favour of such societies among working people.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year has been 191, of which number 47 are donations, and 144 have been purchased by the Committee. A list of the books received during the year will be printed with the report, so that members will be enabled to perfect their catalogues to the present time.

The best thanks of the Committee are due to the following gentlemen who have kindly and gratuitously lectured to the members during the past year.

1846.

October	27.—On the Nature and Cultivation of the Human Voice, illustrated by several original and selected Songs.—A Piano-forte Accompaniment.	Mr. Richard Crowe.
November.		
"	10.—Poetical Readings—Young's Night Thoughts, Book 1.	" Vallet.
"	17.—On the Evidences of Design, evinced by a glance at the various peculiarities of structure and conformation in Birds and other Animals....	" Wm. Howitt.
"	24.—On the Mechanical Philosophy of the Nebular Hypothesis....	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
December	1.—On Education	Mr. W. Smith.
"	8.—On Natural History	Rev. Robert Lamb.
"	15.—On some of the Mental Faculties and their mode of operation	Mr. Corless.
1847.		
January	19.—On National Education; or, how to educate the people of a free country	Mr. Thomas Hogg.
"	26.—A Vocal and Instrumental Entertainment by several amateurs, assisted by some of the members of the Preston Catch and Glee Club.	
February	2.—On Lord Byron's Poem "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage," illustrated by Select Passages	Mr. C. Hardwick.
"	9.—Do. do. do. do.	"
"	23.—On History	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
March	2.—On the Characteristics and Tendencies of the present age	Mr. G. Dawson..
"	9.—On the moral influence of Poetry and Music	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
"	16.—On Education	Mr Baber.
"	23.—A Vocal and Instrumental Musical Entertainment.	
"	30.—Dramatic Reading	Mr. Nicholls.

The discourses were well attended, listened to with great attention, and, there is reason to believe, were attended with much practical good.

During the past year classes have met for the study of drawing, arithmetic and mathematics, vocal music, elocution, and phonography. The Committee, seeing the earnest desire which exists amongst the members, to avail themselves of the advantages of class instruction, have again to regret their inability to afford adequate accommodation for that purpose.

Mr. John Croft, the Librarian, resigned his office in the month of July, and your Committee have elected Mr. Charles Croft in his place, on the recommendation of a large number of the members of the institution, and believing him to be fully qualified for the office.

The annual soirée, which was held in November last, produced £18 5s. 3d. to the funds of the institution, after paying all its expenses; and arrangements have been made for holding a similar meeting in the course of the present month.

The best report which your Committee can present to you, as to the state and progress of the new building, is a reference to the erection itself.

This, it will be observed, is an exceedingly chaste and elegant structure, now covered in. It has been a work of considerable labour and anxiety for your Committee to bring it to the condition in which it now appears. The contractor for the masonry having failed, when little more than one-half of the work was completed, threw a responsibility upon them which was not anticipated. They, however, after due deliberation, determined to take the completion of the work into their own hands, and they are happy to say that they have, with the assistance of an able foreman, been enabled to finish it, as a sound and substantial building. The work is now stopped from the want of funds, but means are in progress to obtain a loan of £1,500, with which it is intended to pay for the ground, and devote the residue to the completion of such portion of the interior as may be most wanted for the purposes of the institution.

The Institution has suffered a severe loss in the death of the president, Thomas German, Esq., who had long been its valuable friend. Ever ready with his counsel and his purse, he contributed much to placing the institution in its present position; and the commencement of the new building was owing mainly, if not entirely to his exertions. The Committee deemed it due to the memory of the lamented gentleman to pass the following resolution on the melancholy occasion.

"The painful intelligence of the death of Thomas German, Esquire, the President, and one of the Trustees of this Institution, having been communicated to this meeting, the Committee desire to express their sorrow for the loss of so excellent and valuable a friend to the Institution; and also, to record that they have frequently enjoyed the benefit of his judicious and sensible advice, the example of his urbanity and gentleness, the encouragement of his courtesy, and easiness of access; to the good influence of his activity, on behalf of Literature, and the Arts, the solid advantages of his pecuniary assistance, and his sincere and affectionate readiness to be useful whensoever he was solicited. The Committee feel that in the decease of their President, the Town has lost a public benefactor, and the Institution one of its best and kindest friends."

The Committee have also to notice the death of Mr. Samuel Crane, who for many years had kindly fulfilled the duties of an Auditor of the Institution. The vacancy caused by his demise the Committee took upon themselves to fill up, and requested Mr. Houlker to go through the accounts, with Mr. Hudson, the remaining Auditor. They have also to record the death of Dr. Moore, one of the curators. He was one of the earliest friends of the institution, and for many years one of its most active supporters.

The Committee have not yet revised the rules, but several members of their body have important suggestions to make, which will be laid before the members at an early period.

It is now the duty of the members to supply the vacancies in the number of Trustees; but the Committee venture to suggest that this be postponed for a short time, when a special meeting may be held to appoint trustees and to alter the rules. There have been twenty-one meetings of the Committee during the past year.

The following have made donations to the library :—Miss Farington, A Lady, Mr. R. Boyd, Mr. W. Dobson, Mr. C. Wilson, Mr. John Walker, Mr. W. Clark, Mr. John Parkinson, Mr. Manchester, Rev. J. Clay, Mr. W. Smith, A Friend, Mr. J. B. Booth, Corporation of Preston, Essay Class, Mr. G. J. Flamank, Mr. Vallet, Mr. M. A. Motler. Donors to the Museum :—John Paley, Jun., Esq.; Thomas Norris, Esq.; Rev. E. D. Rendell, Mr. J. M. Brandreth, Mr Forshaw, Mr. James Hesketh, Mr. Allen, Mr. Holland, Mr. Robson. Mr. W. Livesey.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

WERE PASSED :—

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2.—That the thanks of the meeting be given to the donors to the Library and Museum.

3.—That the thanks of the meeting be given to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the year.

4.—That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Secretary, Treasurer, Curators, Auditors, and Committee, for their valuable services during the year.

5.—That the word "Secretary," in Rule 2, be altered to "Two Secretaries," and that Rules 3, 5, and 7 be altered accordingly.

6.—That John Bairstow, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

7.—That the following Gentleman be appointed Officers and Committee for the ensuing year. (See list.)

8.—That the appointment of additional Trustees be postponed.

9.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to John Paley, jun., Esq., Mayor, for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Institution Building Fund from its commencement in 1842.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Mr. Hargreave's Legacy ..	90	0	0	By Mr. Halliday for Ground Rents	77	4	0
— Exhibition	292	6	11	— John Dewhurst, Mason, on Acct. of Contract	1258	10	0
— Bank Interest	106	11	4	— John Gardner, Joiner, on Acct. of Contract	532	5	0
— Subscriptions	2164	11	6	— John Stephenson, Castings and Iron-work	36	5	3
— Tea Parties and Balls	83	19	0	— John Welch, Plans	50	0	0
— Proceed of Sale of Building Materials	49	10	6	— T. Fleming, Stone	33	16	11
— Hedley, &c., Carting	0	9	10	— T. Spencer, ditto	51	0	10
— Balance due to Lawe, Hudson, and Lawe	57	10	0	— J. Armitstead, Bricks	37	16	3
				— T. Duckett	30	0	0
				— G. Pye, Slater	40	0	0
				— J. Dewhurst, Plumber	100	0	0
				— Wages for work done	533	9	2½
				— Printing, Advertising, &c.	15	12	0
				— Sundries	47	12	9½
				— Cash in hand	1	6	10
	£2844	19	1		£2844	19	1
				Balance owing Bank	57	10	0

Examined and found correct.

RICHARD GRADWELL,
GEO. CARTWRIGHT,
} Auditors.

Oct. 4, 1847.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution from 1st October, 1846, to 30th September, 1847.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account....	36	12	6	By Books, Binding, &c.....	66	12	5
To General Subscriptions:—				— Printing, Advertising, and Circulars	9	7	3
1 Annual at £1..£1 0 0				— Transfer to Museum Fund	2	5	6
8 do. at 10s. 6d...£4 4 0				— Rent, Taxes, and Rent of Class-rooms.....	21	10	3
192 do. at 6s. 6d...£62 8 0				— Jobbing	1	0	2
353 Quarterly ..£115 9 8				— Insurance	2	12	6
	183	1	8	— Gas	4	7	3
To Fines.....	6	8	8	— Lectures and Concerts....	8	0	10
— Catalogues	2	6	6	— Librarian's Salary.....	49	0	0
— Lectures and use of Lecture room	0	12	0	— Ditto allowances	4	11	6
— Books	0	2	0	— Coals, Candles, Paper, Ink, &c.	8	13	1
— Tickets.....	0	3	7	— Balance	53	18	4
— Interest from Bank	2	12	2				
	£231	19	1		£231	19	1

Museum Fund.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account....	3	18	3	By Balance	6	3	9
— Transfer from General Acct.	2	5	6				
	£6	3	9		£6	3	9

General Balances.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance due to Gen. Acc..	53	18	4	By Cash with Lawe and Co...	60	2	1
— Museum Fund.....	6	3	9				
	£60	2	1		£60	2	1

Examined and found correct.

J. HUDSON,
THOS. HOULKER, } Auditors.

October 4, 1847.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

President.

JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ.

Trustees.

JOHN ADDISON, ESQ.
B. F. ALLEN, ESQ.
R. W. HOPKINS, ESQ.
T. MILLER, ESQ.
J. PALEY, SEN., ESQ.

Curators.

MR. T. HOULKER.
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MR. J. HESKETH.

Auditors.

MR. HUDSON.
MR. HOULKER.

Committee.

MR. R. LAWE, TREASURER,

MR. J. B. BOOTH, MR. JOHN CATTERALL, } SECRETARIES.

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301	E	——— ——— Lessons on Reasoning, 1 vol.	1844
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303	E	——— ——— on Christian Evidences, 1 vol.	1845

889 C Wiseman's Lectures on the Connexion between Science and Revealed Religion, 1 vol. 1842
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605 D China and the Chinese, 1 vol. 1844
621 D Costello's Falls, Lakes, and Mountains of North Wales, 1 vol. 1845
596 D Eothen, 1 vol. 1847
618 D Eventful Life of a Soldier, 1 vol. 1845
614 D Ford's Gatherings from Spain, 1 vol. 1846
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622 D Gorden's Sketches of German Life, &c., 1 vol. 1847
585 D Head's Journeys Across the Pampas and among the Andes, 1 vol. 1845
900 C Lives of Eminent and Illustrious Englishmen, 8 vols. 1836
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583 D Melvill's Marquesas Islanders, 1 vol. 1846
587 D Mann's Educational Tour, 1 vol. 1846
873 D Mc.Crie's Life of John Knox, 1 vol. 1846
584 D St. John's Wild Sports and Natural History of the Highlands, 1 vol. 1846
895 C Surtees's Lives of Lords Stowell and Eldon, 1 vol. 1846
603 D Taylor's History of Christianity, 1 vol. 1844

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607 D Byron's Poems, 8 vols. 1823
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3 The Giaour, Bride of Abydos, Corsair.
4 Lara, Siege of Corinth, Parisina, The Prisoner of Chillon, Beppo, Mazeppa.
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6 Marino Faliero.
7 Sardanapalus, Prophecy of Dante.
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625 D Motler's Poems, 1 vol. 1846
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4 Rienzi.
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612 D Goethe's Wilhelm Meister, 3 vols. 1845
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592 D Brand's Popular Antiquities, 3 vols. 1841
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96 B People's Journal, 2 vols. 1846
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598 D Smith's Irish Diamonds, 1 vol. 1847
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624 D Waverley Anecdotes, 1 vol. 1843

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

HELD IN THE LECTURE ROOM, CANNON STREET,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 3rd, 1848.

JOHN BAIRSTOW, Esq., in the Chair.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was read:—

REPORT.

"Time, in his revolving flight, has brought round another season for your committee to report their proceedings, and to present, as their last official duty, an account of the state and prospects of your Institution. The heading of this—*the twentieth*, however, suggests matter for more than an ordinary report, and if reflection could be indulged, would lead to very grave inquiries:—What has the institution done? How has its purpose been fulfilled? Granting that much good has been effected in meliorating the moral condition of the working classes, and that the community at large has been thereby benefitted, yet, in *twenty years*—the fifth portion of a century!—how much more might, and ought to have been accomplished? And, what are now the prospects for its continuance and future usefulness? Let those to whom "the talents" have been entrusted ponder on *these things*.

"Your committee lament that the high position attained by the institution, in regard to the number of its members, as reported at your last annual meeting, has not been maintained; and they are consequently compelled to believe that the general critical state of commercial affairs, during the past year, has produced an unfavourable influence on the institution. Nevertheless, it is con-

gratulatory to add that a greater number of members still remain than at any period preceding the year ending October, 1847, since that of 1829; and they are induced to hope that the thirst for knowledge among the working population is in no degree abated.

"The average number of members on the books for the year is 557; of which 64 are life members, 186 annual, and 307 quarterly. The periodical number quarterly has been as follows:—Commencing October, 365; January, 352; April, 275; and July, 237; which, on comparison with the corresponding periods of last year, will be found a falling off, in the October quarter, of 40; January, 87; April, 51; and July, 44. The knowledge that a proportionate decrease has been experienced in similar institutions in all manufacturing towns tends much to console your committee with a belief that the loss now lamented will be but temporary.

"The library now contains 4,140 volumes, 246 of which have been added during the past year, namely—49 by presentation and 197 by purchase. Your committee refer with much pleasure to the great accession thus made by a comparatively small expenditure. But it is their painful duty also to report that, by recent survey, it has been discovered that numerous works are missing from the shelves of the library, which are not traceable into the hands of members. Your committee have directed considerable attention to this important fact, with a view to ascertain the practicability of their recovery; and have matured and put in force a system of bookkeeping by which any future defalcation will be immediately detected, and the waste of property, hereafter, to a great extent, prevented. The museum has also been considerably augmented by purchases at the sale of the effects of the late Dr. Moore, so long one of the curators, —of whom it may truly be said that, living and dying, he benefitted the institution.

"The donors to the library (to whom the thanks of your committee have been respectfully and respectively tendered) are John Bairstow, Esq.; the Corporation of Preston; Mr. R. Hindle; Mr. C. Hindle; Mr. Latham; Mr. Jas. Hesketh; Mr. M. A. Motler; Mrs. C. Tinsley; Mr. H. Oakey; and Mr. John Manchester. Donations to the museum and laboratory have also been received (and respectfully acknowledged, with the thanks of the committee) from Mr. W. Davis, Mr. T. Oddie, Mr. J. Cooper, Mr. J. B. Booth, Mr. Clipsham (of Manchester), Miss Farington (of Worden), Mr. A. H. Cameron, and Mr. Eastham.

"Eighteen lectures were delivered to the members of the institution, during the two sessions of the past year, all of which, with the exception of two, 'On Physiology and the Prevention of Disease,' by Mr. Gracy, were gratuitously delivered. The members, therefore, owe a debt of obligation to the following gentlemen, for the manner in which they respectively ministered to their gratification and instruction:—namely, to Mr. Higgins, 'On the nature and objects of Poetry;' two lectures.—Mr. T. Hall, jun., 'On Chemistry, in application to Agriculture and Physiology;' two lectures.—Mr. H. Peet, 'The objects to be aimed at in training the youthful mind.'—Mr. J. Lloyd, 'On the Ancient History of Great Britain, and the customs, manners, &c., of its primitive inhabitants;' two lectures.—Mr. John Burton, 'An exposition of the history of Painting, Sculpture, and Archi-

tecture in England, from the Anglo-Saxon period;' two lectures.—Mr. Moses Holden, 'On the recent discovery of an unknown Planet.'—Mr. E. Brown, 'On Chemical affinity.'—Mr. J. Brown, 'On the Chemical agencies of Light and Heat.'—Mr. M. A. Motler, Readings and Recitations, and a lecture 'On the laws of Gravitation, and how they affect the universe.'—Mr. W. Howitt, 'On the Evidences of Design evinced by a glance at the various peculiarities of structure and conformation in some of the lower animals.'—Mr. Richard Veevers, 'On Agriculture.'

"Three lectures, 'On Phrenology,' were delivered by Mr. Hicks (in addition to the above), in August last, to which the members were admitted free, and for which your committee contributed the sum of £1 15s., towards the expenses of printing and advertising thereby incurred. Three other lectures, 'On Mesmerism,' were afterwards delivered, by the same gentleman, without cost to the institution, further than the use of the lecture-room, to which the members were admitted at half price.

"A conversazione was held in the Lecture-room, on the 7th December last,—a new and experimental feature in the entertainments prepared for the members, which proved highly satisfactory to an excessively crowded assembly.

"With a view to draw forth any latent germs of literary and scientific excellence among the members, your committee were induced to issue proposals for the distribution of three silver medals, as honorary rewards to authors of the best essays on the following subjects, viz.,—1. 'The Influence of Periodical Literature on the middle and operative classes of society.' 2. 'The Influence of Railway Engineering on the development of other branches of science.' 3. 'The connexion of the Fine Arts with the progress of civilization.' But no essay has been received on any of the subjects proposed.

"Classes have met during the past year for mutual instruction in Vocal Music, Drawing, and the French language; but these classes, although sanctioned by your committee, are not educationally under their control. It is not, therefore, within the province of your committee to report on the proficiency such classes may have acquired. It is still hoped, however, that 'the time is not far distant when classes, conducted by efficient teachers, under the superintendence of the committee, will add much to the usefulness of the institution.'

"The funds of the institution have been increased by the liberal donation of £10 by James Heywood, Esq., M.P., a gentleman who has on numerous occasions proved himself a genuine friend to the education of 'the people.' For this donation Mr. Heywood has been entered on the list of life-members, and a card of such membership accompanied the thanks of the committee in acknowledgment of his bounty. The further sum of £2 has been added to the funds, as the clear profit of the annual public soiree held in the Corn Exchange in November last.

"The building fund has been improved by the munificent donations of £50 from John Bairstow, Esq., (that gentleman's third donation); £25 from the executors of the lamented Thomas German, Esq.; £25 from J. G. Fisher, Esq.; £25 from Dr. Winstanley; £20 from C. P. Grenfell, Esq., M.P.; and 15s. from the treasurer of the Phonographic class, being the amount of balance in

hand on its breaking up: to the gentlemen above-named a debt of gratitude, too full for words, is justly due.

"Your committee feel most painfully the circumstances in which the members are placed, with regard to the building erected for the purposes of the Institution, at Avenham. In reference to this subject, the report of last year contained the following clause:—'The best report which your committee can present to you, as to the state and progress of the new building, is a reference to the erection itself.' Unfortunately, this year, a reference to the state and progress of the erection itself, is *the worst report* which your committee can present to you. Finding more claims upon the building fund than means were left to liquidate, no work has been done towards the completion of the building since your committee were elected. The expectation of obtaining a loan has not been realized; a heavy ground-rent is accumulating; and every effort which your committee have so strenuously tried towards 'the consummation so devoutly to be wished,' seems to have been paralyzed and of non-effect. That such a structure—unquestionably the *pride of Preston*, as an architectural embellishment—erected on such a site, and for such a purpose, should remain in its present unfinished and untenantable state, is to be deplored by the whole community, and cries loudly for an extension of aid in its behalf. Your committee have, therefore, instituted arrangements which they are willing to hope will be efficiently carried out by their successors, for holding a bazaar in the spring of the ensuing year. Many contributions have been already promised, and it is confidently trusted that *the brave* and *the fair* will vie with each other in support of an object having in view the social blessing of generations living and unborn. But, however sanguine your committee may be in the results of the bazaar, it would be futile to expect that a sum adequate to the exigencies of the Institution may be realized from that source; and, whilst putting their own shoulders to the wheel, although not forgetful of past liberality, they still pray that some individual among the affluent of this large and increasing commonwealth, may yet dare to proclaim his own true nobility, by setting the Institution free. Wealth can procure no luxury equal to 'the luxury of doing good.'

"Death has deprived the Institution of another of its old and tried friends, in the late Mr. Hudson, who, for many years, filled the office of an auditor. The vacancy caused by that gentleman's demise has been filled up, *pro tem.*, by the election of Mr. Richard Threlfall, jun., to act in conjunction with Mr. Houlker.

"Mr. Cooper, who has ably performed the duties of one of the curators of the Institution during the space of four years, and of whose services your committee feel a grateful sense of obligation, has resigned his office, in consequence of an appointment in a similar institution at Warrington. The thanks of the committee have been presented to Mr. C., and their best wishes accompany him on his removal. A deeper cause has compelled your committee to accept the resignation of Mr. J. B. Booth, the principal honorary secretary during the last three years,—namely, the critical state of that gentleman's health, and the absolute necessity for his withdrawal from active duties. A vote of thanks has been tendered; but your committee feel such vote to be a very inadequate

expression of the regard due to Mr. B., for his untiring assiduity in the discharge of his duties, and for the peculiar interest displayed by him towards the well-being of the Institution.

"Mr. John Catterall, who has rendered essential service to your committee, in the capacity of junior honorary secretary, during the past year, has also resigned office, in consequence of other pressing engagements. The only reward at the disposal of your committee (their thanks) has been conferred upon Mr. C., accompanied by a sincere expression of their regret for the loss of his services as secretary.

"Your committee have carefully revised the rules of the institution, in accordance with the resolution of a former annual meeting. They recommend those now in force to be rescinded, on and from the first Tuesday in October, next after entering into occupation of the new building, and the enactment at this meeting of those which have been duly exhibited in the reading-room during the space of one month previous to this meeting.

"The accounts for the year will be laid before you, together with a list of additions to the library, the museum, and the laboratory, since the last report.

"Your committee have met twenty-one times during the year, and trust their labours have tended to advance the best interests of the institution."

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED:—

1.—That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be received and printed under the direction of the Committee.

2.—That the thanks of the meeting be given to the donors to the Library and Museum.

3.—That the thanks of the meeting be given to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the year.

4.—That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Secretary, Treasurer, Curators, Auditors, and Committee, for their valuable services during the year.

5.—That T. Birchall, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

6.—That the following gentlemen be appointed Officers and Committee for the ensuing year. (See list.)

7.—That the following gentlemen be additional Trustees, viz.:—William Ainsworth, Esq., Mr. Robert Ascroft, John Bairstow, Esq., Mr. Thomas Brewer, Mr. Lawrence Dobson, James German, Esq., Mr. John Goodair, C. R. Jacson, Esq., Robert Lawe, Esq., Mr. John James Myres, Richard Newsham, Esq., John Paley, jun., Esq., Mr. Robert Parker, John Stevenson, Esq., and William Taylor, Esq.

8.—That the present rules be rescinded on the first Tuesday in October, after entering upon the occupation of the new building; and that the rules which had been duly exhibited in the reading-room of the Institution, during the space of one month previous to this meeting, be enacted, and come into operation at the aforesaid time.

9.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to John Bairstow, Esq., for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution, from 1st October, 1847, to 30th September, 1848.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account	53	18	4	By Books, Binding, &c.....	90	11	11
To General Subscriptions :—				„ Printing, Advertising, and Circulars.....	12	12	11
viz., 8 Annually, at 10s. 6d...	4	4	0	„ Transfer to Museum Fund	11	12	0
181 ditto, at 6s. 6d.....	58	17	6	„ Rent and Taxes.....	20	0	3
296 Quarterly.....	96	15	11½	„ Jobbing.....	6	4	11
To Fines.....	4	6	4	„ Insurance.....	2	12	6
„ Catalogues.....	1	2	6	„ Gas Company.....	5	2	3
„ Proceeds of Lectures.....	0	5	0	„ Lectures.....	3	17	0
„ Books.....	0	2	6	„ Librarian's Salary.....	50	0	0
„ Tickets.....	0	1	8	„ Do.'s allowance on subscriptions.....	3	19	9
J. Heywood, Esq., M.P., life ticket and donation.....	10	0	0	„ Coals, Candles, &c.....	7	10	2
To Interest from Bankers...	2	8	11	„ Half expense of drawing up Librarian's Surety-ship Bond.....	1	12	2
				„ Balance.....	16	6	10½
	£232	2	8½		£232	2	8½

MUSEUM FUND.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last year.....	6	3	9	By Cash paid for purchases..	9	17	6
„ Transfer from General Account.....	11	12	0	„ Ditto for repairs.....	2	0	10
				„ Balance.....	5	17	5
	£17	15	9		£17	15	9

GENERAL BALANCES.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance due to General Account.....	16	6	10½	By Lawe and Co.....	22	4	4
„ Balance due to Museum Fund.....	5	17	5				
„ Balance due to Treasurer	0	0	0½				
	£22	4	4		£22	4	4

ROBERT LAWE,
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Examined and found correct.

THOS. HOULKER,
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CLASS 1.—ARTS AND SCIENCES.

*109	B	Ainsworth's Latin and English Dictionary, 1 vol	1836
908	C	Adams's Astronomical Essays, 1 vol	1789
910	C	„ Lectures on Natural and Experimental Philosophy 5 vols	1794
916	C	Airy's Mathematical Tracts, 1 vol	1831
648	D	Abbat's Calculus of Variations, 1 vol	1841
921	C	Bland's Philosophical Problems, 1 vol	1830
934	C	Bonnycastle's Trigonometry, 1 vol	1813
679	D	„ Introduction to Mensuration, 1 vol	1812
937	C	Bell's Anatomy and Physiology, 3 vols	1816
938	C	Berry's Rudiments of Heraldry, 1 vol	1810
951	C	Burrow's Elements of Conchology, 1 vol	1818
952	C	Burr's Study of Geology, 1 vol	1836
933	C	Cresswell's Suppliment to the Elements of Euclid, 1 vol	1819
647	D	Chambers's Introduction to Arithmetic, 1 vol	1843
671	D	Coffin's Botanic Guide to Health, 1 vol	1847
653	D	Coleridge's Aids to Reflection, 2 vols	1843
*955	C	Cuvier's Animal Kingdom, 16 vols	
674	D	Conversations on Geology, 1 vol.	1828
651	D	D'Orsey's Introduction to English Grammar, 1 vol	1845
684	D	„ English Grammar and Composition, 2 vols	1845
681	D	Dialogues on Entomology, 1 vol	1819
915	C	Euler's Letters on Physics and Philosophy, 1 vol	1795
922	C	Essays on Gothic Architecture, 1 vol	1802
102	B	Fine Arts' Journal, 1 vol	1847
106	B	Ferguson's Astronomy, 1 vol	1673
652	D	Graham's Exercises on Etymology, 2 vols	1843
919	C	Gregory's Examples of Differential and Integral Calculus, 1 vol	1841
914	C	Hutton's Philosophical Tracts, 3 vols	1812
*107	B	„ „ Dictionary, 2 vols	1815
317	E	Hill's Educational Monitor, 1 vol	1847
673	D	Joyce's Practical Chemical Mineralogy, 1 vol	1825
680	D	„ Arithmetic and Key, 2 vol	1837
663	D	Jacobs's Self-Instructing Latin Classic, 1 vol	1841
676	D	Jackson's Rational Amusements, 1 vol	1821
113	B	Jameson's Mineralogical Travels, 1 vol	1813
929	C	Kuhff's Calculus of Finite Differences, 1 vol	1831
950	C	Lindley's Guide to the Orchard and Kitchen Garden, 1 vol	1831
672	D	Lowrey's Conversations on Mineralogy, 2 vols	1822
678	D	Letters on Entomology, 1 vol	1825
644	D	Marr's Arithmetic Theoretical and Practical, 1 vol	1847
917	C	Maddy's Elements of the Theory of Astronomy, 1 vol	1832

918	C	Moseley's Treatise on Hydrostatics and Hydrodynamics, 1 vol	1830
932	C	Milner's Ecclesiastical Architecture of England, 1 vol	1835
911	C	Newton's Treatise on Optics, 1 vol	1721
912	C	„ Universal Arithmetic, 1 vol	1769
913	C	„ Principia, three first sections of, 1 vol	1837
924	C	„ Lunar Theory, 1 vol	1834
925	C	„ Principia, 1 vol	1830
927	C	„ Philosophical Discoveries, 1 vol	1765
105	B	„ Philosophy, by Pemberton, 1 vol	1728
928	C	„ Principles of Philosophy, 1 vol	1730
*110	B	Nicholson, on the Construction of Staircases and Hand-rails, 1 vol	1847
944	C	Nichol's History of the Planet Neptune, 1 vol	1848
909	C	Playfair's Outlines of Natural Philosophy, 2 vols	1819
104	B	Priestley's History of Vision, Light, and Colours, 1 vol	1772
947	C	Plattner, on the Use of the Blow-pipe, 1 vol	1845
* 51	B	Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, from 1801 to 1830, 30 vols	
683	D	Rosenmüller's Mineralogy and Botany of the Bible, 1 vol	1840
949	C	Rumford's Essays—Political, Economical, and Philosophical, 3 vols	1800
634	D	Staunton's Hand-book of Chess, 1 vol	1847
920	C	Sopwith's Treatise on Isometrical Drawing, 1 vol	1834
926	C	Simpson's Doctrine and Application of Fluxions, 1 vol	1805
930	C	„ Exercises for Coung Mathematicians, 1 vol	1810
931	C	„ Treatise of Algebra, 1 vol	180
* 47	A	Stuart's and Reeves's Athens, 1 vol	1762
312	E	Tables of Logarithms, 1 vol	1839
906	C	Turner's Chemistry, by Liebig and Gregory, 1 vol	1847
675	D	Taylor's Curiosities in Natural History, 1 vol	1819
677	D	Topham's Epitome of Chemistry, 1 vol	1822
923	C	Wallace's Mathematical Tables, 1 vol	1830
662	D	Walker's English Themes and Essays, 1 vol	1842
*115	B	Woodville's Medical Botany, 4 vols	1810

CLASS 2.—HISTORY, TRAVELS, BIOGRAPHY, &c.

636	D	Anderson's True Story of my Life, 1 vol.	1847
646	D	Alison's History of Europe from 1789 to 1815, 20 vols	1848
935	C	Archenholz's History of Gustavus Vasa, 1 vol	1843
314	E	Back Woods of Canada, 1 vol	1844
666	D	Bamford's Life of a Radical, 2 vols	1844
680	C	Brougham's Historical Sketches of the Statesmen of the time of George III., 3 volumes	1848
		Vol. 3,—French Revolution, Robespiere, Danton, Camille Desmoulins, Siéys, Fouché, John, fourth Duke of Bedford; Earl of Camden, John Wilkes, Demagogue Arts, Lord Ellenborough, Lord Chief Justice Bushe, Thomas Jefferson, American Democracy, Marquess Wellesley, Lord Holland, John Allen, Walpole, Bolingbroke.	
660	D	Chambers's History of the Rebellion of 1745-6, 1 vol	1847
903	D	Cromwell's Letters and Speeches, by T. Carlyle, 3 vols	1835
631	D	Ellis's Summer and Winter in the Pyrenees, 1 vol	1847
661	D	Edwards's Voyage up the River Amazon, 1 vol	1847

630 D Fairholt's Home of Shakspere, 1 vol 1847
657 D Giles's Six old English Chronicles, 1 vol..... 1848
659 D „ Chronicles of the Kings of England, 1 vol..... 1847
664 D Gleig's Story of the Battle of Waterloo, 1 vol. 1847
655 D Irby and Mangle's Travels, 1 vol..... 1847
658 D Life of Sheridan, 1 vol..... 1848
945 C Prior's Life of Goldsmith, 2 vols..... 1837
911 C Rush's residence at the Court of London—second series—2 vols..... 1845
654 D Ruxton's Adventures in Mexico and the Rocky Mountains, 1 vol..... 1847
517 D Strickland's Lives of the Queens of England, 5 vols..... 1845-6-7-8
Vols. 8,—Henrietta Maria, Catharine of Braganza.
9,—Mary Beatrice, of Modena.
10,—Mary Beatrice continued; Mary II.
11,—Mary II., continued; Anne.
12,—Anne.
936 C Sprat's History of the Royal Society, 1 vol..... 1667
116 B Sketches of the Invasions upon the British Islands, 1 vol..... 1803
103 B Thomson's History of the Royal Society, 1 vol..... 1812
904 C Twiss's Life of Lord Eldon, 3 vols..... 1814

CLASS 3.—POETRY AND THE DRAMA.

948 C Byron's Poems, 6 vols 1845
1 Childe Harold.
2 „ continued, The Giaour, and The Bride of Abydos.
3 The Corsair, Zara, Siege of Corinth, Parisina, Prisoner of Chilon, Beppo.
4 Mazeppa, Manfred, Hebrew Melodies, &c.
5 Marino Faliero, Prophecy of Dante, Cain.
6 Sardanapulus, The Two Foscari.
645 D Cook's (Eliza) Poems, 2 vols..... 1847
315 E Cunningham's Poems and Songs, 1 vol..... 1847
514 D Goethe's Faust (second part) 1 vol 1842
665 D Hogg's Poems, 3 vols 1838
320 E Mackay's Town Lyrics, 1 vol 1848
658 D Sheriden's Dramatic Works, 1 vol 1848
637 D Songs of England and Scotland, 2 vols 1835
319 E Tinsley's Lays, 1 vol..... 1848

NOVELS, &c.

318 E Camp of Refuge, 1 vol 1844
668 D Coopers Last of the Mohicans, 1 vol 1839
669 D „ Spy, 1 vol 1839
670 D „ Pioneers, 1 vol 1836
629 D Dickens's Pickwick Papers, 1 vol 1847
685 D „ Nicholas Nickleby, 1 vol 1848
953 C „ Dombey and Son, 1 vol..... 1848
479 D Doctor (The), vols. 6 and 7, 2 vols 1847
635 D Ellis's Temper and Temperament, 2 vols 1847
902 C Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield, 1 vol..... 1838

940 C Hunt's (Leigh) Jar of Honey, 1 vol 1848
905 C Hood's Whimsicalities, 2 vols 1844
639 D Howitt's (Mary) Wood Leighton, 1 vol 1847
628 D Highways and Byways, 1 vol 1847
321 E Lamb's Tales from Shakspeare, 1 vol 1837
642 D The Collegians, 1 vol 1847
638 D Tom Cringle's Log, 1 vol 1845
641 D The Wayside Cross, 1 vol 1847
656 D The Foresters, 1 vol 1845
943 C Warren's Now and Then, 1 vol 1848

MISCELLANEOUS.

942 C Bentham's (Jeremy) Works, 1 vol 1838
640 D Burrit's (Elihu) Sparks from the Anvil, 1 vol 1847
103 B Critic (The), 2 vols 1847
660 D Chambers's (Robert) Select Writings, 7 vols 1847
Vols. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Essays on Familiar and Philosophical Subjects.
5 History of the Rebellion of 1745—6.
6 Traditions of Edinburgh.
7 Popular Rhymes of Scotland.
318 E Chambers's Library for the Young .....
939 C Hindle, on the Expenditure of the County of Lancaster, 1 vol 1843
316 E Hamilton's Gymnastics, 1 vol..... 1840
633 D Knight's Half-hours with the best Authors, 4 vols 1848
632 D Leathem's Lectures to Mechanics' Institutions, 2 vols 1845
907 C Practice in the Court of Exchequer, 1 vol 1831
*112 B Parliamentary Gazeteer, 4 vols 1843
117 B Sharp's Magazine, 2 vols. 1848
114 B Statutes of the Royal Society, 1 vol..... 1819
111 B The Land we Live in, 2 vols..... 1848
946 C Trials concerning the Massacre at Peterloo, 1 vol .....

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

For the Diffusion of Knowledge,

HELD IN THE THEATRE, NEW BUILDING, AVENHAM,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 2nd, 1849,

THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year was read :—

REPORT.

"In presenting this Report for the past year, the Committee, whilst regretting their inability to state much of an increased extension of the educational advantages of the Institution, cannot, from the proceedings that have occupied their attention, find any cause for dejection. The frequent complaints that have, for many years, been made of the unfitness of the late apartments for holding the Institution, have, of course, been continued.

"And, the Committee are willing to believe, that it is in some measure owing to the want of better accommodation, that the Reading-room, Lecture-room, and Classes, have not had better attendance. Small, however, though the space allotted for readers may have been, and confined, and unwholesome as the apartment was, the number of earnest members often attending, tells hopefully for the future.

"Partly from the causes above-named, the number of members has only slightly increased over last year. It is not, however, wholly attributable to those causes. To maintain the efficiency of the Institution, and to prevent its being degraded into a mere circulating library of an indifferent stamp, your Committee, after mature consideration, are convinced, that the ordinary rate of subscription is too low. The small additions to the library which have yearly been made, are not commensurate with the demands of the readers. After

supplying periodicals for the reading-table—binding and repairing books—and discharging the current expenses of the Institution, but little has been left for expenditure in the supply of additional standard works. Those who are in the habit of making use of the Library are well aware, that the stock of standard works is insufficient; and some individuals, your Committee regret, make this complaint an excuse for witholding their support.

"All intelligent strangers, who have had the opportunity of observing the working of kindred Institutions, concur with the Committee in these sentiments. It is to be hoped that the Report at the close of the ensuing year, will, through greater means being placed at the Committee's disposal, be one of satisfactory progression.

"The number of members has averaged 560 throughout the year; of whom 62 are members for life, 197 annual, and 301 quarterly on an average. The members for the several quarters commencing as follows, have been

October....	322	April....	309
January....	364	July.....	270

shewing as usual a falling off in the summer season.

"It does not appear to your Committee, that the late boon to the working classes—the ten hours bill—has yet had any traceable effect in increasing the number of members. Whilst lamenting this fact, they can only believe, that it is in a great measure owing to the backwardness of education amongst that numerous branch of the operative class, for whom that law was designed; time may, happily, remedy the evil. An extension of the blessings of education in early life to the children of the working classes will, doubtless, have the effect of training many to seek for self-education, as they become possessed of maturer judgement. Frivolous occupations, or amusements of a kind that produce no present or ultimate good, sought after merely to fill up vacant hours, are obvious proofs of a mind untrained. And, although the Institution has never administered its advantages at anytime, to more than 620 members per annum in a population of 60,000, it is very gratifying that there is such a resort, where all who value self-culture, can freely seek it. It therefore behoves those, who feel a warm interest in extending its usefulness, to use every effort that none may remain in ignorance of the existence of its valuable opportunities. Many members, they trust, may be added by the adoption of this suggestion.

"The library now contains 4,392 volumes, of which 228 have beeen purchased during the past year, and 24 added as donations. A list of those acquired will as usual, be printed, and appended to the report.

"Your Committee have met 25 times during the past year, and the average attendance at each meeting has been 16 individuals, from which a conclusion may be drawn that the Institution has not lacked the time, and attendance, of the majority of those, to whom its management has been entrusted.

"The ordinary system of affording Lectures during the winter season has been continued. In January a *conversazione* was held for the second time with a very satisfactory effect to a numerous audience. The following is a list of the lectures delivered :—

On the Solar System, as to its general characteristics, and theory of developement, by..... *Mr. S. Beswick.*
A paper on Apparitions, by..... *Mr. Simpson.*
A Survey of the labours of Sir Humphrey Davy, by..... *Mr. E. Brown.*
On Agriculture, by..... *Mr. Rd. Veevers.*
Readings from Hazlitt's lectures on the English Poets, by *T. Birchall, Esq.*
On the Late Hour system of business, by the..... *Rev. J. Jenkins.*
On the Influence of Woman on Society, by the.. *Rev. Woodville Woodman.*
On the Chemistry of the Atmosphere, and its importance in the Economy of the Earth, by..... *Mr. James Brown.*
On Electricity, by..... *Mr. J. J. Myres.*
An Exposition of the history of Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture in England, from the Anglo-Saxon period, by..... *Mr. Jno. Burton.*
A selection of readings—Beauties of the modern minor poets, and of the fugitive poetry of Great Britain, etc., by *Mr. Jno. Burton.*
The importance of Chemistry, and its connexion with the Arts and Manufactures, by..... *Mr James Brown.*
On the art of Public Speaking, by..... *Mr. Isaac Lloyd.*
On the common origin of the Human Race, by the.... *Rev. W. Walters.*
On the Intellectual Characteristics of the Sexes, by the *Rev. E. D. Rendell.*
On the Senses, by the..... *Rev. Jas. Spence.*
Historical notices of English Poets and Poetry, by.... *Mr. J. F. Higgins*
On Literary Impostures, by..... *Mr. Jas. Crompton.*

They have all been gratuitously delivered, and the Lecturers deserve the gratitude of the members for their exertions in affording them further opportunities for acquiring information. They have, however, been almost exclusively attended by members. The sum of 13*s.* 6*d.* is all that the funds have been increased by the admission of non-members.

"Your Committee would here remind the members that other lectures than gratuitous cannot be obtained from the present state of the finances. Professional lecturers your Committee dare not venture to engage without greater available funds being at their disposal.

"The Committee have been disposed to afford the usual facilities for holding classes, which have not, they regret to add, been satisfactorily attended. Only two have continued in existence for vocal music, and drawing ; the latter department under the efficient management of Mr. Ferguson, whose indefatigable exertions, under such discouragement, deserve commendation.

"The members of the Institution will, of course, be prepared to expect, that the Museum has not received much attention during the past year. It is obvous that any labour and expence in its arrangement would have been uselessly spent, in consequence of its removal being definitely expected. Should the state of the finances at the disposal of your Committee for next year, be sufficient to permit the needful expenditure, the Committee would recommend that their successors be instructed to proceed with its arrangement, so soon as the dryness of the recently plastered rooms will safely admit of its reception.

"The annual Soiree was held in October last, and the clear proceeds amounting to £8. 16*s*. 4*d*. were placed to the Bazaar account. A numerous and gratified company appeared to enjoy this annual re-union.

"One of the best features within the precincts of your Committee's report is the bazaar, in aid of the funds for completing the new building, held in April ast. For this they claim small credit to themselves. But as a fact connected vith Institutions, it stands unrivalled. It reflects the highest credit on all classes, without distinction. It has assured the Committee that the object for which it was held, is highly and creditably appreciated; and, however unfavourably previous reports have stated progress, they feel flattered your future Committees will have the honor to count upon greater numbers, and announce greater usefulness. From the proceeds of the Bazaar, £1700. were handed over, clear of expences, in aid of the Building Fund, and proudly placed at once the greatest ornament of the Town, and the chief attraction to all classes in common, in a position for its completion. The Committee feel, that in thus presenting so favourable a paragraph, they owe a grateful debt to all who so kindly and liberally aided them on that occasion with their confidence, attendance, and exertons. The Ladies who presided, and assisted at the various stalls, deserve an encomium which your Committee feel themselves unable fully to express.

"A condensed statement of the accounts in connexion with the Bazaar is appended to the report.

"Your Committee would beg to remind the members, that without the unlocked-for aid of our estimable President of the past year, we should not, now, have been in so immediate a prospect of availing ourselves of this Building. Whilst it stood friendless, and hopeless, he came forward to the satisfaction of all, with his generous offer that greatly encouraged subsequent efforts.

"The Committee have also to congratulate the members on the liberality of Mr. German, who has undertaken, for himself and friends, the final completion of the approach. On this account and for his handsome and unsolicited offer, your Committee feel that they would not deal justly, without expressing in their report their grateful appreciation of Mr. German's liberality.

"Your Committee, finally, regret to add, whilst touching upon the subject of this building, that for its completiou and decent furnishing they require the

sum of £600. It has been their endeavour as economically as possible, to execute the works under their care, with a view at the same time of completing the interior, in unison with the outward harmony and effect. This debt will submit the income to a serious drawback, which, together with the extra requirements of so large a building in gas, firing, and other outgoings, is another inducement to convince the reasonable of the propriety of increasing the rate of subscription.

"Mr. Birchall has again stood forward as a friend to the Institution, and advanced the above sum at the rate of 4½ per cent interest, for three years, on the deposit of the Deeds of the Institution.

"Your Committee have also to report their intention to insure the building for £2000, in the 'Sun Fire Office,' and the stock in the 'Royal Exchange Office' for £500. This step, they consider, from motives of prudence, to be really advisable, which will however be an annual drawback upon their resources of, from £8. to £10.

"The Committee have also to inform the members for the information of their successors, that the draft conveyance of the Land and Building to the Trustees appointed last year has been submitted to them. They would recommend to their successors that it be taken into consideration with a view to its early completion, and deposit with Thomas Birchall, Esquire.

"The labours of the Building Committee being now almost terminated, they have to report their intention of submitting a detailed account of their transactions for public information so soon as their duties shall have finally closed. The Treasurer's accounts will be laid before you in the usual form. Your Committee regret that the duty of announcing the resignation of Mr. Lawe as treasurer is one they have to perform. His long services in that capacity entitle him to the thanks of themselves and the members of the Institution. Mr. Parker, your Committee beg to recommend, as his successor to that office.

"Your Committee have also to announce the resignation of Mr. Gradwell of his office of Secretary, to whom the thanks of the members are due for his services during his year of office. They would recommend Mr. John Croft as his successor, whose untiring zeal in furtherance of the interests of the Institution, and former possession of the office, render him a suitable individual for your approval.

"The donors to the library for the past year, are Mr. John Burton; Mr. John Parkinson; Mr. Wilson Armitstead; John Bairstow, Esquire; and Mr. C. Pickford. Donors to the museum,—Mr. A. H. Cameron; Mr. John Bibby; Mr. Edward Smith; Mr. John Manchester; Thomas Glover, Esquire, (Manchester) Mr. John Pilkington; Mr. Carruthers; John Paley, jun., Esquire; Mr. John Burton; and Mr. Thomas Oddie. Mr. William Dobson has presented an official seal, bearing a view of the new building.

"The following is a list of the authors who presented works to the Bazaar—

W. A. Mackinnon, Esquire, M. P.; Professor Whewell; Leigh Hunt: Mrs. S. C. Hall; Robert Chambers; John Roby; Samuel Bamford; Lawrence Rawstorne; Wilson Armitstead; Mr. W. Johnson; and Mr. Dredge.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED:—

1.—That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be received and adopted, and be printed under the direction of the Committee.

2.—That Mr. Catterall, Mr. Houlker, and Mr. Samuel Jesper, be appointed scrutineers of the votes in the election of 12 members of the Committee for the ensuing year.

3.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the donors to the Library and Museum.

4.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to those Gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the year.

5.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Secretaries, Curators, Auditors and Committee, for their valuable services during the year, and especially to those gentlemen who have acted on the Building Committee.

6.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Robert Lawe, Esq., for his services as Treasurer during the past year, and that this meeting do record its appreciation of his services in that capacity since the year 1837.

7.—That James German, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

8.—That Mr. Richard Veevers and Mr. John Croft be appointed Secretaries for the ensuing year.

9.—That Mr. Robert Parker be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

10.—That Mr. Richard Threlfall, jun., and Mr. Robert Anderton, be elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

11.—That a Committee of T. B. Addison, Esq., James German, Esq., Thomas Birchall, Esq., the Rev. Mr. Rendell, and Mr. M. Holden, be formed, for the purpose of revising the rules, and submitting the same to a Special Meeting of the members, to be held on the 17th day of December next, at eight o'clock in the evening.

12.—That in the meantime the revised rules be printed and circulated amongst the members, and be posted in the reading-room of the Institution, one calendar month previous to such adjourned meeting.

13.—That the subscriptions for the ensuing quarter be received at the rate of 6*s*. 6*d*., per annum, to be adjusted, if required, according to the rules as may be agreed upon at the adjourned meeting.

14.—That this meeting do adjourn, at its rising, to the 17th day of December next.

15.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Thomas Birchall, Esquire, for his valuable services as President during the past year; and, also for his liberality which enabled the resumption of works in the new building at the commence-

ment of his year of office, and for his loan of £600. for their completion, and, also for his services in the chair this evening.

At the adjourned Annual Meeting, held at the Institution, 17th December, 1849, The Worshipful the Mayor, James German, Esq., President of the Institution, in the Chair, the Rules as printed and appended to this Report were agreed to.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution, from 1st September, 1848 to 30th September, 1849.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account	16	6	10½	By Books, binding, etc.....	72	12	2
To General Subscriptions :—				„ Printing, advertising, and			
viz., 8 Annually, at 10s. 6d.	4	4	0	circulars.....	11	12	2
189 ditto, at 6s. 6d.....	61	8	6	„ Transfer to Museum			
301 Quarterly.....	97	19	9	Fund.....	1	12	0
To Fines.....	4	9	11	„ Rent and Taxes.....	20	0	3
„ Catalogues.....	1	14	6	„ Insurance.....	2	12	6
„ Lectures, books, & tickets	0	19	6	„ New building Insurance	2	9	1
„ Interest from Bankers..	1	18	3	„ Gas and coke.....	11	11	8
				„ Librarian's Salary.....	50	0	0
				„ Do.'s allowance on sub-			
				scriptions.....	4	1	0
				„ Coals, candles, jobbing,			
				and repairs.....	10	8	11½
				„ Subscription to Lanca-			
				shire Mech. Union.....	1	0	0
				„ Balance.....	1	1	6
	£189	1	3½		£189	1	3½

MUSEUM FUND.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last year....	5	17	5	By Balance	7	9	5
„ Transfer from General							
Account.....	1	12	0				
	£7	9	5		£7	9	5

GENERAL BALANCES.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance due to General				By Balance with Messrs.			
Account.....	1	1	6	Lawe and Sidgreaves	8	10	11
To Do. to Museum Account	7	9	5				
	£8	10	11		£8	10	11

ROBERT LAWE,
TREASURER.

Audited,
THOMAS HOULKER.

Preston, 2nd October, 1849.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Preston Institution Bazaar, held in April, 1849.

RECEIPTS. Dr.	£	s.	d.
No. 1 Stall with donations	67	4	2
,, 2 do. do.	178	13	8½
,, 3 do. do.	81	13	4
,, 4 do. do.	240	16	11
,, 5 do. do.	432	7	1
,, 6 do. do.	107	7	7
,, 7 do. do.	90	8	3½
,, 8 do. do.	68	15	0
,, 9 do. do. Refreshment Stall	80	0	0
,, 10 do. do. Working-men's Stall	123	9	4½
Donations received by the Committee	112	0	0
Bazaar Gazette, Post-office, and Picture Room	22	18	9
Sundries	12	3	5
Admissions and Season Tickets	226	19	2
Proceeds of Soiree	8	16	4
Interest from Bank	4	11	4
	£1858	4	5½

DISBURSEMENTS. Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Amount transferred to Building Fund	1700	0	0
,, Printing, advertising, etc	82	14	8½
,, Calico, flannel, mats, etc	25	14	2
,, Hire of, and damage to, Furniture	3	7	1
,, Bands	13	19	0
,, Labour	15	12	6
,, Postages, carriage, and posting advertisements	6	2	1
,, Gas, cleaning, and repairs	3	8	6
,, Sundry small accounts	7	6	5
	£1858	4	5½

October 2[illegible], 1849, Audited by

THOMAS HOULKER.

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CLASS 1.—ARTS AND SCIENCES.

* 48 A	Antiquities of Athens, 1 vol.	1830
119 B	Costard's History of Astronomy, 1 vol.	1767
984 C	Chapman's Dissertations on Philosophy, Theology, etc., 1 vol	1836
714 D	Drew's Essay on the Soul, 1 vol.	1840
956 C	Gwilt's Sciography, or, Examples of Shadows, 1 vol	1824
961 C	Hall's Elements of Botany, 1 vol.	1812
323 E	Hamilton's Catechism of Musical Ideas	1838
*118 B	Hunt's Examples of Tudor Architecture, 1 vol.	1830
980 C	Herschell's Outlines of Astronomy, 1 vol.	1849
700 D	Lawrence's Lectures on Man, 1 vol.	1844
729 D	Martineau's Household Education, 1 vol.	1849
*120 B	Pearson's Practical Astronomy, 2 vols.	1824
963 C	Quickett on the Microscope, 1 vol.	1848
977 C	Rawstorne's New Husbandry, 1 vol.	1848
967 C	Swedenbourg's Animal Kingdom, 2 vols.	1843
982 C	Smee's Elements of Electro-Biology, 1 vol.	1849
706 D	Walkinghame's Tutor's Assistant, 1 vol.	1828

CLASS 2.—TRAVELS, HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, ETC.

704 D	Anson's Voyage round the World, 1 vol.	1804
724 D	Allie's Journal in France, in 1845 and 1848. 1 vol.	1849
716 D	Bamford's Early Days, 1 vol.	1849
723 D	Bede's Ecclesiastical History of England, 1 vol.	1849
705 D	Cook's Voyages round the World, 1 vol.	1833
968 C	Campbell's Lives of the Lord Chancellors (first series) 3 vols.	1845
730 D	Chronicles of the Crusades, 1 vol.	1848
708 D	Discovery and Adventures in the Polar Regions, 1 vol.	1835
960 C	Eden's History of New Holland. 1 vol.	1787
964 C	Eastlake's Materials for a History of Oil Painting, 1 vol.	1847
736 D	Early Travels in Palestine, 1 vol.	1848
701 D	Hofland's Africa described, 1 vol.	1834
715 D	Howitt's History of Priestcraft, 1 vol.	1846
974 C	Huber's History of English Universities, 3 vols.	1843
960 C	Keppel's Expedition to Borneo, 2 vols.	1846
957 C	Life of Benvenuti Cellini, 2 vols.	1772
722 D	Lanzi's History of Painting, 3 vols	1847
324 E	Lander's Expedition to the Niger, 2 vols.	1838
732 D	Lamartine's History of the Girondists, 3 vols.	1849
986 C	Lynche's Expedition to the Dead Sea, 1 vol.	1849
689 D	Melville's Adventures in the South Seas, 1 vol.	1847
962 C	Macaulay's History of England, 2 vols.	1849
711 D	Maxwell's the Czar, his Court, and People, 1 vol.	1848
973 C	Mackinnon's History of Civilisation, 2 vols.	1849

981 C Maitland's History of the Dark Ages, 1 vol..... 1845
983 C Memoirs of a Prisoner of State, 2 vols..... 1840
734 D Memoirs of the Duke of Sully, 6 vols..... 1778
697 D Pardoe's River and the Desert, 2 vols..... 1838
979 C Pardoe's Louis the XIVth and the Court of France, 3 vols..... 1847
699 D Perils and Adventures of the Deep, 1 vol..... 1839
707 D Pinnock's History of Greece, 1 vol..... 1843
688 D Redhead's History of the French Revolution, 3 vols..... 1849
790 D Robertson's Letters on Paraguay and Francia's Reign of Terror, 3 vols..... 1838
726 D Roby's Tour on the Continent, 2 vols..... 1838
686 D Stebbing's Lives of the Italian Poets, 3 vols..... 1831
720 D Schlegel's Philosophy of History, 1 vol..... 1848
731 D Southey's Life of Nelson, 2 vols..... 1814
687 D Thackeray's journey from Cornhill to Grand Cairo, 1 vol..... 1846
692 D Webb's Inquiry into the beauties of Painting, 1 vol..... 1761

CLASS 3.—POETRY, ETC.

718 D Landon's, (L. E.) Poetical Works, 3 vols..... 1844
717 D Moore's Lalla Rookh, 1 vol..... 1840
325 E Ossian's Poems, 1 vol..... 1830
702 D Thomson's Poetical Works, 1 vol..... 1803
721 D Whewell's English Hexameters, 1 vol..... 1847

NOVELS, &c.

586 D Bulwer's Eugene Aram, 1 vol..... 1849
322 E Dickens's Haunted Man, 1 vol..... 1848
733 D „ Barnaby Rudge, 1 vol..... 1849
710 D „ Old Curiosity Shop, 1 vol..... 1848
727 D Ellis' Prevention better than Cure, 1 vol..... 1847
719 D Jerrold's Man made of Money, 1 vol..... 1849
969 C Porter's Scottish Chiefs, 2 vols..... 1840
709 D Sketches of Ireland and the Irish, 1 vol..... 1842

MISCELLANEOUS.

975 C A Tribute for the Negro, 1 vol..... 1848
121 B Bentham's Treatise on Judicial Evidence, 1 vol..... 1826
972 C „ „ Special Juries, 1 vol..... 1821
970 C „ Catechism of Parliamentary Reform, 1 vol..... 1807
*958 C Bohn's General Catalogue, 1st vol.....
330 E Cobbett's Legacy to Parsons, 1 vol..... 1835
712 D Family Economist, 1 vol.....
713 D Guesses at Truth, 1 vol..... 1838
739 D Heaven's Antidote to the curse of Labour, (prize essay) 1 vol..... 1849
327 E Kitto's Lost Senses, 1 vol..... 1845
978 C Imperial Magazine, 8 vols.....
693 D Maunder's Treasury of History, 1 vol..... 1847
694 D „ Biographical Treasury, 1 vol..... 1847
695 D „ Scientific and Literary Treasury, 1 vol..... 1845
696 D „ Treasury of Natural History, 1 vol..... 1848

698 D Mudie's Intellectual Man, 1 vol..... 1839
976 C Rawstorne's Gamonia ; or the Art of Preserving Game, 1 vol..... 1837
728 D Schlegel's Æsthetic and Miscellaneous Works, 1 vol..... 1849
725 D The Pearl of Days, 1 vol..... 1849
700 D The Light of the Week, (prize essay) 1 vol..... 1849
741 D The Torch of Time, (prize essay) 1 vol..... 1849
985 C The Annual Register, 53 vols.....
959 C Wonderful Magazine, 2 vols..... 1827

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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

For the Diffusion of Knowledge,

HELD IN THE THEATRE, AVENHAM,

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1850:

JAMES GERMAN, Esq., in the Chair.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Council for the past year was read:—

REPORT.

In accordance with the usual practice of your Institution, the Council submit a Report of their proceedings during the past year.

On entering upon the duties of their office, it was anticipated, from the increased means placed at the disposal of your executive, together with the occupancy of so commodious a building, that the year just expired would have been one of extended usefulness in the sphere of your Society's operations. On a careful review, however, of the year's transactions, your Council cannot congratulate, either you or themselves, upon the full realisation of the expectations entertained at that period.

It will be recollected that at the last annual meeting, objections were taken to the rules which were then to have come into operation, and which had been prepared in the year 1848, and agreed to by the annual general meeting of that year. After considerable discussion upon their merits, a committee, consisting of T. B. Addison, Esq., James German, Esq., Thomas Birchall, Esq., the Rev. E. D. Rendell, and Mr. Holden, was appointed to consider them, and to make such alterations as they might deem necessary. The annual meeting was adjourned for three months, in order that the deliberations of that committee might then be submitted for approval; and the rules as prepared by them were adopted, with merely a few trifling alterations. These rules have since been printed and supplied to the members.

Your Council believe that adjournment to have been a necessary evil; it appeared, however, to be the only means of mediating between those holding opposite views upon the points at issue: and it afforded time for a more calm and dispassionate consideration of the matters in dispute, than could have been obtained under other circumstances. Its immediate effect was, however,

almost to paralyze the exertions of your Council, as they found themselves placed in a very embarrassing position, in relation to the pecuniary resources at their command; and they felt that, until the establishment of a code of rules, and the termination of this interregnum, which unfortunately existed during what is ordinarily the most active season of the Institution, nothing could be done towards effecting a further development of your Society's usefulness.

Nor was the position of your Council materially improved by the adoption of the new rules, and the settlement of the rate of subscription; conflicting opinions being entertained, as to the probable amount of the income, and also as to the proportion of the income which would be absorbed in the mere working expenses. It was therefore deemed advisable to wait for the benefit of that experience, which a year or two would afford. To maintain the Institution in a healthy working position, it should be as nearly as possible, self-supporting; and it would be well perhaps, that each individual member should consider, how far the Institution occupies that vantage ground at present, in order that he may be prepared to give expression to a matured opinion, should occasion hereafter call for its exercise.

The total average number of members for the year has been 594, of which 60 are life members, 197 annual, and 337 quarterly subscribers; showing a decrease of two life, and an increase of 36 quarterly members; whilst the yearly members remain as in the previous year: the number for the several quarters has been—in October, 368—January, 375—April, 332—July, 235.

In connexion with the subject of membership of institutions of this nature, it has frequently been remarked, that they do not show that gradual numerical increase which might have been expected, when it is considered that the population amidst which they are situate, is every year rapidly increasing, both in amount, and it is hoped, in intelligence; and from this circumstance the conclusion has been perhaps somewhat hastily drawn, that these institutions have failed to realize the expectations which their founders and early friends entertained of the influence they would have upon adult education. There are, however, influences at work, which will, in a great measure, account for their comparatively stationary condition in this respect. Taking our own town as a fair example of what obtains elsewhere, it should not be forgotten, that since this Society was established, there has been formed another Institution of a kindred nature; that there are Libraries in connection with most of the Sunday Schools, and also with some of the principal manufacturing establishments; and in addition to these causes there is another—by no means to be regretted—more general in its nature, and more potent in its effects, to which allusion may be made, namely, the extraordinary quantity of cheap literature which daily teems from the press, and which is diffused through the length and breadth of the land: some of it is doubtless of a trifling character, if not actually pernicious; but there is an enormous and increasing quantity published of a totally opposite kind, within reach of all classes, either in the shape of low-priced periodicals, or as cheap reprints of standard authors, in all branches of literature.

The number of volumes now in the Library is 4520—138 having been added during the year, of which 91, including periodicals, have been purchased by the Institution, and 47 are presentations. Your Council regret their inability to have made more extended additions to the library, as they fully believe that the number and character of the works, annually acquired, have a material influence in procuring and preserving public support to the Institution. The donors to the library are Mr. John Burton, Mr. H. Pitman, Miss Mayor, Mr. W. Dobson, Mr. H. Oakey, Mr. R. W. Davis, Mr. C. Pickard, jun., Mr. Robert Clarke, Mr. W. H. Freeland, and Mr. James Grundy.

An important feature in the social position of the working classes, within the last few years, has been the numerous cheap trips which have taken place on the various railways, which have afforded to a large portion of the industrial population the opportunity of visiting some of our great seats of commerce and manufacture; spots of historical interest, and scenes endeared to all classes of our countrymen, by association with the names of our great dramatists, poets, and imaginative writers; and places famed for their scenic beauty. As your Council could not undertake the pecuniary risk that must necessarily be run, in undertaking such an excursion, though, as a means of social elevation, perhaps legitimately within their sphere, six gentlemen, members of the Council, arranged for such a trip to the Lakes, and undertook to bear the Council harmless from loss. The proceeds, after paying expenses, were expended in the purchase of books, which these friends kindly presented to the Institution, and it will be found they are amongst the most valuable of last year's acquisitions to the library. In connexion with this trip your Council must notice the great personal exertions of one of your secretaries, Mr. Veevers, to whose labours principally the success of the trip was owing.

In connexion with the library it may be stated, that the Council have recently directed that the whole of any work, (not exceeding three volumes) shall circulate together. The printing of a complete Catalogue of the works now in the library, has been under the notice of your Council, but, though much wanted, they did not venture to enter upon the undertaking, from the heavy outlay it would incur. It is a matter, however, they recommend to the early attention of their successors: five years have elapsed since the last edition was published, and the stock is now completely exhausted.

Lectures have been delivered as usual, during the winter season, but the attendance thereat has in general been small, and has entailed a more than average loss upon the funds of the Institution. The paucity of the attendance would seem to warrant the conclusion, that scientific lectures are not amongst the *felt wants* of the public. The lectures—with the exception of those by Dr. Murray and Mr. Hogg—were all delivered gratuitously, and the best thanks of the Society are due to those gentlemen, whose talents and acquirements have been so freely placed at the disposal of the Institution.

The following is a list of the lectures delivered:—

On Phenonema attending the Seasons—Spring	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
On Ancient Commerce	Mr. Thomas Hogg.
On Modern ditto	Ditto.
On the Study of the Modern Languages	Mr. J. G. Cope.
On the importance of a Knowledge of Political Economy to the Operative and Middle Classes	Ditto.
On the Life and Character of Lord Bacon	Rev. James Spence.
A Musical Entertainment	The Singing Class.
On Phenomena attending the Seasons—Summer	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
On Dreams	Saml. Simpson, Esq.
On Ventilation and Disinfection	Dr. Murray.
Geology	Ditto.
Ditto	Ditto.
Ditto	Ditto.
On Vapours and Gases	Ditto.
On the present Age	Mr. Richd. Veevers.
On Phenomena attending the Seasons—Autumn	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
On the Life and Character of John Howard	Rev. W. Walters.
On Dreams	Saml. Simpson, Esq.
On Phenomena attending the Seasons—Winter	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
A Musical Entertainment	The Singing Class.

With the exception of two cases of the value of £11, which have been purchased, the Museum has not had much of the attention of your Council, for obvious reasons; and it is only mentioned here, in order that the gratuitous services of Dr. Murray, in arranging the Geological specimens, may be suitably acknowledged. To that gentleman the Institution is greatly indebted, for the prompt and unlooked for liberality with which he responded to the application of the Council to perform the service above named, during his professional engagement to lecture at the Institution.

The donors to the Museum are Miss ffarington, Mr. John Horrocks, Mr. Thomas Houlker, Mr. Edward Swainson, and Messrs. Grundy and Co., to all of whom you will no doubt have pleasure in confirming the thanks your Council have already conveyed to them; and also to the Rev. John Clay, for the rain-gauge, (now in use upon the Observatory) and to Mr. Charles Wilson, for the map of England suspended in the reading-room. The members may be interested in learning, that a register of the quantity of rain which has fallen since April last, has been kept, and may be inspected in the library. The thermometer has also been daily noted, and an accurate record kept; but, from the want of a good barometer, there is no record of the variations of the inferior instrument belonging to the Institution.

Classes for the study or practice of the following subjects have been formed, and continued for longer or shorter periods, viz.—Chemistry, under Dr. Murray; the French language, under Mr. Cope; Dancing, under Mr. Gillins; Phonography, and also Singing. A number of the members have formed a News-room, which is open to all members, on the payment of a small quarterly subscription. It is believed that this addition has been the means of drawing members to the Institution.

The building fund has been augmented by the following sums:—from the Soirée held in November last, £9 4s. 3d.; from the Ball held in January last, £25; from Edward Pedder, Esq., £50; from Richard Pedder, Esq., late mayor of the borough, £20; from the Executors of the late Mrs. Pennington, £10.

In reference to a paragraph contained in the last report, your Council have now to inform you, that the conveyance of the land and building to the trustees has been completed, and the deed placed in the custody of Thos. Birchall, Esq., in conformity with a resolution passed at a meeting of the trustees held on the 7th of September, 1849.

Under the direction and responsibility of our worthy President, James German, Esq., the approach, it will be observed, will very shortly be finished, thus completing the exterior of the building, and affording a facility of access not hitherto enjoyed. In connexion with this completion, a Soirée (which passed off in a very satisfactory manner) was held on the 24th ultimo, to celebrate the opening. A sale of the residue of the Bazaar took place at the same time, and realized upwards of £70; in addition to which £15 were received in three donations of £5 each from J. W. Patten, Esq., M.P., Sir Geo. Strickland, Bart., M.P., and James Heywood, Esq., M.P. Your Council would recommend that £150 be set aside towards liquidating the debt upon the Institution.

It may perhaps be cursorily noticed that the Committee of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Mechanics' Institutions, fixed upon Preston as the place for holding their third annual meeting. Several delegates and friends of institutions were present, and in the evening a Soirée was given in honour of their attendance, at which addresses were delivered of an interesting character.

Your Council made overtures, through your President, to the Trustees of Dr. Shepherd's Library, with a view of having that collection of works removed to this Institution, and they have to inform you that a lease of the south room and the west wing, has been agreed upon: the annual rent to be £40. It will perhaps be advantageous to members to be informed, that Dr. Shepherd's

Library is open to the inhabitants of the town, through the medium of a written order from the Mayor, or one of the Aldermen of the borough.

It may, perhaps, be an idea worthy of entertainment, suggested by this paragraph, that this rental, as well as all funds arising from other extraneous sources, should be applied in liquidation of the debt of £600; thus unshackling the Institution, at an early period, from the payment of annual interest, and leaving an unencumbered revenue to promote its effectiveness.

Your Council regret to have received from the present secretaries, Messrs. Veevers and Croft, an intimation of their intention to retire from their office, the duties of which they have long discharged, with an attention and zeal to the interests of the Institution your Council have much pleasure in commending, and which they doubt not, you will with equal pleasure acknowledge.

Your Council have met 27 times during the year, and the average attendance at each meeting has been 13 individuals. The following list shows the attendance of each member:—

Mr. Richard Veevers,	25	Mr. R. W. Davis,	18	Mr. J. B. Booth,	12
,, John Croft,		,, John Burton,	16	,, Thomas Houlker,	11
,, William Dobson,	24	,, T. Duckett,		,, German,	7
,, John Catterall,	22	,, W. Livesey,		,, John Bolton,	
,, Thomas Brewer,	20	,, G. Cartwright,	15	,, Robert Parker,	6
Rev. E. D. Rendell,		,, J. Manchester,	14	Rev. J. F. Herschell,	5
Mr. Edward Smith,		,, Robert Clarke,	13	Mr. James Carr,	4
,, M. Holden,	19	,, John Halsall,		,, Richd. Gradwell,	

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED:

1.—That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be received and adopted, and printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—That Messrs. Bradley, Oddie, and Gregson, be appointed scrutineers of the votes in the election of eight Trustees, and sixteen other Members of the Council, for the ensuing year.

3.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the donors to the Library and Museum.

4.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to those Gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous Lectures during the year.

5.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditors, and Council, for their valuable services during the year.

6.—That the Council for the ensuing year be instructed to pay to the Treasurer for the past year £5 14s. 2d., the balance due to him as per statement of accounts read this evening.

7.—That Mr. Richard Threlfall, jun., and Mr. Robert Anderton, be appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

8.—That the retiring Secretaries be requested to convene the first meeting of the Council for Tuesday evening next.

9.—That William Ainsworth, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

10.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to James German, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year, and also for presiding over this meeting.

Receipts and Disbursements of THE PRESTON INSTITUTION, *from October 1st, 1849, to September 30th, 1850.*

RECEIPTS.

DR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last Account	8	10	11
„ General Subscriptions, viz. :—			
Seven Annual at £1 1s. 0d.	7	7	0
Three do. 0 12 0	1	16	0
Five do. 0 10 0	2	10	0
159 do. 0 8 0	63	12	0
One do. 0 4 0	0	4	0
21 do. 0 6 6	7	9	6
158 Quarterly at 0 8 0	63	7	3
166 do. 0 6 6	59	12	6
„ Fines	4	13	10
„ Rent of Lecture Room	13	17	6
„ Lectures	5	5	6
„ Sale of Duplicate Reviews	0	15	6
„ Catalogues	0	6	9
„ Tickets	0	0	9
„ Mr. Gillins' Donation	1	0	0
„ Interest	1	15	2
„ Balance owing to Treasurer	5	14	2
	£247	18	4

DISBURSEMENTS.

CR.	£	s.	d.
By Books, Binding, &c.	46	14	4
„ Printing, Advertising, &c.	18	2	3
„ Interest	27	15	0
„ Insurance (Building)	4	10	0
„ Do. (Stock)	2	12	6
„ Gas, Coals, and Coke	23	9	5½
„ Lectures	20	4	10½
„ Furnishing, Jobbing, and Repairs	20	7	2
„ Librarian's Salary	50	0	0
„ Do. Commission	10	5	0
„ Ditto Assistance	8	13	0
„ Subscription to Lancashire and Cheshire Mechanics' Union	1	0	0
„ Oak Cases for Museum	11	0	0
„ Loss on Tea Party	2	3	2
„ Certifying Rules	1	1	7
	£247	18	4

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Audited,

RICHARD THRELFALL, JUN.,
ROBERT ANDERTON,
THOMAS HOULKER.

Preston, September 30th, 1850.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1850-1.

President:

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ.

Council:

TO SERVE TWO YEARS.	TO SERVE ONE YEAR.
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Curators:

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MR. CHARLES CROFT, LIBRARIAN.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

*The books marked * do not circulate without the special permission of the council.*

CLASS 1.—ARTS AND SCIENCES.

991	C	Chambers' Ancient Sea Margins, 1 vol.	1848
746	D	Dempsey's Treatise on the Drainage of Towns and Buildings, 1 vol. ..	1849
747	D	,, ,, Districts and Lands, 1 vol. ..	1849
757	D	Euclid's Elements of Geometry, by Thomas Tate, 1 vol.	1849
1001	C	Ellis's Plea for Phonetic Spelling, 1 vol.	1848
745	D	Fownes's Rudimentary Chemistry, 1 vol.	1849
126	B	Farmers' Library, 2 vols.	
760	D	Geography in all Ages, 1 vol.	1832
742	D	Humboldt's Cosmos, 2 vols.	1849
743	D	,, Aspects of Nature, 2 vols.	1849
744	D	Hiley's English Grammar, 1 vol.	1846
*129	B	Imperial Dictionary, 2 vols.	1850
771	D	Knowles's Elocutionist, 1 vol.	1848
748	D	Pyne's Perspective for Beginners, 1 vol.	1849
761	D	Portrait of Geology, 1 vol.	1838
124	B	Pringle on the Attraction of Mountains, 1 vol.	1775
128	B	Practical Mechanics' Journal, 2 vols.	
331	E	Pitman's Manual of Phonography, 1 vol.	1849
332	E	,, Reporter's Companion, 1 vol.	1849

*988 C Sharpe's Window Tracery, 1 vol. 1849
*989 C ,, Treatise on the Rise and Progress of Decorative Window Tracery, 1 vol. 1849
998 C Smith's (Sydney) Sketches of Moral Philosophy, 1 vol. 1850
751 D Trimen's Church and Chapel Architecture, 1 vol. 1849
995 C Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Dublin, for 1808, 1 vol. 1808
749 D Weale's Dictionary of Terms used in Architecture, Engineering, &c., 1 vol. 1849

CLASS 2.—TRAVELS, HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, ETC.

764 D Emerson's Representative Men, 1 vol. 1850
993 C Gilfillan's Gallery of Literary Portraits, 1 vol. 1850
997 C Gleig's Memoirs of Warren Hastings, 3 vols. 1841
753 D Howard (John) and the Prison World of Europe, 1 vol. 1850
759 D History in all Ages, 1 vol. 1832
762 D Irving's Life of Mahomet, 1 vol. 1850
763 D ,, ,, the Successors of Mahomet, 1 vol. 1850
756 D Keats (John) Life, Letters, and Literary Remains of, 2 vols. 1848
990 C Macaulay's Critical and Historical Essays, 1 vol. 1850
994 C Prescott's History of Ferdinand and Isabella, 3 vols. 1838
996 C Portraits of English Authors on Gardening, 1 vol. 1830
1000 C Pepys' Diary and Correspondence, 5 vols. 1848
758 D Schiller's Works, 3 vols. 1848
Vol. 1.—Thirty Years War and Revolt of the Netherlands.
2.—Netherlands continued, and Historical Dramas.
3.—Don Carlos and other Dramas.
992 C Somerville's Autobiography of a Working Man, 1 vol. 1848
768 D St. John's Two Years Residence in a Levantine Family, 1 vol. 1850
770 D Taylor's Eldorado, 1 vol. 1850
776 D Willis's People I have met, 1 vol. 1850

CLASS 3.—POETRY, ETC.

752 D Freeland's Poems, 1 vol. 1848
333 E Keats' Poetical Works, 1 vol. 1849
774 D Moore's Irish Melodies, 1 vol. 1849
703 D Milton's Paradise Lost, 1 vol. 1806
777 D ,, ,, (Phonetic Reading) 1 vol. 1848
758 D Schiller's Works, 3 vols. 1848
Vol. 1.—Thirty Years War and Revolt of the Netherlands.
2.—Netherlands continued, and Historical Dramas.
3.—Don Carlos and other Dramas.
778 D Tennyson's In Memoriam, 1 vol. 1850

NOVELS, ETC.

586 D Bulwer's Last of the Barons, 1 vol. 1850
586 D ,, Godolphin, 1 vol. 1850
766 D Dicken's Oliver Twist, 1 vol. 1850
779 D ,, American Notes, 1 vol. 1850
773 D Irving's Tales of a Traveller, 1 vol. 1850
775 D ,, ,, the Alhambra, 1 vol. 1850
755 D La Fontaine's Family Pictures, 1 vol. 1849
328 E Longfellow's Kavanagh, a Tale, 1 vol. 1849
329 E ,, Hyperion, a Romance, 1 vol. 1849
999 C Mary Barton, a Tale of Manchester Life, 2 vols. 1849
765 D Töpffer's Tales and Sketches, 1 vol. 1850
769 D Warren's Ten Thousand a-Year, 3 vols. 1848

MISCELLANEOUS.

123 B Cook's (Eliza) Journal .. ..
772 D Chambers' Papers for the People .. ..
122 B Hogg's Instructor .. ..
125 B Memoirs of Literature, for 1712, 1 vol. .. ..
1002 C Narrative of a Balloon Excursion, 1 vol. 1786
127 B The Home Circle .. ..
767 D Working Man's Friend .. ..

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Revd E. D. Rendell

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Preston Institution

FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

HELD IN THE THEATRE, AVENHAM,

ON TUESDAY THE 7TH OF OCTOBER, 1851 :

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, Esq., in the Chair.

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Council for the past year was read:

REPORT.

In conformity with the practice of former years, the Council now proceed to lay before the general body a Report of what, during the past year, they have directed to be done, with a view to forward the objects for which this Institution is established.

It will be gratifying to the Members to be informed that the Council have worked together with much harmony and satisfaction in the business which they have from time to time had under their deliberation; and that, although from the peculiar constitution of their body—consisting of members for one year, members for two years, and members compelled to be selected from the twenty trustees—their attendance has not been so numerous on all occasions, as might have been desirable, yet your Council is not aware of anything having been done by the acting parties but what has met with the general concurrence of all the rest.

During the year, 183 volumes of various branches of Literature, Science, and Art have been added to the Library by purchase; and 380 volumes by donations, making a total of 563. The lists of these works will not this year be printed as addenda to this Report, because the Catalogue of the whole Library has recently undergone a careful revision, and they are all inserted therein in their respective places. The manuscripts are now in the hands of the printer; some portions have been worked off, and the whole is expected to be ready in the course of a few weeks. The preparation and due arrangement of the manuscript of the Catalogue of so extensive a Library as that of this Institution, required much time and attention. The Gentlemen who (with the assistance of the Librarian) have been engaged in this work, have devoted thereto as much of their leisure as they could consistently command; and, although their labours were some time since brought to a successful termination, the outlay which the publication required could not be undertaken without deliberation which demanded both hesitation and care. These explanations, it is hoped, will be satisfactory to those who may have experienced some little disappointment at the Catalogue not having been issued somewhat earlier.

It will be observed that a considerable number of books have been presented during the past year. This is an exceedingly gratifying circumstance, showing the high estimation in which the Institution is held by the lovers of literature, and proving their desire to add something to the increase of its usefulness and value. Your Council believe that there are many persons who have books suitable for the Library, which they would willingly present to the Institution, if the idea of their acceptableness could be appropriately conveyed to them; they, therefore, take this opportunity of giving publicity to that opinion, and think that future Councils may act upon it with beneficial results.—The stock of books and furniture has been insured for the sum of £500.

For the purpose of obtaining an increase of members, the Council arranged

for a canvass to be made in the town, by first sending, to suitable parties, cards of solicitation, and subsequently directing the Librarian to personally wait upon them for an answer. Upwards of one hundred gentlemen were thus invited to become members, and about forty-five consented to do so. It will be useful to continue exertions of this kind as frequently as a list of persons can be made up, whom it may be felt desirable to attach to the Institution. This, it is thought, will tend to increase its number and contribute to its efficiency.

Your Council have pleasure in reporting that the trustees of Dr. Shepherd's Library have entered into the possession of the south room and west wing of the upper part of the building. A lease of seven years, commencing the 1st of November, 1850, has been granted to them, at the annual rent of £40. In the last year's report it was suggested that the amount of this rental should be wholly applied for the liquidation of the debt. If this suggestion can be carried out—consistently with the attention which so large a structure will be continually requiring, in the form of repairs, &c.—it is very desirable; and, no doubt, future Councils will see it to be their duty to economise all the funds which may come into their possession, with a view to this purpose. But it must not be concealed that various causes of expenditure upon the building are frequently occurring; and it is to be remembered that a portion of the basement story has never yet been finished. During the past year it has been found requisite to build a wall down to the foundation, outside the back of the Theatre, for the purpose of arresting the damp, which it is well known was making a disagreeable appearance within. It had also become necessary to erect new shelving in the Library, for the increased number of books, and to cause the addition of many other fixtures of an indispensable kind to be made —all of which have required a considerable expenditure, and for which the funds, supplied by the Members' subscriptions to the Institution, could not provide. It is likewise to be expected that other requirements, at present unforeseen, may in the process of time be developed. Although, then, it is proper to use all economy with the extra funds that may be raised from the rent and other sources, in order to liquidate the debt, it seems undesirable to tie the hands of the Council by any resolution respecting the special appropriation of such funds. The debt at present on the building is £450; the sum of £150 having been paid to Mr. Birchall during the year. The consent of that gentleman to receive the repayment of his handsome loan, in instalments, is another evidence of the great kindness and favourable sentiment with which he regards this Institution, and by which his connection with it has been so frequently distinguished. The Council have pleasure in recording another instance of his liberality. Having had placed at his disposal, by Mr. O'Niel, a large and valuable Painting by that distinguished artist, Mr. Birchall generously selected this Institution for its reception. Both of those gentlemen have been heartily thanked for their consideration and kindness. The subject of the picture is to illustrate the scene in "Paradise Lost," in which Eve is beseeching Adam, after his transgression, not to forsake her. It is hoped that this handsome presentation will be regarded as an excellent example for other artists, and also that it may be the beginning of a collection of works of art for the use of students in connection with this Institution.

The occupancy of a portion of the building by the trustees of Dr. Shepherd's Library, has led to the opening of the Institution an hour earlier than formerly. While this must be generally acceptable to the members, as affording them increased facilities for reading and changing of books, it has required some additional expenditure. It was found necessary to engage a youth as an assistant to the Librarian, in order to afford him the opportunity of still performing in the morning those other duties of collecting, &c., which are attached to his office. The salary of the youth is £10 per year; but from the other arrangements which have been made respecting the Librarian's salary, the cleaning, extra attendance, &c., that amount will occasion only about £5 or £6 increase over the expenditure of the preceding year: so that there is increased length of time, with another attendant, for this small additional outlay.

Application was made, through your excellent President, William Ainsworth, Esq., to the Health of Towns' Committee, to erect two suitable gas-posts, and furnish the requisite light, for the front entrance to the building: this appli-

cation was readily granted by that body, and the Council, on behalf of the Institution, beg to record their appreciation of this act of their public liberality.

Two Soirées have been held during the year—one in December, and the other in April: by the former a profit was made of £9 14s. 9½d., and by the latter a gain of £0 6s. 1½d.; thus adding to the funds £10 0s. 11d. from these sources.

Your Council have not made any arrangement for the delivery of Lectures during the ensuing winter, as it has been usual for their predecessors to do. From the indifferent attendance which the Lectures have received for the last two years, the Council have felt a delicacy in soliciting gentlemen to undertake the preparation of discources for that purpose, when they have no good reason to expect that their delivery would be more numerously attended. If the members had properly valued this certainly instructive feature of the Institution, they would have evinced their estimation of it, by their attendance with more punctuality, and in greater numbers; but not having done so, it was conceived that no reasonable disappointment can be experienced by the announcement that no provision for Lectures has been attended to.

But, should the present Meeting, and the succeeding Council, take a more hopeful view of the subject, and the Lecture season be successfully revived, your present Council would rejoice; for they feel assured that it would be of advantage to the intellectual welfare of the Members. Perhaps the very handsome and convenient Lecture-room, and the literary talent that might be brought into activity and use, by proper inquiry and solicitation, ought not to be abandoned without another effort to efficiently employ them. Should such an effort be made, your Council would recommend that courses of Lectures, so as to afford full and complete information on specific subjects, should be preferred. By this means the Lectures would partake of a more purely educational nature, and the Institution itself, in respect to them, acquire more of that Collegiate character which they think it desirable it should possess.

The Council, finding that Lectures had ceased to be attractive, determined, at an expence of upwards of £10, to put the Oxyhydrogen Microscope into complete repair, for exhibition of suitable objects; Mr. Holden, with the assistance of other gentlemen, having kindly undertaken the management and explanations; but even these exhibitions were far from being numerously attended, and the expectation of the Council of repaying the cost of repairs and preparation by a small charge to the visitors, has not yet been realized. It is hoped, however, that future exhibitions during the coming season, will tend still further to lessen the outlay which has thus been incurred, and that, finally, the whole amount will be returned to the treasurer.

The following nine Lectures were delivered during the preceding winter, and one Musical Entertainment:—

Mr. J. J. Myres .....On Electricity and Galvanism.
Mr. Miller .....On Reptiles.
Rev. W. Walters .....Columbus—his Discoveries, and the Elements of his success.
Mr. S. Teebay.....On the Undulating Theory of Light.
Mr. J. J. Myres .....On Electricity and Galvanism.
Mr. C. Hardwick .....On Friendly Societies—their Progress and Utility.
Mr. R. Riley .....On Music.
Rev. J. Jenkins .....On Instinct.
Rev. H. G. Robinson...The Norman Conquest—its Causes, Character, and Consequences.
Musical Entertainment, by the Gentlemen of the Philharmonic Society.

Although contributions to the Museum are frequently being made by the friends of the Institution, nothing has been done within the past year towards the proper arrangement and disposal of this interesting feature of the establishment. The reason is, that to do it effectually—which it ought to be whenever it is attempted—will require a considerable outlay for cases and appropriate fittings: for this, the requisite funds could not be spared from the general income, and the Council have no other resource at their command. It is hoped, however, that something may be done during the coming year to render this portion of the Institution more available for the use and instruction of the general public. The *Donors to the Museum* are—Mr. Pearson, Mr. Carruthers,

Mr. Charles Hardwick, Mr. Whelan, Mr. W. Livesey, Mr. Spiby, James Heywood, Esq., Rev. E. D. Rendell, and Mr. J. B. Booth. The *Donors to the Library* are—Mr. W. Livesey, Mr. James Grundy, Mr. Charles Hardwick, Mrs. Blamor (to the amount of 300 volumes), Mr. R. Allen, Mr. Henry Veevers, Mr. W. Dobson, Rev. E. D. Rendell, Mr. Rampling, Mr. Lewis, and the Elocution Class.—All of whom have been duly thanked for their liberality and attention to the interests of the Institution.

A Philharmonic Society has been established in connection with the Institution during the past year, and two entertainments have been given by it with very pleasing success. With a view to encourage the study and practice of Music, it was suggested by your President, W. Ainsworth, Esq., that a Pianoforte, to be the property of the Institution, should be provided: for this purpose a private subscription has been entered into, and a handsome instrument is about to be purchased and presented to the Institution by the contributors, a list of whose names and contributions may be had on application to the Librarian.

One of the means by which the educational character of establishments of this kind is supported, is the formation of classes. This your Council regret has never yet satisfactorily developed itself in connection with this Institution: in previous years the requisite accommodation could not be provided, and since entering on the new building, no well-considered or energetic attention has been given to it. It may be eminently useful if the Councils of future years would direct a portion of their attention to this subject. An Institution with such accommodation for classes as this has at its disposal, ought not to be permitted to remain a mere reading society; but to be made truly educational, as doubtless was the intention of its original projectors. The classes which have hitherto existed have been formed by the enterprise of private masters, to which the Council have tacitly assented, but did not see in what way they could render them much active encouragement or attention. Still, such a feature of the Institution can flourish and be perpetuated only so far as its wants may be felt, and the effort to supply them taken up with zeal, intelligence, and decision. A French and Drawing Classes were instituted during the preceding winter, but they continued only one quarter each, notwithstanding the efficiency of their respective masters. A class for the study of Elocution was also formed, upon the principle of mutual instruction. This continued up to the end of the spring, when it was discontinued for the season.

A few members of the Council who felt an interest in the Fine Arts, determined to make an effort to form a Drawing Class upon a more extensive and permanent foundation than has heretofore been attempted in connection with this Institution. They therefore procured private subscriptions, and invited J. A. Hammersley, Esq., the Principal of the School of Design in Manchester, to deliver a Lecture, by which public attention should be drawn to the subject. He most readily and zealously entered into the views of those who had communicated with him, and delivered to a large auditory an interesting and instructive discourse "On Art—a department of education of equal importance to the designer, the workman, and to those who use the products of industry." He also liberally promised, if classes should be formed, to furnish examples for study from those prepared for the Government Schools of Design, and nine large books have since been kindly forwarded. The result of this effort has been the formation of a class of students of upwards of thirty young men, for the study of architectural, ornamental, and general Drawing, under the tuition of Mr. Rampling, Architect, assisted in the geometric portion of it by Mr. Huntingdon; and of Mr. C. G. Hill, assisted by Mr. Charles Hardwick, in general Drawing: all of whom have kindly undertaken the work free of charge. The pupils meet twice a week and pay one shilling per month, which sum is to be applied for the purchase of examples, mountings, desks, fittings, &c. The intention of the projectors of this class is the establishment of a branch school in connection with the Government School of Design; and should the effort now begun go on successfully for a year or two, it is hoped that the Council of that period will not lose sight of this intention. The present Council have felt it to be their duty to take this class under their patronage and give it their attention.

The News Room—for the privilege of which an extra subscription of one shilling and sixpence per quarter is to be paid—continues to be well attended;

and there is no doubt but its establishment, independently of its own usefulness, has been instrumental in bringing many persons into connection with this Institution, since no one can be admitted as readers to the News Room until they have become members of the general Institution.

Your Council received, through the President, a communication from the Committee of the Literary and Philosophical Society, suggesting the undertaking by the two Societies, an Exhibition of Pictures, and a Bazaar, to share alike in the expenses and profits. After some consideration your Council consented to this proposal, and appointed a Committee to co-operate with a Committee of the Literary and Philosophical Society to carry out the contemplated object. The business is now in progress, and it is proposed that the exhibition be held in the rooms of the Institution during the coming winter, and that the Bazaar shall take place in the spring of next year. To meet some of the present expenses consequent on the undertaking, £10 has been directed to be advanced from the Building Fund, with the understanding that it is to be returned, together with any profits that may arise from the undertaking.

The number of members for the year has been 626, being 32 more than last year; of which 57 are life members, 251 annual, and 318 quarterly.

The Council have met 23 times during the past year, with an average attendance of 10 members at each meeting. The following is a list of the attendance of each member:—

SERVE FOR TWO YEARS:

William Ainsworth, Esq...15 } Trustees.
John Bairstow, Esq..... 1 }
James German, Esq..... 1 }
John J. Myres, Esq.....20 }
Mr. Richard Allen 19
„ Robert Ascroft 3
„ John Bolton 1
„ John Catterall 19
„ James Hesketh 15
„ Moses Holden 16
„ William Livesey 5
Rev. E. D. Rendell..... 18

SERVE FOR ONE YEAR:

John Addison, Esq. ..... 0 } Trustees.
Mr. Thomas Brewer.....16 }
Thomas Miller, Esq..... 0 }
Robert Parker, Esq..... 7 }
Mr. John B. Booth 19
„ John Burton 11
„ George Cartwright ...11
„ James Grundy 21
„ Thomas Houlker 1
William Taylor, Esq. 0
Rev. William Walters..... 8
„ Isaac Wilcockson 7

Besides this, the meetings which have been attended by gentlemen who were appointed by the General Council, to act on Sub-Committees—such as Lectures, Finance, House, Exhibitions, Drawing, &c.—have been very numerous.

The Treasurer's Accounts are appended to the Report.

The Council cannot close this Report without expressing their high satisfaction at the zeal, assiduity, and efficiency of the Secretaries; and giving utterance to the hope that this Report will prove acceptable to the Members in general.

The following Resolutions were passed:

1.—That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be received and adopted, and printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—That the following gentlemen be added to the Council for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Brewer, Goodair, Miller, Parker, Birchall, Booth, Burton, Cartwright, Duckett, Grundy, Parkinson, and Smith.

3.—That Thomas Birchall, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

4.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the donors to the Library and Museum.

5.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to those Gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous Lectures during the year.

6.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Auditors, and Treasurer, for their valuable services during the year.

7.—That Mr. Richard Threlfall, jun., and Mr. Robert Anderton, be appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

8.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to William Ainsworth, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year, and also for presiding over this meeting.

General Fund.

Receipts.

				£	s.	d.
To General Subscriptions, viz.:—						
	Sixteen Annual, at	£1	1 0	16	16	0
	Two do. at	0	12 0	1	4	0
	One do. at	0	10 0	0	10	0
	213 do. at	0	8 0	88	0	0
	Nineteen do. at	0	6 6	6	3	6
	177 Quarterly, at	0	8 0	71	3	0
	142 do. at	0	6 6	46	17	10½
To Fines				4	1	6
„ Rent of Lecture Room				22	15	6
„ Lectures				1	17	1½
„ Tickets, &c.				0	8	6
„ Soirée				20	12	4
„ Mutual Improvement Choral Concert				4	8	6
„ Interest				2	4	1
				£287	1	11
To Balance				£6	14	1

November 6th, 1851.

Disbursements.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance of last Account	5	14	2
„ Books, Binding, &c.	70	16	8½
„ Printing, Advertising, &c.	15	4	2
„ Interest	22	4	0
„ Insurance (Building)	4	10	0
„ Do. (Stock)	1	6	9
„ Gas, Coals, and Coke	19	8	0
„ Lectures	2	9	0
„ Furnishing, Jobbing, and Repairs	40	15	6
„ Librarian's Salary	50	0	0
„ Do. Commission	11	10	0
„ Do. Assistance	12	1	0
„ Subscription to Lancashire and Cheshire Mechanics' Union	1	0	0
„ Soirée	23	8	6½
„ Balance	6	14	1
	£287	1	11

ROBERT PARKER, Treasurer.

Audited,
RICHARD THRELFALL, Jun.
JOHN J. MYRES.

Building Fund.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in the Bank	99	15	3
„ Cash from Mrs. Holden, on Bazaar account	22	10	6
„ Do. „ Mrs. Jackson, „ „	10	3	2
„ Donation from Sir George Strickland, M.P.	5	0	0
„ Do. from J. W. Patten, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
„ Do. from J. Heywood, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
„ Do. from Prince Arthur Fund	2	17	3
„ Cash from Mrs. Halliday, on Bazaar account	26	4	10
„ Balance of Soirée	9	14	9
„ Cash from Mr. Armstead, for materials	5	0	0
„ Mr. Swain's Donation	1	0	0
„ Half Year's Rent from Corporation, up to May 1st, 1851, (less Income Tax)	19	8	4
„ Interest	1	19	0
	£213	13	1

November 6th, 1851.

Disbursements.

	£	s.	d.
By paid Messrs. Myres and Veevers, Paving, &c.	7	3	8
„ „ Thomas Birchall, Esq., on account of Principal	150	0	0
„ „ Cooper and Tullis, for Wall	5	15	0
„ „ Mr. Coulthurst, Joiners' Work	8	8	4½
„ „ Mr. Moon, Flouncing Shelves	1	1	0
„ „ Mr. R. Aughton, for Closet, Book-case, and Shelves	10	2	8
„ „ Mr. Fisher, Contribution to Joint Exhibition	10	0	0
„ „ Mr. Walmsley, Painting Book-case	0	10	0
„ Balance	20	12	4½
	£213	13	1

Robert Parker, Treasurer.

Audited,

Richard Threlfall, Jun.

John J. Myres.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1851-2.

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THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQUIRE.

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Secretaries:

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IS REGULARLY SUPPLIED WITH THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS :—

WEEKLY.

Athenæum.
Builder.
Chambers's Journal.
Cottage Gardener.
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Literary Gazette.
Notes and Queries.
Punch.

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Critic. || Family Friend.

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Artizan.
Art Journal.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bent's Literary Advertiser.
Bentley's Miscellany.
Bulwer's Novels.
Chambers's Journal.
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Fraser's Magazine.
Glasgow Mechanic's Magazine.
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Journal of Design.
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Mechanics' Magazine.
Musical Times.
Newton's London Journal.
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Tait's Magazine.
The Month.
The Union.
Working Man's Friend.
Willis's Book Circular.
Zoologist.

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REPORT

OF

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE

DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

Held in the Theatre of the Institution, Avenham,

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1852:

THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQ., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. RICHARD ALLEN, *one of the Honorary Secretaries, being called upon for the Report of the Proceedings of the Council for the past year, read as follows:—*

THE COUNCIL of the PRESTON INSTITUTION FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE have great pleasure in submitting a review of their proceedings during the past year, and cannot but congratulate the members on its continued usefulness, evinced both in the attendance in the reading-room and in the circulation of books; the number of deliveries from the library having amounted to upwards of fourteen thousand volumes during that period.

The fluctuation in the number of subscribers to kindred institutions has attracted the attention of your Council, and they think that the steadiness maintained during the last few years in your Institution, exhibits a satisfactory view of its condition. There has, nevertheless, been, during the past year, a slight decrease in the number of quarterly members; the number of annual subscribers remaining the same as in the previous year.

During the year, 237 volumes have been added to the library by purchase, and 12 by donation, making a total of 249. The titles of the majority of these are inserted in the new edition of the catalogue, and, consequently, the list will not, as usual, be printed as an addendum to this report; but it is proposed to issue, in a short time, a supplement, containing the titles of all the books lately added. In order to facilitate reference, an alphabetical *manuscript* catalogue is in preparation, and will be shortly com-

pleted; this, your Council trust, will be considered a great boon by the reading portion of the members.

The members will perceive that the library and reading-room are now open from ten in the morning until ten in the evening: fresh arrangements have, consequently, had to be made with the librarian, whereby the services of himself and assistant are secured for the whole of the day. This change has necessarily incurred an additional annual expense, and was only consented to after mature deliberation; the satisfaction, however, that has already been expressed by a great number of the members, has sufficiently proved its desirableness and utility.

The members will be gratified to learn that a further reduction of the debt on the building has been effected during the year. With the addition of *fifty pounds*, most liberally contributed by R. Townley Parker, Esquire, M.P., to funds already in hand, your Council have been enabled to pay off no less than £150, leaving only £300 on which interest is payable; and it is trusted that the time is not far distant when your noble Institution will be totally free from debt.

The Council have to record the deaths of William Taylor, Esq., a trustee; and of Mr. John Bolton, a member of the Council, who filled the office of curator to the Museum from the foundation of the Institution: both of whom were long tried and most valuable friends to the Institution. It is recommended to the annual meeting, that the vacancy in the list of trustees, occasioned by the death of Mr. Taylor, be filled up by the appointment of Thomas Birchall, Esq., this being but a small tribute to the untiring zeal and energy that gentleman has displayed in everything connected with the welfare of your Institution.

In accordance with rule No. 17, the following gentlemen have become annual subscribers of one guinea each, namely:—

William Ainsworth, Esq., Robert Ascroft, Esq., John Bairstow, Esq., Peter Catterall, Esq., John Catterall, Esq., James German, Esq., John Horrocks, Esq., Rev. W. J. Kennedy, Thomas Miller, Esq., Henry Miller, Esq., J. J. Myres, Esq., John Paley, jun., Esq., James Sidgreaves, Esq., Edw. Swainson, Esq., and Dr. Winstanley.

Your Council, grateful to those gentlemen, trust that this list may be materially increased, thereby placing at their disposal more ample means for furthering the objects for which the Institution was especially founded.

The annual Soirée was held in December last, and after the payment of all expenses, there was a balance of £1 3s. 6d. at the disposal of your Council. Arrangements are being made, whereby this *now looked for* entertainment will be held at an earlier period, in the hope that it may not interfere with any other of a similar character, and that it will prove to be a source of much greater profit.

It is with great pleasure the Council inform the members that they have been enabled, during the last year, to make a great advance in the entire completion of the building; the whole of the outer woodwork has been painted; the Exhibition Room and the staircase have been finished in the most desirable and economical manner; the large room under the reading-room has been completed for the especial reception of the drawing class, and is being fitted up with the requisite desks, &c. The Lecture-Theatre is now engaging the attention of the Council, and it is expected that when this important portion of the building is finished, the members will be in possession of one of the handsomest and most comfortable lecture rooms in the kingdom.

Three lectures only, in immediate connection with the Institution, have been delivered during the past year—one by Mr. Hammersley, Principal of the Manchester School of Design, the subject being—"Art, as exemplified in the Preston Exhibition of Paintings;" and two by the Rev. Dr. Bryce, Principal of the Belfast Academy, on "The Use and Abuse of Rewards and Punishments in Education;" and although these lectures were of the most instructive character, they failed to produce such an attendance as your Council were led to expect, from the great eminence the lecturers had obtained in their respective spheres.

Donations to the library have been received from the following gentlemen:—Mr. William Livesey, Mr. J. B. Booth, Mr. J. T. Jordan, Mr. Thomas Grundy, Mr. J. M. Brandreth, and Mr. William Rothwell; and to the funds of the Institution, from George Corry, Esq.; all of whom have had the cordial thanks of the Council for their liberality.

A valuable series of elementary examples have been gratuitously supplied, for the use of the Drawing classes, by J. W. Hammersley, Esq., Principal of the Government School of Design at Manchester; and an extensive course of initiatory studies, for the use of architectural pupils especially, has been presented by Mr. R. B. Rampling, of this town, Architect. While on this subject, your Council take the opportunity to state that negotiations are pending with Her Majesty's Board of Trade, for establishing in your Institution a Permanent School of Elementary Art, under properly qualified masters.

A presentation by Mr. Carr, of Fishergate, is one that demands especial notice in this report, not only as being one of the finest casts ever imported into this country, from one of the most renowned statues of antiquity—"The Fighting Gladiator," but also as a contribution of the highest importance to the School of Design, which your Council hope to see established. Mr. Carr has proved his earnestness in the cause of art-education, by the gift, which, it is trusted, will stimulate and encourage those for whose benefit it now graces the Exhibition room.

A series of four magnificently coloured lithographic drawings, by Nash, consisting of views of the Interior of the "Crystal Palace," has been most liberally presented by James German, Esq.: they are now framed, and suspended in the reading-room.

Your Council reflect, with much satisfacton, on the results of the Exhibition of the Works of *(principally)* Living Artists, held in the gallery of the Institution from November to February last. An interest was thereby excited, in all classes of the community; but in none more than the working population, who showed by their large attendance, their orderly conduct, and their inquiring remarks, that the Exhibition was an educational repast, of which all might partake in common to the instruction and enjoyment of each. The highly cultivated taste of the wealthier classes of the town and neighbourhood, manifested in their appreciation of, and liberality in acquiring, the highest productions of the genius of our times, and their willingness to aid in diffusing intellectual pleasure among the less favoured masses, extensively evidenced by their contributions to the Exhibition, inspire the pleasing hope that a foundation has been laid for a much more general improvement in the social condition of this increasing town; for it may be admitted, as indisputable, that, as Field says—"Whatever refines the taste, improves the morals, enhances the powers, and promotes the happiness of the people."

The News-room still continues a source of attraction, the number of members having averaged sixty, during the past year.

The Council have met twenty-two times during the past year, with an average attendance of nine members at each meeting. The following is a list of the attendance of each member:—

MEMBERS WHO HAVE ONE YEAR YET TO SERVE:—

Mr. Thomas Brewer	16	Trustees.
„ John Goodair	0	
„ Thomas Miller	0	
„ Robert Parker	2	
„ Thomas Birchall	13	
„ J. B. Booth	20	
„ John Burton	16	
„ George Cartwright	10	
„ Thomas Duckett	7	
„ James Grundy	18	
„ John Parkinson	17	

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE NOW EXPIRES:—

Mr. William Ainsworth	8	Trustees.
„ John Bairstow	0	
„ James German	0	
„ J. J. Myres	10	
„ Richard Allen	19	
„ Robert Ascroft	0	
„ John Catterall	14	
„ Moses Holden	10	
„ James Hesketh	9	
„ William Livesey	0	
Rev. E. D. Rendell	17	
Mr. Edward Smith	8	

Besides these, the meetings attended by gentlemen who were appointed by the Council to act on committees, have been very numerous.

The Treasurer's Accounts are appended to this Report.

General Fund Account,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1852.

Receipts.

Oct. 1st, 1851.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	6	14	1
,, Subscriptions, viz.:—			
15 Annual at £1 1 0	15	15	0
3 do. at 0 12 0	1	16	0
1 do. at 0 10 0	0	10	0
211 do. at 0 8 0	84	8	0
20 do. at 0 6 6	6	10	0
175 Quarterly at 0 8 0	70	0	0
126 do. at 0 6 6	40	1	11
,, Fines	4	2	7
,, Rent of Lecture Room & Lectures	7	15	1
,, Catalogues	6	17	0
,, Proceeds of Elihu Burritt's Lecture on Ocean Penny Postage	0	7	7
,, Donation from George Corry, Esq.	1	0	0
,, Cash for Coals, &c., consumed at the Exhibition of Paintings	2	18	6
,, Cash for Lost Book	0	4	6
,, ,, for proportion of Insurance from the Corporation	0	15	0
,, Bank Interest	2	0	0
,, Balance	36	6	1½
	£288	1	4½

Disbursements.

Oct. 1st, 1852.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid for Books, Binding, &c.	123	19	0
,, Do. do. Printing, Advertising, &c.	29	0	1
,, Cash paid T. Birchall, Esq., Interest on Loan	18	15	4
,, Cash paid for Insurance of Building	5	10	0
,, Cash paid for Insurance of Stock	1	6	9
,, Do. do. Gas, Coals, & Coke	17	3	9
,, Do. do. Furnishing, Jobbing, and Repairs	10	9	5½
,, Cash paid for Librarian's Salary	66	0	0
,, Do. do. Commission	5	9	0
,, Do. do. Assistant	10	8	0
	£288	1	4½

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct,
RICHARD THRELFALL, JUN.,
JOHN J. MYRES,
ROBERT ANDERTON,
} AUDITORS.

Building Fund,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1852.

Receipts.

Oct. 1st, 1851.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	20	12	4½
,, One Year's Rent from the Corporation, of Rooms for Dr. Shepherd's Library (less Property Tax)	38	16	8
,, Proceeds of Soirée	1	3	6
,, One-half the Proceeds of the Exhibition	66	9	3
,, Cash returned, being the sum advanced to guarantee the expenses of the Exhibition	10	0	0
,, Cash from Ball Committee	40	0	0
,, Donation from R. T. Parker, Esq., M.P.	50	0	0
,, Bank Interest	0	15	3
	£227	17	0½

Disbursements.

Oct. 1st, 1852.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid for Joiners' Work, Painting, Plastering, &c., to complete the Building	61	14	6
,, Cash paid Thomas Birchall, Esq., on account of Loan	150	0	0
,, Balance	16	2	6½
	£227	17	0½

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct,
RICHARD THRELFALL, JUN.,
JOHN J. MYRES,
ROBERT ANDERTON,
} AUDITORS.

The following Resolutions were then passed:—

1.—That the Report, and statement of Accounts now read, be received and adopted, and printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—That the twelve following gentlemen, having been proposed to the Council, be declared members thereof for the two next ensuing years, namely:—Messrs. Ainsworth, Bairstow, German, Myres, Allen, Catterall, Crombleholme, Holden, Hesketh, Rev. E. D. Rendell, Rev. J. Spence, and Mr. T. Walmsley.

3.—That Thomas Walmsley, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

4.—That the Council for the ensuing year be instructed to pay to the Treasurer for the past year, £36 6s. 1½d., the balance due to him as per statement of accounts read this evening, out of the first accruing funds.

5.—That Thomas Birchall, Esq., be elected a Trustee, in place of the late William Taylor, Esq.

6.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the donors to the Institution.

7.—That this meeting do offer to the widow and family of the late William Taylor, Esq., its condolence in the great loss they have sustained by the death of that respected gentleman.

8.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the year.

9.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Auditors, and Treasurer, for their valuable services during the year.

10.—That Mr. Richard Threlfall, jun., and Mr. Robert Anderton, be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

11.—That rule 8 be repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof—due notice of the same to be introduced to the consideration of this meeting having been given, namely:—

Vacancies in the Council caused by refusal to act, by removal, by non-attendance at any of the meetings of the Council for the space of three calendar months, or by death, may be filled up by the Council until the next ensuing annual general meeting.

12.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Thomas Birchall, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year.

CONCLUSION OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

The Reading Room

IS REGULARLY SUPPLIED WITH THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS :—

WEEKLY.

Athenæum.
Builder.
Chambers's Journal.
Cottage Gardener.
Dickens' Household Words.
Eliza Cook's Journal.
Expositor.
Family Friend.
Hogg's Instructor.
Literary Gazette.
Notes and Queries.
Punch.

FORTNIGHTLY.—Critic.

MONTHLY.

Artizan.
Art Journal.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bent's Literary Advertiser.
Bentley's Miscellany.
Bulwer's Novels.
Chambers's Journal.
Civil Engineer.
Dickens' Bleak House.
Dickens' Household Narrative.
Dublin University Magazine.
Eclectic Review.
Family Economist.
Fraser's Magazine.
Gentleman's Magazine.
Home Circle.
Jerrold's Works.
Mechanics' Magazine.
Musical Times.
Newton's London Patent Journal.
Philosophical Magazine.
Practical Mechanic.
Sharpe's London Journal.
Tait's Magazine.
Working Man's Friend.
Willis's Book Circular.
Zoologist.

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review.
Edinburgh Review.
North British Quarterly Review.
Westminster and Foreign Quarterly Review.
Quarterly Review.

The News Room

IS REGULARLY SUPPLIED WITH THE FOLLOWING PAPERS :—

(Additional Subscription—1s. 6d. per quarter.)

The Times.
Morning Herald.
Examiner.
Illustrated London News.
Manchester Guardian.
Liverpool Mail.
Preston Chronicle.
Preston Guardian.
Preston Pilot.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

1852-3.

President:

THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQUIRE.

Council:

To serve two years:

MR. WILLIAM AINSWORTH. } Trustees.
„ JOHN BAIRSTOW. }
„ JAMES GERMAN. }
„ JOHN J. MYRES. }
„ RICHARD ALLEN.
„ JOHN CATTERALL.
„ R. A. CROMBLEHOLME.
„ MOSES HOLDEN.
„ JAMES HESKETH.
REV. E. D. RENDELL.
„ JAMES SPENCE.
MR. THOMAS WALMSLEY.

To serve one year:

MR. THOMAS BREWER. } Trustees.
„ JOHN GOODAIR. }
„ THOMAS MILLER. }
„ ROBERT PARKER. }
„ THOMAS BIRCHALL.
„ JOHN B. BOOTH.
„ JOHN BURTON.
„ GEORGE CARTWRIGHT.
„ THOMAS DUCKETT.
„ JAMES GRUNDY.
„ JOHN PARKINSON.
„ EDWARD SMITH.

Treasurer:

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

Secretaries:

MR. JOHN BURTON. | MR. R. A. CROMBLEHOLME.

The following gentlemen are Honorary Subscribers *of One Guinea annually:—*

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ.,
ROBERT ASCROFT, ESQ.,
JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ.,
PETER CATTERALL, ESQ.,
JOHN CATTERALL, ESQ.,
JAMES GERMAN, ESQ.,
JOHN HORROCKS, ESQ.,
REV. W. J. KENNEDY,
THOMAS MILLER, ESQ.,
HENRY MILLER, ESQ.,
J. J. MYRES, ESQ.,
JOHN PALEY, JUN., ESQ.,
JAMES SIDGREAVES, ESQ.,
EDWARD SWAINSON, ESQ.,
DR. WINSTANLEY.

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Mr. John Burton

REPORT

OF

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

For the Diffusion of Knowledge,

HELD IN THE LIBRARY OF THE INSTITUTION,

Avenham,

ON TUESDAY THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1853:

THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. JOHN BURTON, *one of the Honorary Secretaries, being called upon, read a Report of the Proceedings of the Council for the past year, as follows:—*

IN obedience to a practice which custom has invested with the attribute of law, your Council greet you on the return of another—the twenty-fifth—anniversary of this valuable INSTITUTION, and cheerfully present for your information an epitome of their proceedings.

Your Council have met sixteen times during the year, (the average attendance being eleven members,) and Committees appointed by the Council have had twenty-six meetings, (the average attendance being five,) all which meetings have had for their object measures tending to better the condition of the Institution in its interest and usefulness.

The following is a table of the individual attendance of each member at the meetings of the Council :—

MEMBERS WHO HAVE ONE YEAR YET TO SERVE :—			MEMBERS WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE NOW EXPIRES : —		
William Ainsworth, Esq.	1	Trustees.	Mr. Thomas Brewer	13	Trustees.
John Bairstow, Esq.	0		,, John Goodair	0	
James German, Esq.	0		Thomas Miller, Esq.	0	
Mr. John J. Myres	9		Mr. Robert Parker	1	
,, Richard Allen	8		Thomas Birchall, Esq.	4	
,, John Catterall	10		Mr. John B. Booth	12	
,, R. A. Crombleholme	11		,, John Burton	16	
,, Moses Holden	6		,, George Cartwright	3	
,, James Hesketh	7		,, Thomas Duckett	8	
Rev. E. D. Rendell	13		,, James Grundy	13	
,, James Spence, M.A.	6		,, John Parkinson	14	
Thomas Walmsley, Esq.	8		,, Edward Smith	6	

The MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR now closed, comprised *fifteen* ANNUAL, at one guinea; *two*, at twelve shillings; *one*, at ten shillings; *two hundred and two*, at eight shillings; and *twenty-five*, at six shillings and sixpence: *one hundred and sixty-seven* QUARTERLY, at two shillings; and *one hundred and twenty-five*, at one shilling and sevenpence-halfpenny—making a total of five hundred and thirty-seven. These numbers show no increase during the year last past over that preceding—a fact, that, in such a community, with such an Institution, and with such rates of admission, should arouse a determination in every member to influence at least one friend or acquaintance to become a fellow-member, remembering the wise man's proverb, that "Knowledge is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."

Your Council congratulate the members of the Institution on the results of their union with the Society of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce—the parent institution in this kingdom for cultivating and extending a knowledge of the Arts, useful and ornamental—and refer with sincere gratification to the list of works added to the Library by the bounty of that Society, and of eminent individuals connected with it. The boon also secured to members of institutions in union with the Society, in their freedom to the privileges of all other united institutions in any part of the kingdom, is of great value to those who may be travelling from place to place, or removing their residence to another town.

The efforts so strenuously prosecuted by your Council towards obtaining the long-hoped-for assistance of the Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade, in the formation of an Elementary School of Design, have at length obtained the prospect of success. The difficulty in their lordships' requirements, which your Council so long experienced an inability to overcome, has now been conquered. It is enjoined among other conditions, that "the names of *not fewer than* THREE public schools for boys and girls in the locality, willing to receive at least one lesson per week in drawing, and pay five pounds a year at least towards the expenses of a master," shall be given with, and in addition to, the names, &c., of persons who will be responsible for carrying out with integrity the regulations proposed by their lordships. Yet, notwithstanding the manifest want of a knowledge of the principles of Design among artizans—notwithstanding the promise of instruction held out, and public attention being called thereto by advertisements in the local newspapers—and notwithstanding direct personal application to the heads of schools, your Council have found *no more than three* in the great number established in this large and increasing community, whose directors are willing to co-operate with them in this most necessary movement. It is due to the honour of the Rev. S. F. Page, of St. Paul's; the Rev. W. M. Farish, of St. Peter's; and the Rev. H. R. Smith, of St. Mary's, to record their liberality in offering to contribute from their own funds, for the benefit of the schools within their respective districts, the amount required to effect the object your Council have in view. The necessary documents will be forthwith presented through the Department of Practical Art, and no further hindrance is anticipated to the immediate appointment of a properly qualified teacher.

Your Council nevertheless trust that until a higher appreciation of the importance of Drawing, as a necessary branch of elementary education, has been more generally awakened, efforts will not slacken towards the accomplishment of such result. As a continued means to that end, arrangements are now in progress for a second Exhibition of Works of Art, to be open in the Gallery of the Institution, in the early part of the ensuing year.

Your Council cannot leave this part of their report without an expression of satisfaction in the receipt of a memorial from a numerous class of members, praying for such means and appliances as the Council can grant for the study of Drawing, until arrangements may be completed for the formation of a School of Design. It is also pleasant to add that this class has already commenced its operations.

The LECTURE SEASON of the past year presented a new feature in the alternating of Lectures and Concerts. While the former produced little but mortification to your Council, by the small number of persons who attended them, and by the number of complaints which seemed sufficient to excuse in others the uncomplimentary treatment of gentlemen who had laboured for their instruction or amusement, the latter were accompanied by very opposite results, at least so far as attendance may be referred to; but the expenses being found beyond the means of your Council, they felt bound to abandon the responsibility of their continuance.

Five Lectures only were delivered, namely, "On the Druids," by the Rev. George Lee, of Kendal; "An Exposition of the History of Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture in England, from the Anglo-Saxon period—reign of George the Third," by Mr. John Burton; "On Magnetism," by Mr. John James Myres; "On Language and the Philosophy of Words," by the Rev. James Spence, M.A.; "Architecture and the Fine Arts—a sketch of their simultaneous condition, sympathies, and mental dependency through the chief period of their career," by Samuel Huggins, Esq., of Liverpool; and *a Reading* by Mr. John Burton—a Digest of Moir's Lectures on Modern British Poets—a substitute for the non-production of a promised paper by another gentleman.

In consequence of complaints previously referred to, touching the uncomfortable state of the Lecture Theatre, particularly on the painful difficulty in speaking and hearing—preferred alike, it must be admitted, by lecturers and auditors—and those complaints having been found prejudicial to the funds of the Institution, the attention of your Council has been occupied in rendering that portion of the building free from future cause of complaint. In furtherance of that object, the aid of Samuel Huggins, Esq., of Liverpool, was obtained, and the architectural arrangement has been carried out from that gentlemen's design. The embellishment is now proceeding, under the direction of a Committee of your Council, by the practical skill of Mr. L. J. Hodgson, of this town. Your Council trust that the increased comfort thus effected, will operate as an increased inducement for a much enlarged attendance at the lectures which may be hereafter delivered therein. It now bids fair to be one of the most comfortable and unostentatiously elegant Lecture Theatres in the kingdom.

The expenditure on this improvement has necessarily added, although in a comparatively trifling degree, to the obligations of your Council. The aggregate of their liabilities, however, when taking the property to account, is so inconsiderable that they feel encouraged to believe in the probability of its entire liquidation within a period not very far distant; and that belief is strengthened by the fact, that of the subscriptions entered on the original list towards the erection of the building, several still unpaid amounts are likely to be received on its completion.

One hundred and fifty volumes have been added by purchase to the books in the Library, and twenty-nine by donation, during the past year. Of the latter no fewer than twenty have been received from the Society of Arts, (besides numerous pamphlets and articles of usefulness,) and, through that Society, one from Mr. Charles Babbage, and two from Sir C. W. Pasley. Among our own townsmen, contributions to this department have been received from John Bairstow, Esq., Mr. James Grundy, Mr. William Livesey, Mr. Henry Oakey, Mr. J. J. Myres, and Mr. Hunt, as also from Sir John Potter, of Manchester.

It is matter of regret to announce, that at the last annual supervision of the Library, nine books were missing, which could not in any way be accounted for; besides, several, taken out by members who have since left town, are now of doubtful recovery. A list is posted in the Library, to which the attention of members is directed, in the hope that by their means some of the books may be reclaimed.

Besides donations to the Library, your Council have to report a very important and highly interesting presentation of sixty-seven silver coins to the

Numismatic treasures of the Museum of your Institution. They comprise *one doubloon* of Philip IV. of Spain, (consort of Mary I.) date 1639; *two shillings* and *ten sixpences* of Elizabeth, 1557 and various dates to 1602; *thirteen shillings* and *two sixpences* of James I., without dates; and thirteen half-crowns, twenty-five shillings, and one sixpence of Charles I.—all in fine preservation, and differing in date, device, legend, or mint-mark. They are a portion of treasure found on removing the storm-stricken thatch of a cottage at Tenter-hill, Whittingham, in the early part of the present year, having probably been secreted there during the troubled period of the civil wars, which ended in the death of the king, the subversion of monarchy, and the institution of the commonwealth; and probably about the time when Cromwell met and vanquished the Scotch army of Charles "near Preston, in Lancashire," in August, 1648. These coins are now among the historical relics of your Institution—a memento of the liberality of the Rev. Mr. Mossop, of Woodplumpton, through the kindly feeling of Richard Threlfall, Esq., of Bushell-place.

In the department of Natural History, donations have been received from James Fair, Esq., of Lytham, and Mr. Manchester, of Fishergate.

A very graceful and well-timed present must be acknowledged from Mr. J. B. Booth, in the well-modelled Bust of the late William Taylor, Esq., (an early and long-tried friend of the Institution) which now occupies a place in the Library. The Bust was modelled from sittings during Mr. Taylor's life-time, and besides bearing strongly characterised personal resemblance to its original, possesses additional interest in being a specimen of the early artistic ability of a native sculptor—Mr. Duckett.

To Mr. Duckett, also, acknowledgment is due for the presentation by that gentleman of a properly proportioned pedestal for a model of the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates, the property of the Institution.

Although not appearing as a donation to the funds, it must not fail to be acknowledged that your Council owe a debt of obligation to Mr. J. J. Myres, for his contribution of a sum to be given as a prize among members to the producer of the best design for decorating the Theatre of the Institution. Two designs only were produced, each creditable to its author, but inapplicable to the purpose for which they were required. After due deliberation, one moiety of the prize was awarded to each.

The funds of the Institution have been benefitted by pecuniary donations from the Society of Odd-fellows, from the Soirée Committee, and from Ormerod Pilkington, Esq. The respective amounts of these donations will be found in the general account appended hereto.

While it is felt to be the duty of your Council to diffuse the blessings of knowledge, by promoting a wider range of instruction, the very limited resources at their disposal seem to baffle all their skill in devising means for its accomplishment. With the view of eliciting plans for their guidance—having a sum placed in their hands (by the liberality of Thomas Walmsley, Esq., the president) for the purpose of encouraging literary pursuits, and to be given to competitors—the authors of essays on any given subject—your Council proposed two prizes for the best and second best Essays "on the best methods of conducting classes in connexion with this Institution." Five essays were the response to the notice on this subject, and two of these will shortly become the property of the Institution, when it will be competent for your Council to consider how far their propositions may be practical, and to act in accordance therewith. The test will probably be applied in the ensuing official year. The jurors' report will be received, the successful competitors declared, and the prizes delivered at the conclusion of the ordinary business of this meeting.

The Treasurer's Accounts are appended to this Report, having been audited by the officers properly authorized.

General Fund Account,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1853.

Receipts.

Oct. 1st, 1852.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions, viz:—			
15 Annual £1 1 0	15	15	0
2 do. at 0 12 0	1	4	0
1 do. at 0 10 0	0	10	0
202 do. at 0 8 0	80	16	0
25 do. at 0 6 6	8	2	6
167 Quarter. at 0 8 0	66	16	0
125 do. at 0 6 6	40	13	11
,, Fines	4	2	5
,, Rent of Lecture Room	27	11	6
,, Catalogues	3	0	0
,, Donation from W. O. Pilkington, Esq.....	0	9	6
,, Part re-payment of Loan to complete purchase of Piano-forte	7	19	4
,, Bank Interest	0	7	10
,, Balance	9	10	0
	£266	18	0
To One Year's Rent due from the Preston Choral Society	10	15	6
,, Due on account of Piano ..	7	0	8
,, Balance	5	3	10
	£23	0	0

Disbursements.

Oct. 1st, 1853.	£	s.	d.
By Balance	36	6	1½
,, Cash paid for Books, Binding, &c.....	63	7	8
,, Cash paid for Printing, Advertising, &c.	18	13	11
,, Cash paid for Insurance of Building	5	10	0
,, Cash paid for Insurance of Stock	1	6	9
,, Do. do. Coals, Coke, and Gas.....	22	4	5
,, Cash paid for Furnishing, Jobbing, & Repairs	20	13	1½
,, Cash paid for Librarian's Salary.....	66	0	0
,, Cash paid for Librarian's Commission	5	6	0
,, Cash paid for Librarian's Assistant	10	8	0
,, Subscription to the Society of Arts	2	2	0
,, Advanced to complete purchase of Piano.....	15	0	0
	£266	18	0
By Balance	9	10	0
,, One Year's Interest due to T. Birchall, Esq.	13	10	0
	£23	0	0

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct,

JOHN J. MYRES,
ROBERT ANDERTON, } AUDITORS.

Building Fund,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1853.

Receipts.

Oct. 1st, 1852.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	16	2	6½
,, One Year's Rent from Corporation, for Rooms	40	0	0
,, Income Tax returned	1	15	0
,, Proceeds of Soirée	5	8	0
,, Bank Interest	0	9	11
,, Balance	27	17	3½
,, Donation from the Independent Order of Odd-fellows	5	0	0
	£96	12	9

Disbursements.

Oct. 1st, 1853.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid for Cushions	13	19	9
,, Do. do. Gas Pipes, &c.	9	0	0
,, Do. do. T. Clark, for Ironwork	11	6	0
,, Cash paid for Plan of Theatre	3	3	0
,, Do. do. Alterations in Theatre	59	4	0
	£96	12	9
By Balance.....	£27	17	3½

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER,

Examined and found correct,

JOHN J. MYRES,
ROBERT ANDERTON, } AUDITORS.

The following Resolutions were then passed:—

1.—That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed forthwith.

2.—That the twelve following gentlemen, having been proposed to the Council, be declared members thereof for the two years next ensuing, namely —Messrs. Birchall, Booth, Brewer, Burton, Duckett, Haydock, Miller, Oakey, Parker, Parkinson, Plant, and Toy.

3.—That Thomas Birchall, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

4.—That the Council be instructed to pay to the Treasurer for the past year, £37 7s. 3½d., the balance due to him as per statement of accounts read this evening, out of the first accruing funds in the year now commencing.

5.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the donors to the Institution.

6.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the year.

7.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Auditors, and Treasurer, for their valuable services during the year.

8.—That Mr. Richard Threlfall, jun., and Mr. Robert Anderton, be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

☞ The following report of the Jurors on the Essays referred to in the Report of the Council was here received, and read by the Rev. E. D. Rendell:

REPORT OF THE ADJUDICATORS.

The undersigned, being the committee appointed by the Council to select the best and second best of five essays which have been placed in their hands, "On the best methods of managing and conducting classes in connection with the Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge," and for which the Council advertised, offering to give two prizes for the same, hereby report that they have unanimously agreed to award the first prize of five guineas to that essay which bears the signature, "Apollo;" and the second prize of two guineas to that which has the motto, "Quod scripse scripsi."

The committee have further to add, that the three other essays are respectable productions, and it is hoped that on some future occasion the writers may be more successful; for the encouragement of whom, and of the members generally, we are happy to understand that a further sum will be placed at the disposal of the new Council, to advertise for other essays on other subjects to be hereafter determined.

THOS. WALMSLEY.
E. D. RENDELL.
JAS. SPENCE.

The first prize of five guineas was thereupon awarded to Mr. Jabez Henry Forshaw, 8, Garden-street, North-road, Preston; the second, of two guineas, to Mr. Thomas Livesey, 12, Melbourne-street, Preston.

9.—It was afterwards resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Thomas Walmsley, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year, and for the warm interest he has displayed in efforts to promote literary tastes among the members.

CONCLUSION OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE READING ROOM OF THE INSTITUTION

IS REGULARLY SUPPLIED WITH THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS :

WEEKLY.

The Athenæum.
The Builder.
Chambers' Journal.
The Cottage Gardener.
Dickens' Household Words.
Eliza Cook's Journal.
The Family Friend.
The Literary Gazette.
Notes and Queries.
Punch.
The Popular Educator.

SEMI-MONTHTLY.—The Critic.

MAGAZINES AND SERIALS.—MONTHLY.

The American Vegetarian.
The Artizan.
The Art Journal.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bent's Literary Advertiser.
Bentley's Miscellany.
British Controversialist.
Bulwer's Novels.
Chambers' Journal.
The Civil Engineer.
Dickens' Household Narrative.
Douglas Jerrold's Works.
The Dublin University Magazine.
The Eclectic Review.
The Family Economist.
Fraser's Magazine.
The Gentleman's Magazine.
The Herald of Peace.
The Home Circle.
Hogg's Instructor.
The Leisure Hour.
Lumley's Bibliographical Advertiser.
The Mechanics' Magazine.
The Musical Times.
The National Miscellany.
Newton's London Patent Journal.
The Philosophical Magazine.
The Practical Mechanic.
Sharpe's London Journal.
Tait's Magazine.
Thackeray's The Newcomes.
The Vegetarian Messenger.
Willis's Book Circular.
The Working Man's Friend.
The Zoologist.

REVIEWS.—QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review.
Dublin Quarterly Review.
Edinburgh Review.
New Quarterly Review.
North British Quarterly Review.
Retrospective Review.
Westminster and Foreign Quarterly Review.
Quarterly Review.

THE NEWS ROOM

IS SUPPLIED, PRO TEM., WITH THE FOLLOWING PAPERS :

(Additional Subscription—2s. 0d. per quarter.)

The Times.
Morning Herald.
Daily News.
Illustrated London News.
The Examiner.
Manchester Guardian.
Manchester Examiner and Times.
Liverpool Albion.
Liverpool Mercury.
Preston Chronicle.
Preston Guardian.
Preston Pilot.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1853-4.

President:

THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQUIRE.

Council:

To serve two years:

THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
MR. THOMAS BREWER. }
THOMAS MILLER, ESQ. }
MR. ROBERT PARKER. }
„ JOHN B. BOOTH.
„ JOHN BURTON.
„ THOMAS DUCKETT.
„ HENRY OAKEY.
„ JOHN PARKINSON.
„ W. J. PLANT.
„ RICHARD TOY.

To serve one year:

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ. }
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MR. JOHN J. MYRES. }
„ RICHARD ALLEN.
„ JOHN CATTERALL.
„ R. A. CROMBLEHOLME.
„ J. H. FORSHAW.*
„ MOSES HOLDEN.
„ JAMES HESKETH.
REV. E. D. RENDELL.
„ JAMES SPENCE, M.A.
THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ.

Treasurer:

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

Secretaries:

MR. JOHN BURTON. || MR. W. J. PLANT

* Elected by the Council, on Mr. Haydock's declining to officiate after election at the annual meeting.

The following gentlemen are Honorary Subscribers *of One Guinea annually—*

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ.
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JOHN PALEY, JUN., ESQ.
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W. John Burton

REPORT

OF

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

PRESTON INSTITUTION

For the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM,

ON TUESDAY THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1854:

THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQUIRE, PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

At the Annual General Meeting held this day, in the Theatre of the Institution, Mr. JOHN BURTON, *one of the Honorary Secretaries, being called upon, read, as follows, a Report of the Proceedings of the Council for the past year:—*

THE Council of the Institution, for the year now ending, present to the twenty-sixth General Annual Meeting, the following digest of their proceedings.

Your Council have met for furtherance of the objects of the Institution fifteen times during the year, the average attendance being ten; and Committees appointed by the Council have met nineteen times during the year, the average attendance being three. These several meetings have imposed an amount of labour on your Council the results of which it is hoped will, as of old, "like bread cast upon the waters, be seen after many days."

The following is a table of the individual attendance of each member at the Council board:—

MEMBERS WHO HAVE ONE YEAR YET TO SERVE:—

Thomas Birchall, Esq.	7	Trustees.
Mr. Thomas Brewer	10	
Thomas Miller, Esq.	—	
Mr. Robert Parker	2	
„ John B. Booth	6	
„ John Burton	13	
„ Thomas Duckett	6	
„ Henry Oakey	15	
„ John Parkinson	11	
„ W. J. Plant	10	
„ Richard Toy	12	

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE NOW EXPIRES:—

William Ainsworth, Esq.	—	Trustees.
John Bairstow, Esq.	—	
James German, Esq.	—	
Mr. John J. Myres	7	
„ Richard Allen	—	
„ John Catterall	5	
„ R. A. Crombleholme	10	
„ J. H. Forshaw	12	
„ Moses Holden	1	
„ James Hesketh	5	
Rev. E. D. Rendell	9	
„ James Spence, M.A.	2	
Thomas Walmsley, Esq.	3	

The continued increase of members, is a fact highly gratifying to your Council. Although a trifling decrease has occurred in the number of Annual Subscribers, which is certainly to be deplored, a satisfactory increase will be observed in the Quarterlies. At the close of last year the total number of Annual Subscribers of various classes amounted to 245, at present the number is 236, while the quarterly subscribers last year numbering 292, now amount to 335. The total number of members last year was 537, while this year the number is 571, showing a total increase of thirty-four.

Your Council has continued its connexion with the Society of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, in London. The only immediate practical advantage of this connexion during the past year has been the Exhibition here of a collection of Photographs, by members of the London Photographic Society. The Exhibition, however, produced very little excitement, was very poorly attended, and no pecuniary benefit accrued. How far this may have been attributable to the number of eminently skilful operators in this new branch of art-science resident among us, it is beside the business of your Council to inquire.

It may be to the advantage of members to be again reminded of the freedom of privileges in which those who travel from place to place may participate by virtue of the connexion with the Society of Arts, &c., to which reference has been made. A card from the Secretary of this Institution, on timely application being made for the purpose, being the only required passport.

Notwithstanding the promise in view as expressed in the Council's report of last year, the long-looked-for issue of the negotiation with her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade, relative to the appointment of a Master for an Elementary School of Design in the Institution, seems still to be a matter for doubt; and whether it will eventually prove favourable or otherwise, time only can determine: yet the formation of such school is of so much importance to this community, both commercially and morally, that it is hoped renewed exertions may be finally crowned with success.

Arrangements were last year reported to be in progress for a second Exhibition of Works of Art, to be opened in the Gallery of the Institution in the early part of the present year. That those arrangements were conducted to a most gratifying conclusion it is now scarcely necessary to announce. More important information on the subject will be found in the report of the Exhibition Committee appended to this report, a document which it is impossible to pass over without the highest feelings of gratitude to a numerous list of enlightened and liberal patrons,—a list that conjures a delightful foretaste of "the good time coming,"—"as come it will," according to Burns's poetical prophecy—

> "When sense and worth, o'er a' the earth, shall bear the gree, and a' that,
> And man to man, the warld o'er, shall brothers be, and a' that."

In order to increase the general interest in intellectual pursuits, your Council were induced to announce the admission to Lectures last season—FREE. The experiment in one or two instances proved to be exceedingly inconvenient from overflowing fulness in the Theatre, and taught the necessity for a discretionary alteration of the rule, by which, as altered, future admissions will be regulated.

Twelve lectures were delivered during the season, namely, *two*, eminently interesting, by James German, Esquire, his "Personal Recollections of a Ramble in Egypt, Nubia, and on the Banks of the Nile." [These were delivered in varied costume of the countries described, and illustrated by a series of admirably painted views, which combined to familiarise the countries and their customs to the tarry-at-home travellers of this "their native land."] The second of these Lectures produced a sum of £3 15s. 0d., to the Institution Fund, by a small charge for admission. *Two* lectures by Mr. John James Myres, one on "Pneumatics—the Atmosphere and its Mechanical Properties;" the other on "Frictional Electricity:" *one* lecture by Samuel Huggins, Esquire, of Liverpool, on "Architecture, its Relation to Nature and the Intellect:" *one* by Mr. Byrom, of Liverpool, on "The Importance of Life Assurance:" *one* by the Rev. Mr. Edleston, of Leeds, "1754 and 1854, a Contrast:" *one* by the Rev. George Lee, of Kendal, on "The Crusades:" *one*—"Miscellaneous Notes on Poetry," by Mr. Higgins: *one* on "Music, with Vocal Illustrations," by Mons. de France: *one* on "The Influence of Scientific Discoveries

and Improvements on the Condition of Society," by Mr. Crompton: *one* on "The Geography of Animals," by Mr. S. H. Miller: also a Glee and Madrigal Concert, by Members of the Preston Choral Society.

The limited resources at the disposal of your Council have been again seriously felt to restrict the Diffusion of Knowledge among the members. By the payment of a Balance of £37 7s. 3d., owing to the Treasurer last year, and of other necessary items of Account, not only has the purchase of Books to the extent required by numerous readers been prevented, but liabilities have been incurred amounting to £67 16s. 6d. This is a simple statement of fact, which your Council cannot shrink from laying before you—but even in so doing, considering the extraordinary low rate of subscription, and the prospect of future relief from a hitherto heavy item of expenditure in the shape of interest for principal borrowed on the building, they feel no reason to be discouraged. Another item which has also hitherto drawn largely upon the funds—namely, the Theatre, which was then undergoing constructional improvement and decoration,—has been completed since last Annual General Meeeting; any further outlay upon this now admirable portion of your property is not likely to be required for many years to come. The increased comfort has already been publicly acknowledged on several occasions, and for the first time a General Meeting of the members has now the opportunity of judging with what degree of success the completion has been effected.

317 Volumes only have been added to the Library during the past year—namely, 307 by purchase and 10 by donation—the latter are owing to the kindly liberality of Mr. Hunt; Mr. Richardson, surgeon; Mr. Cromblehelme, of Her Majesty's Customs; Mr. Byrom, (of Liverpool); Mr. Henry Oakey, and Herr Loth.

Donations have also been received for the Museum, from Mrs. Halliday, of Chaddock-street, of a pair of Chinese shoes, and a collection of dried specimens of British Ferns; from James German, Esq., of Whittingham House, a pair of Egyptian Water Bottles; from Mrs. Fleetwood, of Woodfold Park, the remains of an Egyptian Mummy; and from Richard Threlfall, junior, Esq., for the Fine Art Department, the Statue in plaster, by WOOD, of "Prometheus bound to the rock," exhibited in the Crystal Palace, Hyde Park, in 1851.

Since the date of last report, an experiment has been made in the organization of classes, which must be regarded as one of the results of the liberality of the present chief magistrate of this borough, (the Worshipful Thomas Walmsley, Esq.,) in exciting an interest in behalf of the formation of classes by the prizes offered by him, and awarded at the last General Annual Meeting. In the plan of this experiment powers have been given by the Council to a Committee of members of the Institution who are at present recognized as "the Members' Class Committee," in contradistinction to the Class Committee of the Council. By a report recently brought up to your Council it is shown that eleven classes have been formed, and six teachers appointed for instruction in various branches of literature, science, and art, for the approaching session. Much promise is contained in their programme, and it is trusted the business they propose will be conducted with special benefit to the members for whose instruction it is designed, and with credit to the Institution as an educational foundation.

Your Council, however, feel called upon to admit that experience, the best of all teachers, has already shown that to ensure the permanent efficiency of the system under trial, a perfect unanimity of feeling between preceptors and pupils must be established: a consideration of their requirements, with due fostering regard, must be extended to the Classes by the Council, while also a vigilant watchfulness must be exercised for the maintenance of proper control over their proceedings.

The News-room has become an important feature in the economy of the Institution. The News Class, if the body of news-readers may be so called, now numbers seventy-five members.

Your Council have again to report a favourable result of the Soirée held at the beginning of the present year, the funds of the Institution having benefitted by it to the amount of £6. 0s. 3d.

The Treasurer's accounts are also appended to this report, having been audited by the officers duly authorised.

General Fund Account,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1854.

Receipts.

Oct. 1, 1853.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions, viz :—			
15 Annual, £1 1 0	15	15	0
1 do. at 0 12 0	0	12	0
1 do. at 0 10 0	0	10	0
196 do. at 0 8 0	79	4	0
21 do. at 0 6 6	6	16	6
186 Quarter, at 0 8 0	74	11	0
149 do. at 0 6 6	45	13	11
,, Fines	4	2	1
,, Catalogues	3	1	0
,, Piano-forte	2	2	0
,, Lost Books	0	8	6
,, Theatre	34	3	6
,, Mr. J. S. Abbott *(donation)* ..	0	2	6
,, Lectures and Concert	10	8	0
,, From Exhibition Fund	10	0	0
,, From Members' Class Committee	16	18	2½
,, Bank Interest	0	15	4
	£305	3	6½
To Balance	4	10	10½
,, Balance	25	17	4
	£30	8	2½

Disbursements.

Oct. 1st, 1853.	£	s.	d.
By Balance	9	10	0
,, Cash paid T. Birchall, Esq., one year's interest	13	10	0
,, Cash advanced to Exhibition Fund	10	0	0
,, Do. paid for Books Binding, &c.	96	0	5
,, Do. paid for Printing, Advertising, &c.	28	5	0
,, Cash paid for Insurance of Building	5	10	0
,, Cash paid for Insurance of Stock	1	6	9
,, Do. for Coals, Gas, and Coke..	35	17	8
,, Do. Furnishing, Jobbing and Repairs	15	4	10
,, Cash paid for Librarian's Salary	66	0	0
,, Do. do. do. Assistant..	10	8	0
,, Do. do. Librarian's Commission	5	2	6
,, Do. paid for Subscription to Society of Arts	2	2	0
,, Cash paid to Drawing Master..	1	15	6
,, Balance	4	10	10½
	£305	3	6½
By Cash held on behalf of the Members' Class Committee	16	18	2½
,, Cash, one year's Interest due to T. Birchall, Esq.	13	10	0
	£30	8	2½
By Balance	£25	17	4

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct,
RICHD. THRELFALL, Jun,
JOHN J. MYRES, } AUDITORS.

Building Fund,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1854.

Receipts.

Oct. 1st, 1853.	£	s.	d.
To one year's Rent from Corporation for Rooms	40	0	0
,, Proceeds of Soirée	6	0	3
,, Half-year's Rent of Stone Yard from Mr. Jowett	2	10	0
,, Balance	45	19	5½
	£94	9	8½

Disbursements.

Oct. 1st, 1853.	£	s.	d.
By Balance	27	17	3½
,, J. Parkinson, for Cloth, &c.....	4	12	5
,, T. Brewer, for door springs	0	7	0
,, W. Coward, Joiner's work in Theatre	13	0	0
,, J. Yates, Gas Fittings	3	14	0
,, J. Dewhurst, Plumbing.....	5	16	0
,, G. Pye, Flagging Street	3	6	0
,, L. J. Hodgson, Painting Theatre, on account.....	35	0	0
,, Bank Interest	0	14	7
,, Do. Commission.....	0	2	5
	£94	9	8½
By Balance	45	19	5½
,, Balance due to L. J. Hodgson ..	12	7	0
,, Due to T. Birchall, Esq., balance of loan	300	0	0
	£358	6	5½

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct,
RICHD. THRELFALL, Jun.
JOHN J. MYRES, } AUDITORS.

Report

OF

THE EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

To the Council of the Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

THE Committee appointed by the Council to concert and carry out measures for an Exhibition of Works of Art, have now brought their labours to a close.

That an Exhibition was open in the early part of the present year is already chronicled in the annals of the town, and recorded in the proceedings of this Institution. Of its extent and quality, however, it is not now necessary to speak, but, as to its results, your Committee refer with an exultation which they trust is not unbecoming to the accounts appended to this report, by which it will be observed that a sum of £268 6s. 3d. remains to the credit of the Exhibition Fund !

It was resolved in the early proceedings of the Committee that the proceeds of the Exhibition should be applied towards the liquidation of the debt upon the Building, and that so much has been realised towards the wished-for end is a matter upon which the Institution may be congratulated; yet after all, so much having been done in this regard, and so little remaining to do, your Committee still cling to the hope that the friends of the Institution will not suffer an amount so trifling, as that now required to declare the Building free, to continue much longer to embarrass the operations of the Council.

The untoward circumstances of the times when the Exhibition was opened, and the critical condition of the town, were sources of serious anxiety to your Committee, and but for the liberal coming to the rescue of a host of generous Vice-patrons this report, instead of wearing its present cheering aspect, would have been dictated by gloomy disappointment, and presented to you in that feeling of "Hope deferred which maketh the heart sick."

Your Committee rejoice in appending the list of donors to the Exhibition Fund; it presents an unmistakeable testimony of the real friends of education for the masses, and will show to the less favoured portion of the community those who sympathise with their condition, who cater for their gratification, and contribute to the means of their moral advancement.

It would be ungracious, however, if not ungrateful on the part of your Committee

not to call especial attention to the munificent donation of Richard Fort, Esquire, of Read Hall, the present High Sheriff of the County.

Your Committee feel a deep debt of obligation to another class of patrons, who, although not appearing as donors nor figuring in the fund,† have nevertheless contributed largely to its amount, namely, the distinguished patrons of art and artists who have done so much to elevate the name of Preston in the estimation of the world. These must not go unrecorded. It is not enough to mention such instances of pure good-will as those afforded by James German, Esquire, (Whittingham) and William Talbot Rothwell, Esquire, (Foxholes) who respectively placed the whole of their most valuable art treasures at the service of your Committee. Little less can be said of John Bickerstaffe, Esq., of Edward Rodgett, Esq., and of another gentleman whose connexion with the Council ought not to prevent the repetition of his name here —Thomas Birchall, Esquire,* the President. It is also due to Thomas Miller, Esq., to Richard Newsham, Esq., and to William Bashall, Esq., to acknowledge the liberality with which those gentlemen responded to the request of your Committee in permitting selections to be made from their several most important, invaluable, and unique collections; and among numerous other contributors, the names of Mrs. Horrocks, of Henry Miller, Esq.,* of William Marshall, Esq., of Edward Pedder, Esq.,* of Richard Threlfall, jun., Esq.,* and of William Birley, Esq., all of Preston, or the immediate neighbourhood; as also those of Septimus Prowett, Esq., and Frederick Wilson, Esq., of London, and of Messrs. Agnew and Sons, and Mr. J. C. Grundy, of Manchester, claim special notice and regard.

To the Trustees of Dr. Shepherd's Library, and to the Preston Gas Company, your Committee owe obligations which must not escape mention. By the former the use of the space afforded to the water-colour department of the Exhibition and to sculpture was most courteously granted, and by the latter the gratuitous supply of Gas during the necessary period of lighting.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN BURTON, *Hon. Sec.*

† This remark needs correction, and an apology is due for the inadvertence it exhibits. The patrons whose names are above distinguished by an asterisk (*), besides having been contributors of Works of Art, will be found in the rank of donors to the fund also.—J. B.

General Account:

PRESTON EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF ART—1854.

RECEIPTS

CARRIED TO ACCOUNT BELOW:—

From Season Tickets—	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
301 at	3	6	——	52	13	6
100 at	2	0	——	10	0	0
6 at	1	0	——	0	6	0
				62	19	6

From Admissions—	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
612 at	1	0	——	30	12	0
782 at	0	6	——	19	11	0
1252 at	0	3	——	15	13	0
3977 at	0	2	——	33	2	10
2364 at	0	1	——	9	17	0
				108	15	10

From Sale of Catalogues—	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
515 at	0	6	——	12	17	6
1180 at	0	2	——	9	16	8
				22	14	2

From Commission on Sale of Pictures & Statuary—

	£	s.	d.
Per F. H. Henshaw	12	0	0
S. H. Baker	0	5	0
W. G. Herdman	3	5	0
C. B. Leighton	0	2	6
J. S. Raven	3	5	0
W. Hindle	2	0	0
J. Noble	1	12	6
H. P. Parker	2	0	6
T. Gilbert	2	2	6
Josh. Durham	16	10	0
W. B. Smith	1	5	6
Henry Dawson	12	5	0
J. G. Naish	5	14	6
	62	18	0

From Donations in aid of Exhibition Fund—

	£	s.	d.
Per Richard Fort, Esq., High Sheriff	50	0	0
Sir H. B. Hoghton, Bart.	10	0	0
E. C. Lowndes, Esq.	10	0	0
John Wilson Patten, Esq., M.P.	10	0	0
General the Honorable James Yorke Scarlett	10	0	0
Thomas Walmsley, Esq., Mayor	10	0	0
Le Gendre N. Starkie, Esq., M.P.	5	5	0
Thomas Birchall, Esq.	5	0	0
Carried forward	£110	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	110	5	0
Per William Ainsworth, Esq.	5	0	0
J. T. W. Aspinall, Esq.	5	0	0
F. D. P. Astley, Esq.	5	0	0
John Bairstow, Esq.	5	0	0
William Brown, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
T. B. Crosse, Esq.	5	0	0
Pudsey Dawson, Esq.	5	0	0
Charles P. Grenfell, Esq.	5	0	0
Thomas Greene, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
E. R. Harris, Esq.	5	0	0
Sir T. G. Hesketh, Bart.	5	0	0
Sir Benj. Heywood, Bart.	5	0	0
Charles Roger Jacson, Esq.	5	0	0
Robert Lawe, Esq.	5	0	0
Henry Miller, Esq.	5	0	0
R. Townley Parker, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
Edward Pedder, Esq.	5	0	0
Jonathan Peel, Esq.	5	0	0
Charles Potter, Esq.	5	0	0
W. B. Swainson, Esq.	5	0	0
R. A. Thicknesse, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
J. R. de Trafford, Esq.	3	0	0
John Gardner, Esq.	2	2	0
R. N. Livesey, Esq.	2	2	0
Mr. James Parkinson	2	2	0
H. N. Pedder, Esq.	2	2	0
Rd. Threlfall, jun., Esq.	2	2	0
E. G. Hornby, Esq.	2	0	0
John Horrocks, Esq.	2	0	0
Isaac Wilcockson Esq.	2	0	0
Thomas Ashton, Esq.	1	1	0
H. H. Broughton, Esq., M.D.	1	1	0
Edward Hollins, Esq.	1	1	0
Rev. W. Hornby, M.A.	1	1	0
Rev. J. Pedder, M.A.	1	1	0
W. O. Pilkington, Esq.	1	1	0
Richard Smethurst, Esq.	1	1	0
John Addison, Esq.	1	0	0
T. B. Addison, Esq.	1	0	0
J. Butler Bowden, Esq.	1	0	0
Mr. Thomas Duckett	0	10	6
Mr. Edward Smith	0	10	6
Mr. George Clark	0	3	0
	£246	6	0
From Bankers, for Interest	3	17	6
Total amount	£507	11	0

Recapitulation of Receipts and Abstract of Disbursements:—

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Season Tickets	62	19	6
,, Admissions	108	15	10
,, Catalogues	22	14	2
,, Commission	62	18	0
,, Donations	246	6	0
,, Interest	3	17	6
	£507	11	0

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	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of Collecting, Packing, Re-packing, and Carriage	51	6	5
By Gallery Fittings, Arranging, Hanging, &c.	90	15	6
By Printing, Posting, Advertising and Stationery	60	10	1
By Wages to Attendants	36	12	9
By Nett Profit to be transferred to Account of Building Fund, as per resolution of Committee	268	6	3
	£507	11	0

JOHN BURTON, *Honorary Secretary.*
JOHN BILLINGTON BOOTH, *Treasurer.*

Audited and approved, { JOHN JAMES MYRES, R. A. CROMBLEHOLME, } *Auditors.*

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

WERE THEN SEVERALLY *Proposed,* AND *Carried*—NAMELY:

1.—That the Reports and Statements of Account read to this meeting, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed forthwith.

More than thirteen persons having been nominated to supply the vacancies of Members of Council whose period of office now expires,

2.—That Mr. Edward Smith, Mr. John Croft, and Mr. John Parkinson, be appointed Collectors and Scrutineers of the Voting papers, and to declare the thirteen members having the highest number of votes.

3.—That the Council be instructed to pay to the Treasurer for the past year, out of the first accruing funds in the year now commencing, the sum of £67. 8s. 6½d., the amount of monies due to him on the several accounts which have been read.

The desireableness of realising the hope expressed in the Exhibition Committee's report being warmly responded to by the meeting,

4.—That a subscription be now commenced among the Members present, with the view of raising such sum as, added to the profits of the Exhibition, may enable the Council at once to pay off the Debt upon the Building.*

5.—That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be presented to the donors to the Institution.

6.—That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be also presented to the several gentlemen who delivered Lectures gratuitously during the year.

7.—That the thanks of this Meeting are due and that they be now given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the year.

8.—That Messrs. Ainsworth, Bairstow, German, and Myres, Trustees; and Messrs. Walmsley, Holden, Rendell, Ford, Cuff, Forshaw, Hesketh, and Bradley, the nominees declared by the scrutineers to have the highest number of votes, be elected Members of the Council for the period of two years, and Mr. Richard Allen, having the next highest number, for one year.

9.—That Thomas Walmsley, Esq., be President for the ensuing year.

10.—That Mr. Richard Threlfall, junior, and Mr. Samuel Cartwright, be Auditors for the ensuing year.

11.—That the special thanks of this meeting be given to Thomas Birchall, Esq., for his valuable services and most kindly regard during his presidency of the Institution.

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* By the subscription set on foot in the meeting, a sum of £28. 19s. 6d. was raised, which being augmented by £2. 15s. handsomely presented by Mr. Booth, made up the requisite amount to *free,* and it is hoped for ever, *the Building* from its debt.

☞ *Several sums have been generously contributed since, which, with others still expected, will be set apart for the completion of sundry portions of the Building, which "Hard Times" have hitherto compelled to remain in* THE ROUGH.

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THE READING ROOM OF THE INSTITUTION

IS REGULARLY SUPPLIED WITH THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS :

WEEKLY.

The Athenæum.
The Literary Gazette.
The Builder.
Notes and Queries.
Chambers' Journal.
Dickens' Household Words.
Eliza Cook's Journal.
The Family Friend.
The Cottage Gardener.
The Popular Educator.
Punch.
Diogenes.
The Illustrated London News.

SEMI-MONTHLY.—The Critic.

MAGAZINES AND SERIALS.—MONTHLY.

*The American Vegetarian.
The Artizan.
The Art Journal.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bentley's Miscellany.
British Controversialist.
Chambers' Journal.
The Civil Engineer and Architect.
Dickens' Household Narrative.
The Dublin University Magazine.
The Eclectic Review.
The Family Economist.
Fraser's Magazine.
The Gentleman's Magazine.
*The Herald of Peace.
Hogg's Instructor.
The Leisure Hour.
*Lumley's Bibliographical Advertiser.
The Mechanics' Magazine.
*The Musical Times.
The National Miscellany.
Newton's London Patent Journal.
The Philosophical Magazine.
The Practical Mechanic.
Sharpe's London Journal.
Tait's Magazine.
Thackeray's The Newcomes.
*The Vegetarian Messenger.
Willis's Book Circular.
The Zoologist.

The works distinguished by an *asterisk* are supplied gratuitously by their respective publishers.

REVIEWS.—QUARTERLY.

The Quarterly Review.
New Quarterly Review.
British Quarterly Review.
Edinburgh Review.
North British Quarterly Review.
Westminster and Foreign Quarterly Review.
Dublin Quarterly Review.
Retrospective Review.

THE NEWS ROOM

IS SUPPLIED, PRO TEM., WITH THE FOLLOWING PAPERS :

(Additional Subscription—2s. 0d. per Quarter.)

The Times.
Morning Herald.
Daily News.
Morning Chronicle.
The Examiner.
The Empire.
Manchester Guardian.
Manchester Examiner and Times.
Liverpool Albion.
Liverpool Mercury.
Preston Chronicle.
Preston Guardian.
Preston Pilot.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

1854—5.

President:

THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQUIRE.

Council:

To serve two years:

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ.
JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ.
JAMES GERMAN, ESQ.
MR. JOHN J. MYRES.
,, HENRY BRADLEY.
,, W. H. CUFF.
,, JOHN FORD.
,, J. H. FORSHAW
,, MOSES HOLDEN.
,, JAMES HESKETH.
REV. E. D. RENDELL.
THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ.

Trustees.

To serve one year:

THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQ.
MR. THOMAS BREWER.
THOMAS MILLER, ESQ.
MR. ROBERT PARKER.
,, RICHARD ALLEN.*
,, JOHN B. BOOTH.
,, JOHN BURTON.
,, THOMAS DUCKETT.
,, HENRY OAKEY.
,, JOHN PARKINSON.
,, W. J. PLANT.
,, RICHARD TOY.

Trustees.

Treasurer:

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

Secretaries:

MR. JOHN BURTON. || MR. W. J. PLANT.

* Mr. Allen having declined to serve, Mr. W. Huntington was elected by the Council, in conformity with Rule 8, to supply the vacancy so occasioned.

The following gentlemen are Honorary Subscribers *of One Guinea annually:—*

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ.
ROBERT ASCROFT, ESQ.
JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ.
PETER CATTERALL, ESQ.
JOHN CATTERALL, ESQ.
JAMES GERMAN, ESQ.
JOHN HORROCKS, ESQ.
EDWARD HOLLINS, ESQ.
THOMAS MILLER, ESQ.
HENRY MILLER, ESQ.
J. J. MYRES, ESQ.
JOHN PALEY, JUNIOR, ESQ.
EDWARD SMITH, ESQ.
EDWARD SWAINSON, ESQ.
THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ.

H. C. BARTON, PRINTER, FISHERGATE, PRESTON.

Mr. John Burton

REPORT

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON,

HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE INSTITUTION,

ON TUESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1855,

Thomas Walmsley, Esquire, President,

IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. John Burton, *one of the Honorary Secretaries, being called upon, read, as follows, a Report of the Proceedings of the Council for the past year:*

In reporting to this, the twenty seventh Annual Meeting, the proceedings of your Council for the past year, they feel much cause to congratulate you upon the position the Institution has attained, and upon the prospects of its future increasing usefulness.

Your Council have met, on the business of the Institution, no less than twenty six times during the year, the average attendance being ten; and committees appointed by your Council—members of their own body—have met, in further prosecution of such business, no less than forty four times, the average attendance being *four*:—facts which prove the duties of your Council to be attended by great anxiety, and no small share of labour.

The following table will show the individual attendance of each member at the Council board :—

William Ainsworth, Esq.	6	Trustees
John Bairstow, Esq.	—	Trustees
James German, Esq.	—	Trustees
Mr. John J. Myers	20	Trustees
,, Henry Bradley	20	
,, W. H. Cuff	14	
,, John Ford	12	
,, J. H. Forshaw	17	
,, Moses Holden	1	
,, James Hesketh	11	
Rev. E. D. Rendell	14	
Thomas Walmsley, Esq.	5	
Thomas Birchall, Esq.	—	Trustees
Mr. Thomas Brewer	15	Trustees
Thomas Miller, Esq.	—	Trustees
Mr. Robert Parker	1	Trustees
,, J. B. Booth	6	
,, John Burton	19	
,, Thomas Duckett	11	
,, W. Huntington	7	
,, Henry Oakey	9	
,, John Parkinson	17	
,, W. J. Plant	12	
,, Richard Toy	13	

Although an increase may again be noticed among the quarterly members —which is an advance in the right direction, as affecting most the number of those for whose intellectual benefit the Institution is designed—yet there has been a decrease among the annual subscribers which must be deplored. Considering, however, the general aspect of national affairs, which so seriously affect all classes of the community, and remembering, also, other influences operating directly at home in the founding of somewhat kindred institutions, it is rather a matter for felicitation that the aggregate is so slightly varied from the large increase of last year, than one exciting alarm for the continued well-being of your Institution. Nevertheless, the numbers are such as to show that advantages, within the reach of the most humble, are not appreciated, as they ought and might be, by the industrial population of this important borough. The annual members last year were 236—this year, 221. The Quarterly, last year, 335, are this year 346. Total number, last year, 571—this year, 567.

The alliance of this Institution with the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, of London, has been maintained by your Council ; but no instance has occurred during the year of any member removing or travelling, seeking the means, to which members are entitled, of enjoying the privileges of other Institutions in union with that body.

The negotiations so long pending with the Department of Science and Art of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade, in reference to the establishment of a School of Design, in the Institution, have been terminated without arriving at the successful result so earnestly hoped for ; notwithstanding the expression of some fear in the report of last year's proceedings. In April last, Mr Bowler, an Assistant Inspector from Marlborough House, was sent to visit the Institution, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Council was in a position to engage and retain the services of a master, and to report to the Lords of the Privy Council. From the spirit exhibited at a meeting convened to receive and confer with Mr Bowler, it was believed the wished-for object might be readily accomplished ; but, on its becoming subsequently apparent that a School, established under the auspices of the Board of Trade, would not only require a very considerable sum to be drawn from, or charged to, the funds of the Institution for outfit, and also the entire and exclusive use of your Exhibition Gallery, but that it must be, to all intents, and in all its purposes, a public School, in which the members of the Institution would scarcely, if at all, have any priority of privilege, your Council were impelled to pause ; and appointed a Committee of its own members to consider more

maturely the means, and the policy, under the circumstances, of establishing the long-desired School. The Committee reported (of their report a copy is inserted below) that, after due consideration of the matter submitted to them, they felt it to be an act of duty to avoid recommending the responsibilities to be incurred, which the establishment of such a School of Art would entail.

By the proceeds of the Exhibition of Works of Art, 1854, and the results of a subscription set on foot at the conclusion of the business of last Annual Meeting, your Council was then placed in the gratifying position of being able to free your noble building from its debt*—a debt which had long pressed as an incubus upon their exertions, and which only the uniform kindness of Mr. BIRCHALL, the President of 1850-1, and of 1853-4, in all matters connected with the building finances, enabled them to endure. Portions of the building were, however, and still are, incomplete, but, from the improved state of their funds, and the growing demand for rooms for classes, your Council have entered into contracts for its entire completion. Some additional liability is being thereby incurred, which, it is hoped, your Council will be able duly to provide means to liquidate, and afterwards the whole revenue of the Institution may be appropriated to the purposes of the general fund.

Your Council cannot now permit the opportunity to pass without recording the gratitude due from the whole members of the Institution for the liberality and courtesy shewn by Mr. BIRCHALL, as previously referred to, and on all occasions wherein the interests of the Institution have been involved; but, especially, for the manner of his providing means† to render this building at first habitable, and also for his various exemplary sacrifices for the behoof of the members.

Two hundred and fifty seven books have been added to the Library during the year—namely, two hundred and twenty two by purchase, and thirty five by donation. For the latter, the members are indebted to the liberal spirit-

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Report of the Committee, &c.

The Committee appointed by the Council on the first of May last, to examine the queston more thoroughly of the means of establishing a School of Design, and to report to a future meeting, having brought their labours to a close, now lay their report before the Council.

Notwithstanding a desire earnestly felt by each member of this Committee for the promotion of Art Education, especially among artizans, and to see a properly constituted and efficiently conducted School of Art established within the walls of the Institution, an examination into the financial requirements and probable return, has induced this Committee to withhold any recommendation to the Council to incur the responsibilities which it appears the establishment of such School would entail.

The calculations by which this conclusion has been unwillingly come to are as follow:

Probable Receipts:				*Probable Disbursements.*			
Contributions from three public schools..	15	0	0	Interest on amount to be borrowed for outfit..	5	0	0
Fees from 50 pupils, evening, 10 months, @ 2s. each	50	0	0	*Master's Salary:—*			
Fees from 20 pupils, morning, 10 months @ 4s. each	40	0	0	*Two Thirds* evening.....£33 6s. 8d...			
				Two Thirds morning ....£26 13s. 4d...			
				Public school .....£15 0s. 0d...	75	0	0
	£105	0	0	Assistant's salary	10	0	0
				Gas, £10; Cleaning, £10	20	0	0
				Printing and advertising	10	0	0
				Rent of Gallery	30	0	0
Deficit	50	0	0	Incidental Expenses	5	0	0
	£155	0	0		£155	0	0

☞ Other items of income might have been shown, but as they would go in their entirety to the support of the master, being from extraneous sources, it would have been merely swelling the amount of each side the account, without affecting the result, to state them.

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* The Deed of Conveyance and the Trust-Deed are now lodged in the bank of Messrs. ROBERT LAWE & Co., for safe custody, and copies are preserved in the Institution for the use of the Council.

† On the mere deposit of Title-Deed with him.

edness of Mr. H. OAKEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. H. C. BARTON, Mr. RICHARDSON, (Surgeon); Mr. W. ROTHWELL, Mr. W. LIVESEY, and THOMAS WALMSLEY, Esquire, the President. A Supplement to the Catalogue published in 1851, has been recently printed, which will add considerably to the knowledge of the contents of the Library—now numbering 5795 volumes.

To the liberality of Miss FFARINGTON, of Worden, the Institution is also indebted for a donation of Casts, for the use of the Drawing Classes; to that of Mr. ROBERT BURNETT, for a valuable series of Lithographic Views in Sierra Leone, which have been neatly framed and placed upon the walls of the News Room; and to Mr. TOULMIN for a specimen of decorated Wainscot (carved oak panels) of the 17th century, from the old Town Hall Building.

Thirteen lectures were delivered in the Theatre of the Institution, during the Sessions 1854-5; namely, "On Memory, and its Laws," by the Rev. J. INGLIS, of Kendal: "On the Influence of Intellectual Pursuits on Social and Individual Happiness," by Mr. J. G. COPE, Professor of Chemistry, and Teacher of Languages, of Preston: "On Art, and its Educational and Moral Uses," by J. A. HAMMERSLY, Esquire, Superintendent of the Government School of Art, &c., &c , &c., Manchester: "On the Evidences of Design evinced by a Glance at the varied peculiarities of Structure and Conformation of Birds and other Animals," by W. HOWITT, Esquire, F.R.C.S.E., &c., &c., Preston: "On the Mechanics of Common Life," by Mr. J. G. COPE, &c.: "On China and the Chinese," by the Rev. A. SEDGWICK, Preston: "On the Art of reading Poetry in Public," &c., &c., by Mr. CHARLES HARDWICK, of Preston: "On the Literature of Fiction," by the Rev. FITZHERBERT BUGBY, of Preston: "On Meteors," &c., by Mr. HOLDEN, of Preston; "On Fortifications," by HERR IOHANNE LOTH, late Captain, &c. Teacher of Languages and Drawing, Preston: "On National Education," by the Rev. W. J. KENNEDY, M.A., H.M.I.S.: "On the peculiar modes of disposing of the Dead among different Nations," by THOS. WALMSLEY, Esquire, President of the Institution. These were all delivered gratuitously by the respective gentlemen above-named, and admission was given to the general public on terms no less free, the object being to inculcate in the minds of the masses, a desire for intellectual pursuits, and to induce an accession to the number who partake of the benefits provided for all.

The Members' Class Committee, referred to as under trial in the report of the last annual meeting, have continued their operations, and, educationally, it

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The item of interest in the above statement is calculated on the unavoidable necessity of £100 being borrowed, for fitting up and furnishing the Schools, if the Council should conclude to establish them.

The estimated rent for the use of the gallery is on the highest scale allowed by the Department of Science and Art. In the event of Schools being established, this sum would be paid by the Schools' Committee to the general fund of the Institution. But this Committee deem it important to observe, that the appropriation of the gallery to Schools, would preclude all other use thereof to the Council; and it becomes a question whether, financially, (and in that light the rights of the members of the Institution demand the subject to be viewed) to do so might not be sacrificing advantages, more important to the majority of persons whose interests the Council are elected to protect.

While viewing the matter referred to them, this Committee has felt the more impressed with the idea of benefits likely to arise to the general community, by the establishment of Schools of Art. But the fact apparent, on examination, that a deficit of at least fifty pounds per annum would be likely to fall upon the Institution, besides the responsibility of a debt of one hundred pounds unavoidable for outfit, must make it clear to all that it is simply an act of duty to avoid recommending such responsibilities to be incurred.

It has become apparent, moreover, to this Committee, that it is beyond the province of the Council to establish Schools for the benefit of non-members of the Institution; and they, therefore, recommend the Council to consider the propriety of convening a meeting, of such inhabitants of the town as may be deemed particularly interested in bettering the system of Art Education as practised here, for the purpose of taking the general sense on the further prosecution of the subject referred to in this report, and which this Committee can devise no other means of legitimately accomplishing.

Signed, &c.

may be hoped, with some degree of success. They have presented three reports to your Council during the year, from the first of which it appears that *eleven* classes were being taught in various branches of education, having a nightly attendance averaging, for each class, $7\frac{9}{15}$ members; by the second report, *ten* classes were being taught, each averaging $6\frac{5}{14}$ nightly; and by the third, dated August 2, *nine*, averaging $7\frac{1}{12}$ nightly. By the last, it appears, also, that one hundred members are entered upon the class books, and that seventy three have attended their teachers. But these numbers must not be misunderstood; individual members of the Institution being, in numerous instances, members of various classes, figure multiformly in the class books, and swell the aggregate by the number of times such members' names appear. It has been calculated that about thirty per cent. of the entire number, will be thus affected. The largest average attendance appears to have been in the Vocal Music Class, namely, 18—by last report, 13; in the French Male and Female Classes, each 18—by last report, Female only, 10; in the Architectural Drawing Class, 13—by last report, 6; in the Mathematical Class, 11—by last report, 10; in the Phonetic Short Hand Class, 9—by last report. 6; in the Literary and Elocutionary Class, last report, (not previously mentioned) 8; in the Botanical Class, last report, 8. No other Class is reported to have numbered more than *six*.

Previously to the founding of the Young Men's Club, in Preston, an attempt was made, by your Council, to bring the class of persons seeking for the advantages aimed at by the promoters of that Society, within the pale of this Institution. Deputations were appointed, and conferences held, with that view, in April last, and it was then considered, on the part of your Council, that every reasonable requirement for the mental improvement and social comfort of young men connected with business in the town, could be provided for them in the Institution, consistently with your rules.

The News Room has experienced a diminution of members during the two last quarters of the year; but this might have been anticipated, as it may be accounted for, in the recent alteration in the stamp duty on newspapers; in consequence whereof, political enquirers are now able to purchase the "*latest intelligence*" at a price very little exceeding an ordinary news-room subscription.

The Soiree held in November last, when the Institution was honoured by the presence of the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, Sir Robert Peel, Richard Fort, Esquire, the then High Sheriff of the County, and other distinguished personages, produced a sum of £16 19s. 11d., besides adding considerably to the permament stock of the Institution. For that result the thanks of this meeting are due for a donation of twenty pounds from the esteemed member of Parliament for the Borough, R. T. Parker, Esquire, and for five pounds from C. P. Grenfell, Esquire.

The death of the late much-esteemed Senior Alderman Paley, at a ripe old age, has rendered it now necessary to fill up the vacancy caused by that event in the list of Trustees, in whom the property of the Institution is vested. At a recent meeting of the Council, in the absence of the President, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to this meeting the election of Thomas Walmsley, Esquire.

The accounts of the Treasurer, duly audited, are appended to this report, and are as follow:

General Fund Account,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1855.

Receipts.

Oct. 1, 1855.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	4	10	10½
To Subscriptions, viz.:—			
13 Annual, at 21s	13	13	0
1 do. 12s	0	12	0
1 do. 10s	0	10	0
188 do. 8s	75	4	0
18 do. 6s. 6d.	5	17	0
193 Quarterly, at per annum	77	5	0
153 do. do.	49	15	0
„ Fines	3	16	4
„ Catalogues	1	5	0
„ Theatre	61	19	0
„ Lectures	0	14	6
„ Pianoforte	5	5	0
„ Lost book	0	3	6
„ Interest	1	2	7
„ J. Bairstow, Esq., Donation to Class Fund	5	0	0
„ Balance	0	9	4½
	£307	2	2

Disbursements.

Oct. 1, 1855.	£.	s.	d.
By Cash, for Books, &c.	107	15	2
„ Printing, Advertising, &c	19	11	1
„ Lecture Expenses	14	16	6
„ Furnishing, Repairs	29	4	9
„ Coals and Gas	29	19	10
„ Society of Arts	2	2	0
„ Insurance of Building	5	10	0
„ do on Stock	1	6	9
„ Librarian's Salary	66	0	0
„ do. Commission	4	15	9
„ do. Assistants	15	8	0
„ Classes (from Institution Fund)	2	0	4
„ do. (from Class Fund)	8	12	0
	£307	2	2
By Balance	0	9	4½
„ Cash held on behalf of the Members' Class Committee	£13	6	2

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct, RICHD. THRELFALL, JUNR., SAML. CARTWRIGHT, } AUDITORS.

General Fund in Account with the Members' Class Fund,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1855.

Receipts.

Oct. 1, 1855.	£.	s.	d.
Balance	16	18	2
Donation from J. Bairstow, Esq.	5	0	0
From General Fund	2	0	4
	£23	10	6

Disbursements.

Oct. 1, 1855.	£.	s.	d.
By Cash paid to sundry Persons	10	12	4
By Balance (due from general fund)	13	6	2
	£23	18	6

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Preston Institution Building Fund,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1855.

Receipts.

Oct. 1, 1855.	£.	s.	d.
To one year's rent from Corporation for Rooms	40	0	0
„ Donation to Soirée from R. T. Parker, Esquire	20	0	0
„ Do. from C. P. Grenfall, Esquire	5	0	0
„ Articles remaining from Bazaar	2	17	6
To Balance	67	19	2½
	£135	16	8½

Disbursements.

Oct. 1, 1855.	£.	s.	d.
By Balance	45	19	5½
„ Loss on Soirée	8	0	1
„ Cooper & Tullis—Theatre	18	0	0
„ Jones & Grundy do.	3	6	9
„ L. J. Hodgson's Assignees' Balance.	12	7	0
„ T. W. Carter	2	2	0
„ L. Yates	2	15	0
„ R. Hayes	0	6	0
„ W. Exton	20	0	0
„ Park and Co.	29	17	0
„ Bank Interest and Commission	2	3	5
	£135	16	8½
By Balance	67	19	2½

ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct, RICHD. THRELFALL, JUNR., SAML. CARTWRIGHT, } AUDITORS.

The Following Resolutions

Were then severally PROPOSED, *and* CARRIED—*namely* :

1.—That the Report and Statements of Account now read to this meeting be received and adopted, and that the same be printed forthwith.

More than thirteen persons having been nominated to supply the vacancies of Members of the Council whose period of office now expires,

2.—That Mr. Thomas Ord, Mr. R. A. Crombleholme, and Mr. Ed. Smith be appointed Collectors and Scrutineers of the voting papers, and to declare the thirteen members having the highest number of votes.

3.—That the Council be instructed to pay to the Treasurer for the past year, out of the first accruing funds in the year now commencing, the sum of £67 19s. 2½d., the amount of monies due to him on the several accounts which have been paid.

4.—That the cordial thanks of this meeting be presented to the donors to the Institution.

5.—That the cordial thanks of this meeting be also presented to the several gentlemen who delivered lectures gratuitously during the year.

6.—That Thomas Walmsley, Esquire, be elected a Trustee in the place of John Paley, Senior, deceased.

7.—That the thanks of this meeting are due and that they be now given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer and Auditors, for their valuable services during the year.

8.—That Messrs. Birchall, Miller, Brewer, and Parker, Trustees; and Messrs. Bugby, Plant, Edleston, Veevers, Beetham, May, Cartwright, and Goodair, the nominees declared by the Scrutineers to have the highest number of votes, be elected Members of the Council for the period of two years; and that Mr. Booth be elected a member to serve for one year, in the place of Mr. Ford who has removed from this part of the country.

9.—That John James Myres, Esquire, be President for the ensuing year.

10.—That Mr. James Dunn and Mr. David Wilcockson be Auditors for the ensuing year.

11.—That the special thanks of this meeting be given to Thomas Walmsley, Esquire, for his valuable services and most kindly regard during his presidency of the Institution.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

1855-6.

President :

JOHN JAMES MYRES, ESQUIRE.

Council :

To serve two Years :

THOMAS BIRCHALL, ESQ.
MR. THOMAS BREWER.
THOMAS MILLER, ESQ.
MR. ROBERT PARKER.
,, JOHN GOODAIR.
REV. F. BUGBY.
MR. W. J. PLANT.
,, THOMAS EDLESTON.
,, HARRISON VEEVERS.
,, JOHN BEETHAM, JUNR.
,, HENRY W. MAY.
,, S. CARTWRIGHT.*

} *Trustees.*

To serve one year :

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ.
JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ.
JAMES GERMAN, ESQ.
MR. JOHN J. MYRES.
,, HENRY BRADLEY.
,, J. B. BOOTH.†
,, W. H. CUFF.
,, J. H. FORSHAW.
,, MOSES HOLDEN.
,, JAMES HESKETH.
REV. E. D. RENDELL.
THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ.

} *Trustees*

Treasurer :

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

Secretaries :

REV. E. D. RENDELL. | MR. W. J. PLANT.

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* Mr. Cartwright having declined to serve, Mr. T. Duckett was elected by the Council, in conformity with Rule 8, to supply the vacancy so occasioned, until the next Annual Meeting.

† Elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Mr. Ford.

The following gentlemen are Honourary Subscribers *of One Guinea annually :*

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REPORT

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON,

HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE INSTITUTION,

ON TUESDAY, THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1856.

JOHN JAMES MYRES, ESQUIRE, PRESIDENT.

IN THE CHAIR.

Your Council, in conformity with the practice of their predecessors in preceding years, respectfully present to the Members of the Institution a report of their official proceedings during the past year : and in the first place wish to inform you that there is no rule which requires them to present such a report, an oversight in the rules, which with some others will have to be corrected at some future time.

The business which has come under the consideration of your Council, has required them to meet twenty times, and the following statement will show how frequently each Member has attended :—

John James Myres	17	Duckett, Thomas	9
Robert Parker	0	Edelston. Thomas	10
W. J. Plant	2	Forshaw, J. H.	16
Rev. E. D. Rendell	19	German, James	0
Ainsworth, William.	2	Goodair. John	0
Bairstow, John	0	Hesketh, James	13
Beetham, John	19	Holden. Moses	1
Birchall, Thomas	1	May, H. W.	12
Booth, J. B.	12	Miller, Thomas	0
Bradley, Henry	19	Veevers, Harrison	9
Brewer, Thomas	13	Walmsley, T.	0
Bugby, Rev. F.	6	Cuff W. H.	8

But this table of attendance presents only a very inadequate idea of the actual number of Meetings which has devolved upon many of the Council ; and,

consequently, it entirely leaves out of sight very much time and labour which they have devoted to the service of the Institution. This arises from the Council being divided into several Committees. Each of those Committees has required many meetings, and several Members of the Council have been upon nearly all of them ; so that a much larger amount of time and attention has been devoted to the requirements of the Institution than what the above, usually reported statement, would suggest. Indeed the chief amount of work has devolved upon little more than one-half the number which constitute the Council. This has been the practical result of the rules of this Institution for some years past, and. therefore, the Council, without pointing out any desirable alteration in those rules at present, take the liberty of suggesting to the Members the propriety of electing gentlemen on the Council who have really a love for the educational interests of the Institution, who are disposed to be active in promoting the objects for which it has been established, and who have sufficient leisure at their disposal for this purpose.

The number of Members belonging to your Institution undergoes but little fluctuation. For some years they have continued pretty nearly the same. At present there are 220 Annual, and 373 Quarterly : making a total of 593, which shews an increase of 31 over those of the preceding year. This number, it must be confessed, is far below what might be reasonably expected from a population of upwards of 80,000 ; for it will be observed that it is considerably less than one per cent. This with so elegant and useful a building, with the attraction of classes and Lectures, with so large a Library, with the advantages of much periodical literature, and all at so economical a cost, is certainly a matter deserving of very grave consideration. In previous years direct efforts have been made to increase the number of subscribers; but their results were not so successful as was hoped. Whether any thing more can be done in that way with better success, or whether there is anything in the large mass of the population inimical to their appreciation of the educational advantages of such an Institution, are points seriously recommended to the consideration of the succeeding Council. In the mean time, it is respectfully urged upon the Members to try to induce their friends to join the Institution, by pointing out to them the great advantages which may be enjoyed at so small a cost.

Two hundred and eight volumes have been added to the Library during the past year. Of these fifteen have been liberally presented by the following, namely :—Richard Fort, Esq., The Society of Friends, Mr. John Lowe, Mr. H. Oakey, Mr. W. R. Cassells, Mr. W. Monk, Mr. H. May, and Mr. John James Myres. The total number of volumes now in the Library, is 6,003.

At the period provided in Rule 23 for the purpose, the Council caused a thorough investigation to be made into the state of the Library with a view to ascertain the custody of the books inserted in the Catalogue. This was a work of considerable solicitude and labor, and the result was the discovery of many books being so worn out as to be totally unfit for circulation ; of others which were of little or no literary value, and that some were irrecoverably lost. The number of lost volumes appears to be about 60, and some of them are single volumes belonging to sets, which of course renders the remainder comparitively useless. The Council has caused a Catalogue of the lost and worn out books to be made and inserted in the minute book. They also caused the list

of missing books to be suspended in the Library, under the hope that such publicity would lead to the discovery of some ; and this statement is now made for the same purpose. The number of books now discovered to have been lost has been the accumulation of many years, and it is not improbable that some may yet be recovered, but if this should not be the case, your Council expect that the additional care and watchfulness which they have directed to be exercised upon this subject, will prevent such losses in future, and one means for doing this is that the fines for overkeeping books are in future to be strictly enforced.

The usual Annual Soiree was held during the past year in the rooms of the Institution, and it was, so far as your Council are aware, generally considered to have been a very useful and gratifying Meeting. The profits arising from it amounted to £3 14s. 2d.

The Museum belonging to the Institution, small and defective as it is, is far from being in a satisfactory state as to its preservation. Many of the specimens, especially those of Natural History, are going to decay ; and the Council have not had funds at their disposal to arrest its progress in such a way as they deem to be desirable. This, therefore, if the Museum is to be preserved for a really useful purpose, is a subject deserving the careful consideration of the next Council. The present Council however, have pleasure in reporting that Messrs. VEEVERS and WILSON, two members of your Institution, kindly undertook to arrange the Geological and Mineralogical portion of the Museum, and that these are now in a state of tolerable efficiency, for the purposes of ordinary study.

During the past year, your Council in carrying out the arrangements made by their predecessors, have completed the Building. They have also introduced into it such furniture, as seemed to be required to promote the convenience of the readers, and by which the comfort and attractiveness of the Institution have been considerably increased. These it is hoped will be regarded as proper objects for the expenditure which has been thereby incurred.

A complete Inventory of all the Property of the Institution has been taken for future reference. This Inventory has been inserted in the Minute Book of the Council ; but in attending to this matter, the Council were struck with the circumstance that there are lying about the premises a variety of articles which have entirely ceased to be of any use for the purposes of the Institution ; that they were occupying room which might otherwise be usefully employed, and that some of those articles were in the process of decay. Your Council, therefore, would recommend that such articles be disposed of; but they felt that before acting upon such a recommendation, they ought to lay it before the Members of the Institution and take their adoption of this report as the authority for so doing.

Your Council have much pleasure in reporting that the Statue of Sir Robert Peel, which had for some time been deposited in the stair-case of the building, has, during the past year been liberally presented by its Sculptor, Mr. DUCKETT, to the Institution, with the understanding that he may have the use of it at any future time if any occasion for so doing should arise. They feel that this is a valuable presentation to the Institution.

Another presentation by Mr. HUDDART your Council are desirous of

recording. That Gentleman has kindly planted the front of the building with ornamental trees and shrubs, and your Council feel assured that this Meeting will accord to him their most hearty thanks.

Your Council have the additional pleasure of reporting that THOMAS MILLER, Esq., one of the Trustees, has most liberally presented to the Institution a beautiful series of Fenton's magnificent photographs in the Crimea. They consist of fifty views of the Camp; sixty views of incidents of Camp Life, and thirty Portraits, in all 140. The published price of this series is £63 0s. 0d. This valuable present has been made and accepted on the condition that they should be placed in simple framing and properly suspended in some suitable portion of the building. A specimen is laid upon the table, and your Council have no doubt but that this Meeting will duly appreciate this very beautiful and costly donation.

The Council also report that T. TROUGHTON, Esq., most considerately offered to present a series of vases to be placed on the square pedestals in the front of the Institution, provided they were considered suitable for the purpose. Your Council, however, after having obtained a drawing of those vases, and made some other enquiries respecting them, found that neither the style nor material would be in harmony with the general architecture of the building, and therefore they were most reluctantly compelled to decline that gentleman's very kind and liberal offer.

The union of this Institution with the Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacture, &c., London, is still maintained; and, in addition to this, the Council has, during the past year, allied this Institution with the Institutional Association of Lancashire and Cheshire. The objects of this Association are, mainly, to collect from year to year, some information respecting the experience and progress of the various Institutions in the union, with a view to the suggestion of improvements in their management, where it may be required, and also to provide an itinerant Library for small Institutions, and occasional exhibitions. The annual subscription is only five shillings. The Secretary represented your Institution at its last Meeting, held in Manchester, at which a large number of similar Institutions were also represented, the Bishop of Manchester presiding.

The Classes which for several years have been conducted in the Institution with only fluctuating success, have during the past year, occupied a considerable amount of anxious attention with the view of rendering them efficient and attractive; but your Council regret to say that their efforts have not been so successful as they were desirous to make them. The chief difficulty in this matter has arisen from the circumstance of there being no sufficient funds at the disposal of the Council for the purpose of meeting the fees of the teachers, and thus enabling the Council to take a decided course in the oversight of the class department. It has been thought by the Council, that no portion of the usual subscription of Members to the Institution ought to be employed in conferring special privileges upon particular Members, which would be the case, if any portion of the teachers' salaries were paid for out of such subscriptions. The effort, therefore, has been to make the classes, with the assistance of some private donations, self sustaining; but this has not been so successful as was desired, and the Council are convinced by much

observation and experience in the working of this department of your Institution, that much additional attention and energy with a view to its improvement, ought to be thrown into it, and, consequently, if the classes are to be sustained with credit to the Institution, that it should be the early duty of the succeeding Council, to take upon themselves, on your behalf, the responsibility of seeing to their more efficient establishment and working.

In connection with the subject of classes, your Council have pleasure in reporting that early in the year, they learned, through the public prints, that situations in the Civil Service, were being placed as prizes at the disposal of Institutions similar to this, and a correspondence on the subject was opened out with JOHN WOOD, Esq., the Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, which resulted in his handsomely placing at the disposal of the Council of the Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, one situation annually in the Inland Revenue, in consideration of the party selected being qualified by his attainments, and otherwise complying with certain conditions. These attainments and conditions were printed and circulated among the Members and the public: and March next is the period fixed for the first selection. It remains to be seen whether any and what Candidates will present themselves for adoption.

In order to encourage the classes, the Council have much pleasure in stating that one of the Members of the Council, namely, JOHN B. BOOTH, Esq., has most liberally offered to give £5 5s. to be distributed in prizes among the Classes, in order to stimulate study among their respective Members. The mode of distribution will be announced as soon as the arrangements have been completed.

The News Room is well attended; it is tolerably well supplied with papers, and upon the whole is considered to be in a satisfactory state.

Seventeen Lectures were delivered in the Theatre of the Institution during the Sessions of 1855-6. The Subjects of the Lectures, and the names of the Lecturers follow, viz.: 1. "On Words" by the Rev. T. Cox, M. A.: 2. "On the Honey Bee; its Natural History and Management, with Anatomical Pictorial and Practical Illustrations," by J. LOWE, ESQ., of Accrington: 3. "Great Men and the Sources of their Greatness," by J. SINGLETON, ESQ. of Over Darwen: 4. "Sir Walter Raleigh and his Times," by Mr. CROMPTON: 5. "John Milton," by the Rev. T. DAVIES: 6. "The Advantages of Historical Reading" by the Rev. E. D. RENDELL: 7. "On Mutual Improvement Societies," by the Rev. CANON PARR, M. A.: 8. "Oxygen Gas; its properties and relation to the Atmosphere and Water, illustrated by experiments," by Mr. W. MONK: 9. "Wonders of the ocean," by the Rev. G. ALKER, B. A.: 10. "Elocutionary Entertainment," by Mr. H. W. MAY: 11. The Lands and People bordering on the Ribble before the Conquest," by the Rev. W. THORNBER: 12. "Napoleon the First," by Mr. J.D. HODGE: 13. "On the Roman Topography of Lancashire, with particular reference to the recent discoveries at Walton-le-dale," by Mr. CHAS. HARDWICK: 14. "Chivalry; its older Institutions and modern Developement," by the Rev F. BUGBY: 15. "On Heat," by J. J. MYRES, Esq., 16. The advantages which Ancient Greece have conferred upon Europe," by the Rev. T. Cox, M. A.: 17. "On the study of Modern Languages with an illustrated Lesson in German, French, and Italian—and on the Art of Elementary Drawing as a part of general Education concurrently with writing, with Illustrations," by HERR LOTH.

The whole of those Lectures were gratuituously delivered; free admission, excepting to the front seats, was given to the public on the simple application for tickets to be had of the Librarian or any Member of the Council. Those Lectures were considered to have been attended throughout better than any previous courses, and it is hoped that those educational efforts have been found to be useful to those lovers of learning and improvement who attended them. The Council have pleasure in stating that they have arranged for the early commencement of another course, and the Programmes are now ready for distribution.

At the beginning of the year, your Council thought that an Exhibition of the Works of Art, Manufacture, &c., &c., similar to that which was carried out so successfully in Preston, some years ago, might be again attempted in connection with, and for the benefit of your Institution. Many Meeting were held, and much careful consideration was given to the subject, and it was finally determined that before any further steps were taken, it would be necessary to obtain a Guarantee Fund to the amount of at least £300. Circulars were issued to the principal inhabitants, and many calls were made by some Members of your Council to solicit aid towards this fund, It is however to be regretted, that notwithstanding the exertions which were made, only £151 2s. 0d. towards the proposed amount has been promised, and, consequently nothing further has yet been done to forward the contemplated exhibition. Should the sum mentioned be soon guaranteed, the Council still think that such an exhibition may be rendered a successful undertaking, and they have no doubt but what their successors would enter heartily into the work.

Several influential Members of the Lancashire and Cheshire Historic Society visited Preston, for the purpose of Historical investigation, about Midsummer, this year, and they made your Institution during their stay, the place of Meeting. They caused a quantity of interesting local and other antiquities to be brought together, for their private inspection. When done with for that purpose, your Council obtained permission to exhibit them to the public. Advertisements to this effect were issued, and the result was, a profit of £2 2s. 0d. to the funds of the Institution.

In February last, Mr. Plant one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Institution, felt it his duty to resign that office in consequence of his having removed his residence from town. The Council did not think it requisite to fill up the vacancy thus occasioned, and consequently only one Honorary Secretary has attended to the business since that period.

The Treasurer's accounts are appended to this Report, and it is hoped that the whole of these communications will be considered satisfactory.

Robert Parker Treasurer in account with the Institutinn for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

General Fund Account,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1856.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To 13 Subscriptions at 21s. each per an.	13	13	0
— 1 ditto at 12s. „ „	0	12	0
— 185 ditto at 8s. „ „	74	0	0
— 21 ditto at 6s. 6d. „ „	6	16	6
— 198 Quarterly sub. at 8s. „ „	79	0	0
— 175 ditto at 6s. 6d. „ „	55	14	9½
— Fines	2	18	4
— Theatre	66	7	8
— Lectures	4	8	9
— Lost Books, &c	1	13	0
— Catalogues	2	4	6
— Historical Antiquities Exhibition	6	9	0
— Bank Interest (General Fund Account)	0	13	4
— Use of Piano Forte Account	2	11	0
	£317	1	10½

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DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
1855, Oct. 1st, By Balance	0	9	4½
By Cash paid for Books, &c	95	4	5½
— Printing, Advertising, &c.	25	8	2
— Lecture Expenses	13	3	0
— Furnishing, Repairs, &c.	12	4	2½
— Coals and Gas	39	10	7
— Society of Arts	2	2	0
— Insurance of Building	5	10	0
— „ „ Stock	1	6	9
— Librarian's Salary	66	0	0
— „ Commission	4	15	0
— „ Assistants	15	8	0
— Exhibition of Antiquities	3	2	0
— Donation to Historic Society	1	5	0
— To Classes from Class Fund	8	17	5
— Bank Interest, (Building Fund Acct)	8	15	3
— „ Commission, do. do.	1	1	4
— Balance	12	19	4
	£317	1	10½

General Fund in Account with the Class Fund,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1856.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
1855. Oct. 1st. To Balance	13	6	2
	£13	6	2

DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
1855. By Cash paid	8	17	5
— Balance (due from General Fund)	4	8	9
	£13	6	2

Preston Institution Building Fund,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1856.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To 1 Year's Rent from Corporation	40	0	0
— Profits of Soiree	3	14	2
— 1½ Year's Rent of Yard	7	10	0
— Articles left at Bazaar	1	5	6
To Balance	300	10	1½
	£352	19	9½

DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Balance	67	19	2½
— Cash paid E. James	3	9	9
— „ J. Yates	3	1	9
— „ Cooper and Tullis	3	18	3
— „ R. Hayes	0	2	6
— „ Local Board	0	3	9
— „ E. Ambler	3	1	0
— „ H. Oakey	0	14	8
— „ T. Clarke	17	15	0
— „ W. Exton's Balance	36	0	0
— „ „ Contract	31	17	3
— „ Jones & Co	26	9	0
— „ J. Todd	2	1	3
— „ Park & Co	83	17	6
— „ W. Exton, on account	10	0	0
— „ Anderson	1	10	0
— „ Duckett and Westhead	11	5	0
— „ R. Lunt	4	18	6
— „ Brewster and Burrows	18	0	0
— „ T. L. Jowett	3	10	0
— „ W. Coward	8	1	3
— „ J. Roome	1	10	0
— „ J. Whitehead	8	2	6
— „ „	1	18	2
— „ Clark and Charnley	3	7	6
— „ James Walmsley	0	12	0
	£352	19	9½

Examined and found correct, JAMES DUNN, DAVID WILCOCKSON, HENRY BRADLEY, Auditors.

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The Following Resolutions

Were then severally PROPOSED, *and* CARRIED—*namely*:

1.—That the Council's Report and the Treasurer's Account now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—That Messrs. Beck, Crombleholme, & Bakewell be appointed Collectors and Scrutineers of the voting papers, and that they declare the members having the highest number of votes.

3.—That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing the sum of £300 10s. 1½d. that amount being the balance due to him.

4.—That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the donors to the Institution for their Consideration and Liberality.

5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to those Gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the past year.

6.—That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Council, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditors for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—The Scrutineers reported that Messrs. AINSWORTH, BAIRSTOW, MYRES, WALMSLEY ALLEN, BOOTH, CROFT, DOBSON, DUNN, HESKETH, Rev. E. D. RENDELL, Mr. RICHARD VEEVERS, T. DUCKETT, and W. H CUFF have the highest votes, and these Gentlemen are hereby declared to be elected as members of the Council, the twelve first in the list having the highest votes, for two years, and the other two for one year.

8,—That John James Myres Esq. be President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

9.—That Mr. Thomas Mitchell and Mr. Henry Bradley be Auditors for the ensuing year.

10.—That the special thanks of this Meeting be given to John James Myres, Esq. for his valuable services as president of the Institution during the past year.

11.—That the Council be instructed to prepare such alteration in the Rules of the Institution as they may think desirable, and take measures for such alteration being carried into effect at the next Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

1856-7.

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To serve two Years:

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Books added to the Library.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

1215 D Babington's Manual of British Botany. .. .. 1855.
1210 D Cottage Gardeners' Dictionary. .. .. 1852.
1201 C Crombie's Etymology & Syntax, of the English Language. 1856.
1198 C Edgeworth's Essays on Practical Education. 2 vols. .. 1811.
1156 D Entymologists Annual of 1855. .. .. 1855.
1157 D Flourens on Human Longevity. .. .. 1855.
1200 C Francis' Chemical Experiments. .. .. 1855.
1216 D Goodwin's Student's Practical Grammar of the English Language .. .. 1855.
1188 C Guizot on the Fine Arts; their Nature and Relation.. .. 1853.
177 B Hatton's Water Colour without a Master. .. .. 1856.
1193 D Hardwick's Photograpic Chemistry. .. .. 1855.
1191 D Jameson's Memoirs on Art, &c .. .. 1846.
380 E Kingsley's Glaucus, or the Wonders of the Shore. .. .. 1855.
1186 D Merrifield's Dress as a Fine Art... .. .. 1854.
382 E Mc. Culloch's Treatise on the rate of Wages. .. .. .. 1854.
1209 C Do. Principles of Political Economy. .. .. .. 1849.
1207 C Mill's Principles of Political Economy. 2 vol. .. .. 1852.
1208 C Morrison's Essay on the relation between Labour & Capital 1854.
1191 C Reichenbach's Researches in Magnetism. .. .. 1850.
1178 D Tate's outlines of Experimental Chemistry. .. .. .. 1850.
1215 D Trench's Lectures on the English Language Past and Present.. .. .. 1855.
1190 C Waagen's Treasures of Art in Great Britain. 3 vols. .. 1854.
1197 D Whately's English Synonyms. .. .. 1853.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1203 C Franklin's Journey to the Polar Seas. 2 vols. .. .. 1824.
1194 C Galiffe's Italy and its Inhabitants. 2 vols. 1820
1155 D Head's Faggot of French Sticks. 2 vols. .. .. .. 1852.
1196 C Huc's Chinese Empire. 2 vols. .. .. 1855.
1160 D Mayfair to Marathon. .. .. 1853.
1154 D St. John's Purple Tints of Paris. 2 vols. .. .. .. 1854.
1203 D Spalding's Japan and around the World. .. .. 1855.

BIOGRAPHY.

1167 D Addisoniana; or, Anecdotes & Sayings of Joseph Addison, 2 vols... .. .. 1803.

1195 C Brown's Memoirs of the Sovereigns of Sweden and Norway 2 vols. .. .. 1818.
1184 D Curren's Sketches, of the Irish Bar. .. .. 1855.
377 C Cockburn's Memorials of his Times. .. .. 1856.
1209 D Doron's Lives of the Queens of the house of Hanover. 2 vol 1855.
1205 C Fox (George) Life of, by Josiah Marsh. .. .. 1847.
1204 C Fry, (Elizabeth) Life of .. .. 1853.
1213 D Goldsmith's Life and Times, by John Forster, ... 1855.
1168 D Gramaldi (Joseph) Memoirs of 2 vols... .. .. .. 1838.
1202 C Gurney, (Joseph John) Memoirs of 2 vols... .. .. 1855.
1175 D Hampden, (John) Memoirs of .. .. 1854.
1205 D Men of the Time, Biographical Sketches of Eminent Living Characters .. .. 1856.
1162 D Montgomery, (James) Memoirs of .. .. 1854.
1207 D Penn, (William) Dixon's Historical Biography of .. .. 1856.
1212 D Peel, (Sir Robert) Memoirs .. .. 1856.
1206 C Rupert, (Prince) and the Cavaliers, Memoirs of, by E. Warburton, 3 vols. .. .. 1849.

HISTORY.

1210 C A Description of the Seiges and Battles in the North of England .. .. 1786.
1170 D Bolingbroke's Letters on the Study of History, 2 vols .. 1752.
379 E Dicken's Child's History of England 3 vols. .. .. .. 1854.
1204 D Doran's Knights and their Days .. .. 1856.
1206 D Guizot's History of the English Revolution, of 1640 .. 1856.
1159 D Larpent's Journal of Events during the Peninsular War, 3 vols. .. .. 1853.
962 C Macaulay's History of England Vols 3 & 4, two Copies .. 1856.
1182 D Michelet's Historical view of the French Revolution .. 1848.
1192 C Do. History of France .. ..
1176 D Prescott's History of the reign of Philip the 2nd of Spain 2 vols. .. .. 1855.
1153 D Simpson's Paris after Waterloo .. .. 1853.
1193 C Wade's British History, Chronologically arranged .. .. 1839.
1199 C Warburton's Conquest of Canada 2 vols. .. .. 1849.

POETRY, &c.

378 E Corneille's Plays (in French) 5 vols. .. .. 1810.
1217 D Cassels' W. R. Poems .. .. 1856.
1194 D Hunt's (Leigh) Stories in Verse.. .. .. 1855.
1173 D Longfellow's Song of Hiawatha .. .. 1855.
1200 D Mackay's Lump of Gold .. .. 1856.
1189 D Mitford's Dramatic Works 3 vols. .. .. 1854.

TALES, &c.

1152 D Fullom's Great Highway 3 vols. .. .. 1854.

1181	D	Gilbert Massenger	1855.
1161	D	Halliburton's Nature and Human Nature 2 vols.	1855.
1163	D	Hannay's Sketches in Ultra-Marine, 2 vols.	1853.
1169	D	Hook's Sayings and Doings, 3 vols.	1824.
1164	D	Kingsley's Westward Ho! do.	1855.
1195	D	Do. Greek Fairy Tales	1856.
381	E	Lemon's Enchanted Doll	1850.
1002	C	Lever's Martins of Cromartin	1856.
1189	C	Do. Jack Hinton	1842.
1174	D	Smedley's Lewis Arundel	1855.
1172	D	Thackeray's Pendemis.	1856.
1198	D	Do. Great Hoggarty Diamond.	1852.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1180	D	Boy's Own Magazine.	
1208	D	Burnett's Progress of a Painter.	1854.
1190	D	Doran's Table Traits.	1854.
1166	D	Forbes's Literary Papers	1855.
1197	C	Gilfillan's Bards of the Bible	1851.
299	C	Hamilton's (Lady) Marriage Rites and Customs.	1822.
1192	D	Hunt's (Leigh) Old Court Suburb 2 vols.	1855.
178	B	Lowe's Tables for ruling Parchment for legal Instruments.	1852.
1185	D	Meliora; or, Better Times to come 2 vols.	1853.
1165	D	Miller's My Schools and Schoolmasters	1854.
1188	D	Mitford's Recollections of a Literary Life 3 vols.	1852.
1202	D	Roger's Table Talk.	1856.
1201	D	Seldon's Table Talk	1856.
1171	D	Shaftesbury's Estimate of the Manners & Principles of the Times	1757.
1177	D	Talfourd's Vacation Rambles 2 vols.	1854.
1179	D	Thackeray's Miscellanies in Prose and Verse	1855.
1187	D	Timb's Curiosities of London	1855.
1199	D	Treasures in Needle Work	1855.
1158	D	Warren's Miscellaneous Works	1855.
1183	D	Waugh's Sketches of Lancashire Life.	1855.
503	D	Year Book of Facts for 1855	1856.

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Revd E. D. Rendell

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

TO THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON,

HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE INSTITUTION,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, THE 6TH OF OCTOBER, 1857.

JOHN JAMES MYRES, ESQUIRE, PRESIDENT,

IN THE CHAIR.

THE custom of your Council, and not the laws of your Institution, requires that they should present to you a Report of what they have done during the past year, either for the promotion of its welfare or the hindrance of its progress. In conformity with this custom, they now respectfully present you with such a brief history of their proceedings as will at once enable you to see the labors in which they have been engaged to advance the interests of the Institution, together with the position in which it has been placed up to this period.

Your Council, numbering 24 Members, have been summoned 18 times. Six of those Members have not been present at any one of those meetings, and the average attendance of the rest is ten. The frequency of each attendance is inserted in a note below.* That note, however, only records the Meetings of the General Council. Some of its Members, in consequence of their having been placed upon Committees to facilitate the transaction of particular business, have attended much more frequently than is apparent from that list; and the General Council desire to express their satisfaction with the care and attention which those Committees have bestowed upon the subjects entrusted to their consideration and management.

*WM. AINSWORTH, ESQ.	2	MR. JAMES DUNN	18	MR. JOHN BEETHAM, JUN.	14
JOHN BAISTOW, ESQ.	0	,, JAMES HESKETH	16	REV. F. BUGBY	1
J. J. MYRES, ESQ.	16	REV. E. D. RENDELL	15	MR. W. H. CUFF	6
THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ.	0	MR. RICHARD VEEVERS	3	,, THOMAS DUCKETT	11
MR. RICHARD ALLEN	15	THOS. BIRCHALL, ESQ.	0	,, THOMAS EDELSTON	13
,, JOHN B. BOOTH	7	MR. THOS. BREWER	8	,, JOHN GOODAIR	0
,, JOHN CROFT	7	THOS. MILLER, ESQ.	0	,, H. W. MAY	7
,, W. DOBSON	17	MR. ROBERT PARKER	0	,, H. VEEVERS	6

The number of persons belonging to your Institution, up to the 20th September, is 577. Those are composed of 50 Life, 217 Annual, and 280 Quarterly; from which it appears that there is a decrease of 16 compared with the number at the corresponding time last year.

In the Report of last year, the number of members was compared with the extent of the population, for the purpose of showing the very small per centage of the inhabitants which seemed to appreciate the educational advantages presented by this Institution; and it was then felt that some inquiries ought to be instituted into the cause of this complaint, and some effort made in order to remove it. Both of those points have occasionally engaged the attention of Members of the Council, but no general action has been founded on the suggestions they have made, beyond that of bringing the attractions of the Institution, on suitable occasions, before the public. By this means new members have been frequently introduced to supply the place of those who have discontinued, but without much affecting the numerical strength of the Institution. In this connection your Council report that they appointed a committee to endeavour to arrange some plan for increasing the Guinea Subscribers, supposing that such patronage would assist in increasing the ordinary Members : but that Committee, after much individual consideration of the subject, and feeling the delicacy as well as the difficulty involved in such an effort, finally reported as their opinion that the scheme had better be kept in abeyance, at least for the present. The revival of this subject is respectfully suggested to the New Council, particularly as the proposed New Rules provide privileges for such Subscribers not hitherto enjoyed by them.

During the year, 322 volumes have been added to the Library, being an increase of 114 volumes over the number introduced in the preceding year—twelve have been donations; of the whole number 250 have been new works, and 60 have been bought to replace others which have been worn out. The Council have pleasure in stating that a few of the books reported last year to have been missing, have since been recovered, and it is still hoped that others, which are yet missing, will be again restored to the shelves. The total number at present belonging to the Library, is 6,265.

The Donors to the Institution have been as follows, namely, Mr. William Dobson, 4 vols.; the Rev. John Freeman, 1 vol., and Mr. D. Puseley, 7 copies of his work on Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand; and Mr. Thomas Duckett, sculptor, his account of £1 10., for the Designs and Working Drawings, required for the execution of the Screens in the Library and Reading Room.

The Museum of the Institution continues much in the same state as was reported last year. The Natural History department of it, may, however, be somewhat worse, from the circumstance of another year having added its effects to the decay which was then going on. It is feared that many of the specimens are now not worth much attention for their preservation; and there being no funds by which to arrest the progress of decay, or to improve or to increase this department of the Institution's property, the subject of its disposal, in some way or other, must ere long engage the consideration of some future Council.

In connection with this matter of the Museum, the Council have pleasure in calling your attention to the Aquarium which has been placed in the Library, and which affords a very interesting means for the study of certain classes of Natural History to all those members who take any delight in such kind of knowledge. It has been placed there by the Contributions of Friends, towards which the Council voted £2 2s.

By the 11th Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, the Council were instructed to prepare such alteration of the Rules of the Institution as they thought to be desirable; and also to take measures for such alterations being carried into effect at this meeting. To the grave matter thus intrusted to them your council have given very much and careful consideration. They have caused the results of their deliberation to be posted in the Library for the last month, with the view of their being brought under the consideration of this meeting in due and legal form. The sole object of the Council in the suggested alterations of the Rules and in their new arrangement, has been to render them more in accordance with the practical working of the Institution, and on this ground they are respectfully recommended for your adoption.

The Council of last year informed you of a very valuable and interesting gift of Photographic Scenes in the Crimea, presented by T. Miller, Esq. This gift you were also informed had been made and accepted with the understanding that they should be placed in simple framing, and properly suspended on the walls of the building. Your Council appointed a committee to consider and report upon the carrying out of the condition implied in this understanding. But after several meetings conducted with much anxiety to accomplish the liberal intentions of the donor, they found that there were several difficulties standing in the way of their fulfilment. It was, therefore, resolved to communicate again with Mr. Miller upon the subject, and that gentleman on hearing the representation of the deputation appointed for that purpose, at once and with the utmost courtesy, left the further consideration of the subject to the Council, to be treated by them as they should think most useful and convenient. Hence, it may be expected that those numerous and valuable Photographs will be soon placed in such a form, as will, under certain conditions, render them accessible to the view of the members of the Institution.

The guarantee fund suggested for the opening of an Exhibition in connexion with this Institution, though liberally responded to by many friends, did not reach the amount proposed, and as there were other exhibitions, upon a larger and more attractive scale than that which was contemplated, about to be opened in Manchester, your Council, at an early meeting, deemed it advisable to abandon the project, at least for the present.

The privilege placed at the disposal of the Council of recommending for adoption, out of the classes, one qualified person annually, to a situation in the Inland Revenue, has become extinct, through the death of John Wood, Esq., the Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, by whom it was conferred. Your Council on becoming acquainted with the decease of this gentleman, applied to his successor Charles Pressley, Esq., for a continuation of the privilege, and they were informed by him that the patronage held by Mr. Wood, reverted to the Lords of the Treasury on his decease. Your Council then applied to the Lords of the Treasury for its continuation, through C. P. Grenfell, Esq., M.P., by whom they were informed that the application could not be entertained; the Lords of the Treasury refusing on the plea that every other establishment of a like nature would be equally entitled to a similar favour. On these grounds a privilege has now ceased from which your Council had hoped to have derived a valuable annual prize, by which to stimulate the industry of some of the classes.

It was suggested to your Council that a Room apart from the Library, for conversation, playing of chess, drafts, &c., would be a great convenience to the members, and after some consideration of the subject, it was agreed that the Room under the Reading Room, if properly furnished, would be attractive and

well suited for those purposes. The Council, however, did not see how to provide for the expences which it was felt desirable to incur; but in this difficulty, your President, J. J. Myres, Esq., most generously and liberally offered to lend, without interest, the funds requisite to purchase the needful furniture, and to allow the loan to remain unliquidated until an amount sufficient for its re-payment shall have accrued to the building fund. This offer was accepted, and the amount obtained was £30 12s.; this sum, therefore, will have to be dealt with as a loan without interest, to be repayed from the building fund, whensoever it may be in a condition to do so.

The ventilation of the Theatre, especially the gallery, and some other portions of the building has been frequently urged upon the attention of the Council, and steps were taken to ascertain how it could be most conveniently accomplished. Plans were suggested and proximate estimates obtained for the efficient ventilation of the whole structure, but they were found to be too large and expensive to be undertaken in the present state of the finances of the institution, and therefore it was thought advisable to defer its further consideration to some future time.

Your Council regret they have to report that a fire broke out in one of the Class Rooms during the night of the 18th of March last, which if it had not been discovered by Mr. John Park, the Watchman, on duty in the neighbourhood, in an early state of its combustion, might have proved a very serious calamity. But it so happened that comparatively little damage was sustained, and the expence of repairing it was readily defrayed by the Insurance Company. From the cause in which this accident was supposed to have originated, it was deemed advisable to examine and reset all the other fire places in the Institution, so as to prevent the probability of any fire occurring from such a supposed cause. This has been attended to; the examination showed that it was a proper course, and it is hoped that the efficient manner in which the work has been done will render the building safe from all danger of fire arising from the structure of its fire places.

During the preceding winter, arrangements were made for the gratuitous delivery of two courses of instructive Lectures. The following will remind you of those facts :—

First Course :—1. *Florence Nightingale,* by Mr. J. J. Merriman : 2. *The History, Principles, and Practice of Hydropathy,* by Mr. J. Livesey : 3. *Of Writing, Writing Materials, and Books,* by the Rev. E. D. Rendell : 4. *Electro Magnetism,* by Mr. W. M. Myres : 5. *The Steam Engine,* by Mr. J. Hesketh : 6. *The Steam Engine,* by Mr. J. Hesketh : 7. *A Peep at Penwortham and its Castle Hill,* by the Rev. W. Thornber : 8. *Preston in the Olden Time, or Illustrations of Manners and Customs in Preston in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries,* by Mr. W. Dobson : 9. *The State of Education in England at the commencement of the Sixteenth Century,* by the Rev. T. Cox, M.A. : 10. *The History of the Progress of Education during the Sixteenth Century,* by the Rev. T. Cox, M.A. Second Course :—1. *The Danes in Lancashire; or, the Battle of Brunanburh, and the probable locality of the conflict,* by T. T. Wilkinson, Esq., F.R.A.S. : 2. *Daniel De Foe,* by Mr. James Crompton : 3. *Nutrition; or, the Life and Trials of a Human Stomach,* by Mr. S. S. Shackles : 4. *Readings, with Illustrations from various authors,* by Mr. Singleton : 5. *The Origin and Destiny of Science,* by Mr. F. T. Mott : 6. *The English Newspaper,* by Mr. J. J. Merriman : 6. *Domestic Economy,* by Mr. Joseph Livesey : 7. *The Science of Heraldry connected with History and Literature in general; with numerous illustrations,* by Herr Loth : 8. *The influence of the Fine Arts, Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, and Design,* by the

Rev. E. D. Rendell : 9. *Heat*, by Mr. John J. Myres : 10. *On certain disadvantages connected with Modern Science*, by Mr. S. S. Shackles.

These Lectures were thrown open for the gratuitous admission of the public to certain portions of the house, and only nominal prices were charged to others, and it is hoped that the advantages thus presented, may result in the advancement of the educational interests of those by whom they were attended.

Besides these gratuitous Lectures, two others were delivered by the Rev. R. Boyle,—one on *Moore's Melodies*, and another on *Shakspeare's Hamlet*. Mr. Henry Mayhew also delivered a Lecture on *The Oddities of the London Streets*.

Your Council have pleasure in informing you that they have made arrangements for the commencing of the usual course of winter Lectures, on Tuesday evening next ; and also that the terms of admission will be similar to those of the last sessions.

Four very attractive Concerts were also given, under the auspices of your Council, but they were not successful in a financial point of view ; the loss upon them having been £3 2s. The Council expended £3 10s. 6d. in the purchase of music, which is added to the property of the Institution. Notwithstanding the above loss, the Council directed a committee to make arrangements for other Concerts, under the expectation that they would ultimately repay this deficiency, and also sustain the new cost to be incurred ; but about this time, other cheap concerts at another place were undertaken, and it was therefore thought advisable not to carry out this direction.

The classes this year, as in previous years, have occupied a very large share of the attention of your Council. They have been very solicitous to render this branch of the Institution's education more effective ; the report of last year urged this point upon their attention, and Mr. J. B. Booth very kindly gave £5 5s. to be distributed in prizes among the successful students. But notwithstanding all the efforts that were directed to promote their activity and usefulness, they did not much improve either in attendance or numbers ; and at Midsummer, it was thought desirable to close them for a short season, and recommence them early in the beginning of Autumn, with some new or more vigorous arrangement. This view has been carried out, and the classes were recently re-opened by an interesting soirèe, held in the Conversation Room of the Institution, and presided over by the Mayor, L. Spencer, Esq. At this Soirèe, ten prizes in the form of suitable books, purchased from a part of the fund provided by Mr. J. B. Booth, were distributed to deserving pupils, and from what was said and felt upon that occasion, it is hoped that the classes have been more auspiciously began. Your Council, with a view of increasing the number of pupils, have engaged efficient teachers, and determined to open several classes free of cost, to the members of this Institution. The particulars of this arrangement have been duly advertised. It was thought by your Council, that the adoption of this course would assist in increasing the members of the institution, and in this way provide the funds which will be necessary to meet the increased expenditure. And it is sincerely hoped that this effort will be attended with success.

The News Room is well attended ; the papers taken are of the first class ; the funds are well sustained by the additional subscriptions of members of the Institution, and it is upon the whole considered to be in a very satisfactory state.

The Institution still continues its connection with the society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacture, &c., in London ; and also with the Institutional Association of Lancashire and Cheshire.

The resignation of Mr. Harrison Veevers, as a member of your Council, in con-

sequence of his removal from Preston, caused a vacancy, which they filled up, as empowered by the rules, by the election of Mr. W. Ascroft.

In consequence of the decease of Mr. Lawe, the banker, with whom the Institution account had been kept for so many years, and by whom the title deed was held, it was found necessary to transfer the account and deed to some other party, and your Council have pleasure in reporting that the account has been taken by Messrs. Pedder, and also that the deed is transferred to their custody.

The lamented deceases of Robert Lawe, Esq., and John Paley, Esq., two of the trustees of your Institution render it necessary that the vacancies thus occasioned should now be filled up, and your Council recommend for this purpose, the election of Lawrence Spencer, Esq., Mayor, and Mr. William Dobson.

The accounts of the Institution are appended to this report.

The Following Resolutions

WERE THEN SEVERALLY PROPOSED AND CARRIED—NAMELY :

1.—Moved by the Chairman : seconded by Mr. Christopherson :—That the Council's Report now read be received and adopted, and that it, with the Treasurer's Account, when audited, be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by Mr. Duckett : seconded by Mr. Rendell :—That Messrs. Toulmin, Beck, and E. Clement, be appointed Collectors and Scrutineers of the Voting Papers, and that they declare the members having the highest number of Votes.

3.—Moved by Mr. Henry Bradley : seconded by Mr. Beetham :—That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

4.—Moved by Mr. Edelston : seconded by Mr. Hesketh :—That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the donors to the Institution for their consideration and liberality.

5.—Moved by Mr. W. Ascroft : seconded by Mr. Allen :—That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous Lectures during the past year.

6.—Moved by Mr. R. Parker : seconded by Mr. Brewer :—That the Mayor, L. Spencer, Esq., and Mr. W. Dobson, be elected Trustees in the places of the late John Paley, Esq., and the late R. Lawe, Esq., deceased.

7.—Moved by Mr. Christopherson : seconded by Mr. Tait : —That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

8.—Moved by Mr. Dobson : seconded by Mr. Rendell :—That the Mayor, L. Spencer, Esq., be President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

9.—Moved by Mr. Rendell : seconded by Mr. Hesketh :—That Mr. Duckett, and Mr. Beck, be Auditors for the ensuing year.

10.—Moved by Mr. Edelston : seconded by Mr. Howarth :—That Mr. Myres having generously lent, without interest, £30 12s. for furnishing the Conversation Room, with the understanding that it was to be re-paid when a sufficient sum for that purpose should have accumulated on the Building Fund, it was resolved that Mr. Myres be thanked for his liberality in this matter, and that the Treasurer be authorized to repay the amount out of the Building Fund, as soon as a sum sufficient for that purpose, shall have accrued therefrom.

11.—Moved by Mr. Rendell : seconded by Mr. Brewer :—That the special thanks of this meeting be given to John James Myres, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

1857-8.

President:

LAWRENCE SPENCER, ESQUIRE.

Council:

To serve two years.

THOMAS BIRCHALLL, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
MR. THOMAS BREWER. } *Trustees.*
JOHN GOODAIR, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
ROBERT PARKER, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
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„ JOHN BURTON.
„ JAMES CROMPTON.
„ THOMAS EDELSTON.
„ PETER HAMILTON.
THOMAS MAYNARD, ESQ.
MR. JOHN PARRY.
LAWRENCE SPENCER, ESQ.

To serve one year.

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
J. J. MYRES, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ. } *Trustees.*
MR. RICHARD ALLEN.
„ JOHN B. BOOTH.
„ JOHN CROFT.
„ W. DOBSON.
„ JAMES DUNN.
„ JAMES HESKETH.
REV. E. D. RENDELL.
MR. RICHARD VEEVERS.

Treasurer:

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

Secretaries:

REV. E. D. RENDELL. || MR. JAMES DUNN.

The following gentlemen are Honorary Subscribers *of one Guinea annually:—*

WILLIAM AINSWORTH, ESQ.
WILLIAM ASCROFT, ESQ.
JOHN BAIRSTOW, ESQ.
J. B. BOOTH, ESQ.
JOHN HORROCKS, ESQ.
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HENRY MILLER, ESQ.
JOHN J. MYRES, ESQ.
EDWARD SMITH, ESQ.
THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ.

Robert Parker, Treasurer, in account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

General Fund Account,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1857.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance	12	19	4
To 11 Subscribers at 21s. each per ann.	11	11	0
— 1 ditto at 12s. ,, ,,	0	12	0
— 190 ditto at 8s. ,, ,,	76	0	0
— 15 ditto at 6s. 6d. ,,	4	17	6
— 189 Quarterly at 8s. ,, ,,	75	16	0
— 171 ditto at 6s. 6d. ,,	54	10	7½
— Rent of Rooms	75	13	6
— Corporation share of Insurance	0	15	0
— Lectures	11	7	9
— Catalogues	1	15	10
— Fines	2	15	8
— Lost Books	0	7	4
— Pianoforte	0	18	6
— Annual Soiree	19	10	6
— Bank Interest (General Fund)	0	8	0
— Balance	16	3	0
	£366	1	6½

DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Books, &c.	126	6	1
— Printing, Advertising, &c.	15	19	3
— Lecture Expences	27	10	3
— Furnishing, Repairs, &c.	19	13	2½
— Coals and Gas	41	19	10
— Society of Arts	2	2	0
— Insurance of Building	5	10	0
— ,, ,, Stock	1	6	9
— Librarian's Salary	66	0	0
— ,, Commission	4	13	0
— ,, Assistants	15	8	0
— Drawing Master's Salary	1	10	0
— Expenses of Soiree	20	2	5
— Bank Interest and Commission, (Building Fund)	18	0	9
	£366	1	6½
Balance	16	3	0

Building Fund,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1857.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To 1 Year's Rent from Corporation	40	0	0
— Cash for Old Gas Pipes	1	0	0
— Balance	281	13	7½
	£322	13	7½

DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Balance, September 30th, 1856	300	10	1½
— James Yates, Gas Fittings	5	3	0
— Park and Co., Painting	6	5	0
— Exton, Joiner	6	10	6
— G. Thompson, Joiner	4	5	0
	£322	13	7½
Balance	281	13	7½

Prize Fund,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1857.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Mr. J. B. Booth, Donation	5	0	0
	£5	5	0
Balance	3	15	0

DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By H. C. Barton, Books	1	10	0
— Balance	3	15	0
	£5	5	0

Examined and found correct,

JAMES DUNN,
THOMAS MITCHELL, } Auditors.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

Arts and Sciences.

1227	C	Binns's Elementary Treatise on Orthographic Projection...	1857
1276	D	Brode's Phychological Inquiries	1855
1312	D	Fairbairn's Useful Information for Engineers	1856
1306	D	Forbes's Nature and Art in the Cure of Disease	1857
1257	D	Forde's Essay on the Key in Music	1841
1246	D	Galbraith and Haughton's Manual of Mechanics	1856
1256	D	Gosse's The Aquarium; an Unveiling of the Wonders of the Deep	1854
1314	D	Hassall's Adulterations of Food...	1857
1214	C	Hullah's Method of Teaching Singing	1854
1300	D	Johnson's British Poisonous Plants	1856
1321	D	Miller's Testimony of the Rocks	1857
175	B	Photographic Journal for 1854, and continued.	
1310	D	Philosophy in Sport made Science in Earnest	1857
1313	D	Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases	1857
1324	D	Ruskin's Elements of Drawing	1857
303	C	Do. Pre-Raphaelitism...	1851
1311	D	Scoffern's Philosophy of Common Life	1857
9	A	The Engineer for 1856, and continued.	
1221	C	The Chemist for 1854, and continued.	
1254	D	Templeton's Operative Mechanic's Workshop Companion	1855
1255	D	Do. Millwright and Engineer's Pocket Companion	1856
384	E	Wilson's Treatise on the Skin and Hair	1855

Voyages and Travels.

1275	D	Englishwoman in America	1856
1286	D	Howitt's Land, Labour, and Gold, 2 vols.	1855
1295	D	Karr's Tour Round my Garden	1856
1296	D	Mackay's Western World, 3 vols.	1849
1290	D	Markham's Cuzco and Lima	1856
1211	C	Marryatt's Mountains and Molehills	1855
1273	D	Siberia, Revelations of, by a Banished Lady, 2 vols....	1854

Biography.

1228	C	Brontë (Charlotte), Memoirs of, by Mrs. Gaskell, 2 vols.	1857
1217	C	Castlereagh's (Viscount), Memoirs & Correspondence, 4 vols.	1848

1213 C Fitzherbert's (Mrs.) Memoirs, by Charles Langdale 1856
1316 D Gainsborough's Life, by G. W. Fulcher 1856
1224 C Kirby, (Rev. W.) Life of, by Freeman 1852
1315 D Landon, (L. E.) Life and Remains, by Blanchard, 2 vols. 1841
1212 C Mathews, (Charles), Memoirs of, by Mrs. Mathews, 4 vols. 1839

History.

385 E Dobson's Preston in the Olden Time 1857
385 E Dobson's History of the Parliamentary Representation of Preston 1856
1229 C Doran's Monarchs retired from Business, 2 vols. ... 1857
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1219 C Do. Dictionary of Dates 1855
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1291 D Prescott's History of the Reign of Charles the Fifth ... 1857
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1292 D Timbs's Curiosities of History 1857
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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

TO THE

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON;

HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE INSTITUTION,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, THE 5TH OF OCTOBER, 1858.

LAWRENCE SPENCER, ESQ., PRESIDENT,

IN THE CHAIR

YOUR Council have pleasure in meeting you upon this your Thirtieth anniversary, to present a report, descriptive and explanatory, of the business which has engaged their attention during the past year. This business has been to conserve the building, literary, and other property of the Institution; and, also, to promote the educational interests for which it was established.

For those purposes the Council (independently of numerous meetings of its committees,) has assembled twenty times, and the following is a list of the attendance, or otherwise, of its individual members:—

MR. THOS. BIRCHALL, ... 0	MR. PETER HAMILTON,.... 5	MR RICHARD ALLEN,..... 12
„ THOS. BREWER,..... 6	„ THOS, MAYNARD,..... 8	„ JOHN B. BOOTH 0
„ JOHN GOODAIR, ... 0	„ JOHN PARRY, ... 10	„ JOHN CROFT,..... 2
„ ROBERT PARKER, ... 2	„ LAWRENCE SPENCER .. 8	„ WM. DOBSON..... 17
„ WM. ASCROFT,..... 12	„ WILLIAM AINSWORTH .. 4	„ JAMES DUNN, ... 9
„ JOHN BURTON. 5	„ JOHN BAISTOW 0	„ JAMES HESKETH..... 18
„ JAMES CROMPTON..... 13	„ J. J. MYRES 12	REV. E. D. RENDELL..... 17
„ THOS. EDELSTON..... 11	„ THOS. WALMSEY 0	MR. RICHARD VEEVERS, ... 1

The average attendance at each meeting has been nine; that is little more than one-third of the whole number. From this list it will be observed that some of the gentlemen named have not been present on any one occasion; and that the attendance of others has not been so frequent as, no doubt, their constituents desired. It is not, however, to be inferred from these facts that those gentlemen are not interested in the successful working of the Institution. There are other ways of shewing their sympathy with its objects, besides that of labouring in the deliberation of its offices; and your Council have reason to believe that all of them are influenced by the most friendly sympathy and consideration towards the intellectual object contemplated by its promoters.

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They also have pleasure in reporting that some of them having, during the past year, by pecuniary donations, given substantial proof of their love for its educational purposes. Still, because it was desirable to have a Council sufficiently numerous to impart efficiency to its deliberations, they have put into operation the 7th Rule, by which they are empowered to fill up vacancies occasioned by non-attendance or otherwise, and they elected, in the place of non-attendances and resignations, Mr. John Beetham, Mr. John Howarth, Mr. Hoyle, and Mr. Henry May. Their services, however, now terminate.

One of the resignations referred to, was that of Mr. James Dunn, one of the Honorary Secretaries of your Institution. This was occasioned by a new engagement, which required his temporary removal from Preston.

The 8th Rule provides that *two* Secretaries shall be elected at the first meeting of the new Council. This was done: but as the rule does not positively state that when a vacancy occurs in one it *shall* be filled up, your Council preferred to let the subject remain in abeyance: some thought that one was sufficient; and as the duties of the office cannot be conveniently divided, it was considered that the Council ought to left to judge in this matter, and therefore notice has been given for the alteration of the rule, in such a way as to make the election of one or two Secretaries, optional to the Council.

The subject of establishing a School of Art was revived at one of the early meetings of the Council, and a Committee appointed for the consideration of ways and means; another Committee was elected to carry into greater effect the purposes contemplated by the 16th Rule, which refers to Honorary Subscribers, with their respective privileges. But those two Committees, after several meetings, felt that the trade of the town and district was in too depressed a condition to warrant the expectations of a favourable response to any efforts which might then be made in those directions: and, therefore, they were deferred for revival to a more encouraging period. Your Council believe that the period is now advancing, for they rejoice in being able to report that to the small list of Honorary Subscribers referred to, seven new members have been added very recently. It is also hoped that the establishment of a School of Art will not be lost sight of by their successors.

The number of members belonging to your Institution is: annual, 201, and quarterly, 502; making, together, 703, being an increase of 126 over those reported last year. This is the largest number of members which the Council have had the pleasure of reporting for many years. This increase, however, chiefly consists of young persons, who have joined the Institution in consequence of the establishment of Classes which offered the privilege of admission to them without any other cost than that of the ordinary subscriptions as members of the Institution; and it is sincerely hoped that all such pupils will realize the educational advantages which they are seeking.

The manuscript of a new Catalogue has for some time engaged the attention of the Council, and it is now in a state of such forwardness, that they have directed tenders to be obtained for printing it, so that it may be sold at a moderate price. It has, however, been deemed expedient to defer the printing until after this meeting, because it is intended to submit to you a list of old and worthless books, which have, for some years, occupied the shelves and pages of the catalogue; together with a resolution to obtain your sanction for that list to be omitted from the Catalogue, and the books to be disposed

of in such way as the Council may deem most expedient. The Council ask you to grant this permission, and then their successors will be in a position to go on with the printing of the Catalogue without delay. They think it unwise to retain possession of, and reprint the Catalogue, of such a mass of obsolete and useless literature. The number of them is about 420 volumes.

The Council regret to inform you that the "dry rot" had made its appearance in some of the joists and skirting boards of the Conversation-room. They, however, lost no time in making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the extent of the damage which had been done thereby, and thereupon took the necessary means for removing all the infected timber, supplying new, and introducing throughout the whole floor an improved ventilation, and it is expected that a complete cure has been effected by those measures. The cost has been considerable, but the necessity was imperative

In this place it may be proper to state that there is a strong opinion growing in the minds of all those who are intimately acquainted with the building, and the uses to which its various apartments are devoted, that serious attention ought to be paid, at the earliest possible opportunity, to the more complete ventilation of the whole structure than that which at present exists. This subject was referred to in the last report, and it is now revived because nothing has been done respecting it.

The necessity for such ventilation is very apparent at times in the Theatre, and generally in the large room occupied by Dr. Shepherd's Library. Some considerations have been given to this subject by your Council; so also has the warming of the building by other means than those now in operation, but the expence of carrying those works out in an effectual manner through the whole structure, has, upon a general inquiry, been found to be too great for any finances which could be at present commanded, and, therefore, they have been postponed from time to time. But the ventilation of the room occupied by Dr. Shepherd's Library has been determined on, at the cost of about £15, as soon as the new arrangement for its occupancy, now in contemplation between the Council and the Trustees of the Library, shall have been completed.

It has also been found necessary to improve the drainage, and to attend to a variety of minor repairs which so large a structure is continually requiring; all of which demand a continual expenditure of funds by no means adequate to accomplish what is known to be desirable for the welfare of the building, and the comfort of those who assemble within its walls.

Your Council directed their attention to the cost of the Library and the Furniture of the Institution, and believing as they did, that the amount of the Insurance from fire, effected upon them, was not adequate to their value, they determined to increase it from £500 to £700, specially naming the piano at £50 more.

Since the last annual meeting, 164 volumes have been added to the Library, being 158 volumes less than during the preceding year. The issue for the same period has been 19,121 volumes. Of the number added, 44 have been presentations, and this is an increase of 32 volumes over the donations of last year. So that considering the donations on the one hand, and the large number of periodicals on the other which go to make up the whole number added, it will be seen that comparatively few purchases of books have been made, This, however, has not arisen from any inattention of the

Council, but simply because they have not had a sufficiency of funds to add more largely to the stock. It would have given the Council sincere pleasure if they could have presented a more satisfactory report on this important point, and they hope it will be in the power of their successors to say, at the next annual meeting, something more encouraging concerning it. But still it should always be remembered that the smallness of the subscriptions, and the fewness of the members, when compared with the large expenditure attendant on so extensive a building, must always necessarily limit within a small compass, the Council's operations in that department of the Institution. Moreover, there are other departments requiring attention and expenditure, and some of these, during the past year, have been more than ordinarily cared for. To these your Council will presently refer.

The donors, and their gifts to the Institution, for the past year, are as follows. A Lady. 3 volumes; Society of Arts, 2 volumes; Mr. James Dunn, 13 volumes; Mr. E. Richardson, 1 volume; Mr. Wm. Dobson, 24 volumes; Mr. John Beetham, 1 volume. Mr. Hughes has also presented a series of Architectural Drawings to the Institution, for the use of the Drawing Class; and Mrs. St. Clair, Mrs. Birkett, and Mrs J. S. Master, three daughters of the late Samuel Horrocks, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Preston twenty-two years, have presented to the Institution the Portrait of that gentleman, by Londule, elegantly framed. All these presentations have been duly acknowledged by the Council. Your Council have great pleasure in further reporting, that the Library belonging to the late Natural History Society, in Preston, has been most liberally promised by its surviving members to the Institution.

In the last report, you were informed that the Classes had occupied a large share of attention. The solicitude then felt for giving to that branch of the Institution's operations a more prominent position, has been preserved by your Council; and after carefully reviewing the various efforts which, from time to time, had been made for this purpose, it was determined to continue the engagement of efficient teachers, at fixed salaries, and to admit all to their Classes who might chose to place themselves under their instruction, free of any other cost than that of the usual subscriptions for becoming members of the Institution. Great pains were taken, and considerable expence incurred, in giving due publicity to this undertaking, the result was the accession of a considerable number of youug persons, so much so, that additional class furniture had to be purchased for their accommodation, and some other arrangements made to meet the necessities thereby occasioned. No doubt, many of the pupils have gained some permanent advantages by embracing the privileges thus placed at their disposal; and it is sincerely hoped, that others are in the way of making satisfactory progress. It must not, however, be concealed, that the income arising from those additional subscriptions has not been equal to the expenditure incurred by the undertaking. The amount, however, compared with the advantages which have been secured, need not give rise to any unfavourable apprehensions respecting the funds.

Still, there being a deficiency, and knowing that the occupancy of the Theatre on the Sundays was about to cease, and that thereby a considerable diminution in the income of the Institution would be sustained, your Council have this season felt some hesitation in re-establishing the Classes upon the same liberal terms. The subject was carefully and anxiously discussed. The

whole difficulty was of a pecuniary kind, somewhat embarrassed by the consideration that one branch of the Institution's operations ought not to be sustained by sacrificing the efficiency of others. In this difficulty, Mr. W. Ainsworth suggested that a sum might this year be raised by subscription, for the special purpose of sustaining the Classes, and that gentleman accompanied his suggestion by the gift of £5; he also undertook to represent the case to other gentlemen of the town, and your Council rejoice in being able to report, as the result of his efforts, that Mr. T. Miller, Mr. Bairstow, Mr. Goodair, and Mr. Pedder, have each given £5, to this important object. Thus so handsomely relieved, the Council have re-established the Classes on the same terms as those of last year, and pupils are now in the course of embracing the advantages thus placed at their disposal.

Your Institution is still continued in connection with the Society of Arts, and the Institutional Association of Mechanics' Institutions of Lancashire and Cheshire. Both of these bodies have undertaken the examination of Classes belonging the Institutions in their connection, with the view of presenting, to successful candidates, some suitable award for their attainments. No candidates from the Classes of this Institution presented themselves to the examinations of the Society of Arts; but about thirty came forward to that which was conducted in the building on the 29th of May, by the Institutional Association, and your Council have pleasure in reporting the following awards: Wm. Gardner, for Mathematics, £1., and second-class certificate; Isabella Lamb, for Domestic Economy and Household Accounts, £1, and third-class certificate; Ann Swarbrick, for Domestic Economy and Household Accounts, third-class certificate; Richard Gorst, for Drawing, second-class certificate; Edward Greenwood, for Drawing, third-class certificate; and William Brown was selected for honourable mention for Grammar. This being the first examination of the kind, in connection with the Classes of this Institution, may, upon the whole, be considered a satisfactory result. Other pupils might have been successful, and more might have presented themselves as candidates for examination, if they had been better informed of the manner in which it was to have been conducted. Several who were qualified were timid, and this caused them to shrink from the ordeal.

To stimulate exertion among the Classes, it will be remembered that, last year, Mr. J. B. Booth gave £5 5s., to be distributed in Prizes. The Council of that year only expended £1 10s. of that amount, and consequently there is in hand £3 15s. 0d. to be appropriated in that way when the Council have discovered the deserving pupils on whom it can be justly bestowed. In addition to this, your Council have much satisfaction in reporting that Mr. Spencer, the President of your Institution, has given £5 for the same purpose. The pupils of the Classes have been invited to a competition for prizes, to be provided from this amount. Your Council determined on subjects, which were printed; they also appointed examiners, and from their report, the following candidates have been selected as deserving of Prizes, viz.:—Matthew Harrison, for Algebra; Thomas Crompton, for Euclid and Mensuration; Henry Anderton, for Arithmetic; Richard Gorst, for Architectural Drawing; Daniel Cartmel, for Mechanical Drawing; John Greenwood, for Grammar and Composition; Isabella Lamb, for Grammar and Arithmetic; Elizabeth Burnett, for Arithmetic; Jane Gaskell, for Writing, and commended for Grammar. The following have also been selected for certifi-

cates of commendation, viz:—John Park, William Brumfitt, and Edward Greenwood. The distribution of the Prizes and Certificates has taken place this evening.

The Council desire to make special mention of the Literary and Elocutionary Class. This Class, which has been established for three years, meets twice every week, is composed of about 50 members; and it is no doubt usefully stimulating them in intellectual activity of great value. This Class has forwarded to the Council a report of its proceedings for the past year, accompanied by its thanks for the accommodation afforded them.

The News-room, the members of which are considered as a Class of the Institution, is well sustained by numerous subscribers The leading Metropolitan newspapers, many of those which are published in the district, and all of those which are published in the town, are taken in, and there can be no doubt but that it attracts and secures many permanent members to the Institution.

Your Council were successful in completing arrangements for the gratuitous delivery, during the past Winter, of two courses of valuable Lectures, of which the following are the lists:—

First Course:—1. *The Prefigurations of Nature*, by Mr. Leo. Grindon, Lecturer on Botany in the School of Medicine, Manchester; 2. *Frictional Electricity, and the Induction Coil*, by Mr. J. J. Myres; 3. *Dr. Livingston's Travels in Africa*, by the Rev. Woodville Woodman, of Kersley; 4. *Sir Walter Raleigh*, by Mr. Crompton; 5. *The Fine Arts in relation to their Modern Means and Requirements.—Part I. Painting and Sculpture in their representative and commemorative aspect. Part II The Arts of Design in their application to manufactures and decoration*, Mr. G. Wallace, Head Master of the Government School of Art, Birmingham; 6. *On Beauty and the Beautiful*, by the Rev. E. D. Rendell; 7. *Life and its Manifestation*, by J. W. Haddock, M.D., of Bolton; 8. *The Geological Features of the North Banks of the Ribble*, by the Rev. W. Thornber, of Blackpool; 9. *The right hand as contradistinguished from the left*, by the Rev. Geo. Lee, of Kendal; 10. *On Electricity*, by Mr. J. J. Myres.

Second Course:—1. *St. Bernard the Monk, or a Peep into the Twelfth Century*, by the Rev. C. Williams, of Accrington; 2. *The Newspaper*, by Mr. J. Thompson; 3. *The Duration of Life in Organized Beings Illustrated*, by Mr. Leo. Grindon, Lecturer on Botany at the Royal School of Medicine, Manchester; 4. *A Literary and Musical Entertainment. Part I. The Wit, Humour, and Poetry of Hood. Part II. Recitations from various authors, diversified by Vocal Music, with Pianoforte Accompaniments*, by Mr. Henry W. May, L.C.P.; 5. *The Ruins of Assyria, as corroborative of the Word of Holy Writ*, by the Rev. J. Shaw; 6. *How the Diffusion of Knowledge is hindered by Fiscal Laws*, by Dr. J. Watts, of Manchester; 7. *Social Life in Germany*, by Dr. J. W. Hudson, of Manchester; 8. *An Evening with the Lancashire Poets, Illustrated by Elocutionary Readings*, by Mr. Charles Hardwick; 9. *The Five Senses*, by the Rev. E. D. Rendell; 10. *The Legislation of the Middle Ages*, by Mr W. Dobson; 11. *Work and Play*, by the Rev. F. Bugby; 12. *The Life and Works of Handel, Illustrated by an efficient Choir*, by Mr. James Mills, Professor of Music, Ashton-under-lyne. Another, not announced in this course, was subsequently given by the Rev. Mr. Blakiston, on "The Message of the Universities to the Manufacturing Towns." This

Lecture, which was subsequently published, was intended to give pnblicity to the value of the university examinations of the middle class education, and it was well adapted to stimulate general attention to that important subject.

Besides these gratuitous Lectures, two on "India, and our Indian possessions," were delivered by Professor Partington, for his usual fee.

The gratuitous Lectures were thrown open for the free admission of the public, as well as the members of the Institution, to all parts of the house, with the exception of a few front seats, for which a nominal charge was made. This was done with the view, *first*, of securing for the lecturer a numerous audience; and *second*, to induce persons, on hearing some of the advantages of the Institution, to become members. The experiment, however, cannot be said to have been successful in obtaining new members, and, with two or three exceptions, the attendance was not great. Although the Lectures were given gratuitously, the expenses incurred by advertising, travelling, etc., amounted, in the aggregate, to a considerable sum,—a sum which your Council think it unadvisable to again incur for any similar experiment. On this account they have not made any arrangements for Lectures during the coming season; still they do not think that so important a means of knowledge ought to be entirely overlooked. To many members of the Institution Lectures afforded the means of spending an evening with pleasantness and instruction, and therefore the subject is strongly recommended to the consideration of the new Council.

The usual Annual Soiree was held during the winter: it was a very satisfactory assembly, and, independently of the recreation and pleasure which it afforded to a numerous attendance, it produced a surplus of £9, which sum has been added to the general funds of the Institution.

In conclusion, the Council wish to express their opinion that upon the whole the Institution is in an encouraging position, and that many of the objects for which it was established, are in the process of being satisfactorily realized.

The Treasurer's Accounts are appended to this Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reports that in conformity with the 6th Rule, a paper had been affixed in the Library to receive the nomination of members for the Council. Thirteen persons were the number required to fill up the vacancies which had occurred, and as no more than that number had been nominated, they, according to that Rule, are declared to be a unanimous election. Their names are as follows; the two last being for one year only:—

Mr. J. J. Myres,
Mr. W. Dobson,
Mr. James Hesketh,
Rev. E. D. Rendell,
Mr. Geo. Teale,
Mr. Edwin Andrew,
Mr. J. H. Forshaw,
Mr. J. H. Haworth,
Mr. Wm Ainsworth,
Mr. James Dunn,
Mr. W. F. Moore,
Mr. Richard Hoyle,
Mr. Thos. Duckett.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Parkinson : That the Council's Report now read be received and adopted ; and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by Mr. W. Dobson, seconded by Mr. T. Edelston : "That Rule 8 be altered to read as follows—"The Council shall, at their first meeting, elect one or two (as they may deem advisable) of their members to be Secretary or Secretaries, to hold office for one year, subject to the pleasure of the Council ; and that any vacancy in such office may be filled up by the Council."

3.—Moved by Mr. W. Ascroft, seconded by Mr. J.H. Haworth : That the list of books now submitted, be omitted from the Catalogue ; and that the Council be authorized to dispose of them as they may think best.

4.—Moved by Mr. Henry Bradley, seconded by Mr. Toulmin : That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

5.—Moved by Mr. J.J. Myres, seconded by Mr. Crompton : That the thanks of the meeting be given to the donors of the Institution.

6.—Moved by Mr. W.H. Cuff, seconded by Mr. Marlow : That the thanks of the meeting be given to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the past year.

7.—Moved by Mr. E. Ambler, seconded by Mr. Forshaw : That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

9.—Moved by Mr. Ainsworth, seconded by Mr. Brewer : That Mr. Robert Parker, be Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

10.—Moved by Mr. W. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Beck : That Mr. John Corless be Auditor for the ensuing two years.

11.—Moved by the Rev. E. D. Rendell, seconded by Mr. J.J. Myres : That the special thanks of this meeting be given to Lawrence Spencer, Esquire, for his valuable service as President during the year, and as Chairman this evening ; and that he be re-elected President for the ensuing year.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

1858-9.

President:

LAWRENCE SPENCER, ESQUIRE.

Council;

To serve two years.

MR. WILLIAM AINSWORTH,
,, EDWIN ANDREW,
,, WILLIAM DOBSON,
,, JAMES DUNN,
,, J. H. FORSHAW,
,, J. H. HAWORTH,
,, JAMES HESKETH,
,, J. J. MYRES,
,, W. F. MOORE,
REV. E. D. RENDELL,
MR. GEORGE TEALE,

To serve one year.

MR. WILLIAM ASCROFT,
,, THOMAS BIRCHALL,
,, THOMAS BREWER,
,, JOHN BURTON,
,, JAMES CROMPTON,
,, THOMAS DUCKETT,
,, THOMAS EDELSTON,
,, PETER HAMILTON,
,, RICHARD HOYLE,
,, THOMAS MAYNARD,
,, JOHN PARRY.

Treasurer:

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

Secretaries:

REV. E. D. RENDELL. | MR. JAMES DUNN.

The following gentlemen are Honorary Subscribers:—

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,, JOHN BAIRSTOW,
,, J. B. BOOTH,
,, JOHN HORROCKS,
,, EDWARD HOLLINS,
,, THOMAS MILLER,
,, HENRY MILLER,
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MR. MILES MYRES,
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,, L. SPENCER,
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,, GEORGE TEALE,
,, THOMAS WALMSLEY.

Robert Parker, Treasurer, in account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

General Fund Account,

For the Year ending September, 30th, 1858.

RECEIPTS.

			£	s	d
2	Suscribers at 42s. each per annum		4	4	0
15	ditto	at 21s. „ „	15	15	0
1	ditto	at 12s. „ „	0	12	0
169	ditto	at 8s. „ „	67	12	0
14	ditto	at 6s.6d.„ „	4	11	0
195	ditto	at 8s. „ „	77	18	0
307	ditto	at 6s.0d.„ „	100	1	2
Rent of Theatre and Rooms			61	17	0
Use of Piano Forte			5	0	0
Corporation Shares of Insurance			0	15	0
Lectures			6	1	0
Soirées			31	16	2
Lost Books			0	3	6
Fines			2	3	11
Catalogues			0	17	6
Class Fees			1	2	6
Balance			21	7	10
			£401	17	7

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s	d
By Balance	16	3	0
—Printing, Advertizing, &c.,	14	7	0
—Books, Magazines, and Binding	92	12	8
—Weekly Lecture Expences	23	19	6
—Special do do.	5	19	0
—General Charges, Gas, Fire, Repairs, &c	45	16	3½
—Society of Arts &c.	2	12	0
—Insurance, Building,	5	10	0
— do Stock,	1	14	3
—Teachers' Salaries	40	8	8
—Class Expences	19	13	5
—Piano-Forte Expences	1	11	6
—Soriee Expences	25	2	4½
—Librarians Salary	66	0	0
— do Commission	4	12	6
— do Assistants	18	0	6
—Bank Interest, General Fund	0	12	6
— do do Building Fund	17	2	2
	£401	17	7
By Balance	£21	7	10

Building Fund.

For the Year ending September 30th, 1858.

	£	s	d
To 1 Year's Rent from Corporation	40	0	0
Balance	£262	6	10½
	£302	6	10½

	£	s	d
By Balance	281	13	7½
—J. Stevenson,	4	7	0
—Cooper, & Tullis	3	2	11
—Mr. Exton,	9	9	0
—J. Whitehead	0	8	4
—J. Park, & Co.	3	6	0
	£302	6	10½
By Balance	£262	6	10½

Prize Fund.

	£	s	d
To Balance	3	15	0
—Donation from L. Spencer. Esq	5	0	0
—Balance	8	15	0

	£	s	d
By Balance	£8	15	0

Class Fund.

	£	s	d
To Donation from W. Ainsworth, Esq.	5	0	0
„ „ T Miller, Esq	5	0	0
„ „ E Pedder, Esq	5	0	0
„ „ J Bairstow, Esq	5	0	0
„ „ J Goodair, Esq.	5	0	0
	£25	0	0
	£25	0	0

	£	s	d
By Balance	£25	0	0
	£25	0	0

Examined & found correct.

THOMAS DUCKETT,
THOMAS EDWD. BECK,
HENRY BRADLEY,
} Auditors.

Rev^d E. D. Bendell

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

TO THE

THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON;

HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE INSTITUTION,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, THE 4th OF OCTOBER, 1859.

JOHN JAMES MYRES, ESQUIRE, IN THE CHAIR.

THAT is a very salutary law of your Institution which requires an Annual Report from the Council; and they now desire to give an account of the business and proceedings which have engaged their attention during the past year. It has been a year of no ordinary exertion and anxiety to your Council. Difficulties and requirements in connection with the building have arisen which demanded prompt attention and large expenditure; disappointments occurred, in reference to the Exhibition, which they could not have anticipated, and measures have had to be resorted to for the raising of money which they were wishful to avoid. They hope, however, to be enabled to give such explanations of these, and all other matters which they now have to lay before you, as will be satisfactory, and at the same time show that they have regarded, in all their efforts, the permanent welfare of the Institution.

The number of Members belonging to your Institution, up to the present time, is 202 annual, and 691 quarterly, which is 12 less than were reported

last year. Although this number shows that the Institution is better appreciated than formerly, it is far from what it ought to be, considering the largeness of the population of the town, and the educational advantages which are offered to their acceptance, by the institution, at so small a cost.

For some years complaints have frequently been made of the insufficient ventilation of the building, and some attention had been directed to the subject with a view to its scientific execution : it was, however, postponed from time to time, from the consideration of its difficulty and expense. A circumstance, however, occurred which required more immediate action in the matter. It was ascertained that the bindings of the books, both in Dr. Shepherd's Library and in your own, were suffering injury from the defect complained of; and that the only remedy for averting its progress, was to improve the ventilation. This subject was, therefore, specially urged upon the attention of your Council by the Trustees of Dr. Shepherd's Library, and the execution of it was made by them a point necessary to their remaining tenants of the Institution. The best method of accomplishing what had now become a necessity, was carefully and anxiously considered. In the course of this inquiry it was ascertained that the ventilation could be most effectually carried out in connection with an apparatus for warming the whole building. Although the expense to be incurred for those two purposes was serious, your Council did not hesitate to enter upon the work. They considered that delay would not only prolong the inconvenience complained of but increase the injury which was in the process of being sustained; and it was undertaken with the calculation that the interest of the money required for it, would be met, or nearly so, in the saving of fuel, and reduction of the wages, requisite for the kindling and cleaning after the ordinary fires. In carrying this work out a very serious amount of dry rot was discovered in the basement story : this had to be removed, skirting boards were taken away and their places supplied with cement. This insidious disease was subsequently found to have set in, extensively, in the artists' room, so that the whole floor has had to be taken up, and the necessary remedies applied. The drainage also required special attention and improvement. All these matters have been attended to : it is hoped that the work so far as it is completed has been effectually done, it is believed that it will answer the purposes contemplated by its execution, and your Council have pleasure in reporting that it has been carried out under the able superintendance of Mr. J. J. Myres, who has most generously given the Institution the benefit of his professional experience in such matters.

The expenses incurred by these necessary undertakings were considerable; the particular items will appear in the Treasurer's account. Your Council, however, were desirous that the amount should not remain as a permanent debt upon the Institution, and for the purpose of raising a fund for its liquidation, they undertook an Exhibition of Paintings and other works of art. It was thought that the taste of the town and neighbourhood had improved since the preceding exhibition of this kind, and that the undertaking would be sufficiently appreciated to render it the means for a handsome profit. The trustees of Dr.

Shepherd's Library most kindly granted the use of their room to assist this object. A very magnificent and extensive collection of paintings, &c., were got together and exhibited ; but notwithstanding the number and beauty of the pictures and sculpture, the taste with which they were displayed, the elegance of all the appliances requisite for the purpose, the musical concerts, and the enormous amount of gratuitous labour bestowed upon the undertaking, it has resulted in a serious pecuniary loss. This disappointment has been a great annoyance to your Council. It was entered into with the hope of success, it has terminated with the certainty of failure. It is, however, hoped that a clear representation of the case, accompanied by an appropriate appeal, when laid before the liberal and wealthy lovers of art and the Institution, will induce them to assist the future Council in recovering the loss which has been sustained. As the exhibition was undertaken for the public good, it is believed the public will not long permit the Institution to suffer the inconvenience of a debt so untowardly incurred. The Council earnestly recommend their successors to adopt, at an early meeting, some vigourous action for this purpose.

The large amount of correspondence, labour, and time required for collecting the pictures, unpacking, hanging, repacking, and their subsequent distribution, together with the preparation of the catalogues, &c. were gratuitously undertaken by Mr. Burton, and he, therefore, deserves the thankful acknowledgment of the Institution.

The several concerts during the exhibition, given by gentlemen amateurs and professors of music, and arranged for by the kind exertions of Mr. Parry, were sources of attraction, and no doubt they contributed something to the improvement of the receipts. They were also gratuitously performed, and for these services the Council have deemed it proper to convey to the performers the expression of their thankfulness and obligation.

The classes were the next subject which have occasioned no little solicitude to your Council. During the last two years much anxious attention has been devoted to this branch of the Institution's operations, the Council believing them to be a most important means of carrying out the educational objects for which it was established. In conformity with a permission, granted by a recent alteration in the First Rule, the classes have been thrown open to all the members without any extra charge. During the above period, the experiment has been, to a certain extent, satisfactory. The number of members on the book for the last two years has been 130 more than the average number of the preceding four years, and a corresponding increase is shown as having been in attendance on the classes. The extra expense of conducting them upon this plan has been more than provided for by the subscriptions of the increased number of members, the £25 subscribed for this purpose reported last year, and £1 1s. 0d. since received from Mr. Hollins for the same object, together with an increase in the number of the guinea subscribers. The educational results of those efforts are somewhat encouraging, for the council are much gratified in reporting that some of the pupils who have attended these classes, have been successful

candidates for the prizes awarded by the Institutional Association of Mechanics' Institutions of Lancashire and Cheshire. Among these are the following :—

George Gorst, for drawing, second class certificate.

Richard Greenwood, for drawing, second class certificate.

Isaac J. Wilson, for arithmetic, second class certificate.

William Yates, for arithmetic and grammar, second class certificate.

Joseph Foster, for grammar, third class certificate.

Isabella Lamb, for domestic economy and household accounts, first class certificate.

Elizabeth Robson, for domestic economy and household accounts, first class certificate.

Alice Swarbrick, for domestic economy and household accounts, first class certificate.

Of the prize fund of the Institution, reported last year, £4 0s. 6d., still remains in the hands of the Treasurer ; this, therefore, will be a means for the future Council to employ in stimulating the various studies and exertions of the classes. There are, also, two very handsome volumes, contributed for the same purpose. These were offered as prizes for essays, to be competed for by members of the Literary and Elocutionary Class, but no candidates appeared. It is hoped that the future Council will devise some more general means for their useful distribution. The Institution still maintains its connection with the Society of Arts, and the Institutional Association of Mechanics' Institutions of Lancashire and Cheshire, so that pupils, by joining classes of this Institution, may have the advantages of the examinations and awards, which are undertaken by those two bodies. The Literary and Elocutionary Class still maintains its efficiency, and it is no doubt assisting very much to interest its members, and the Council take this opportunity of recommending it to the attention of the young men of the Institution as a means for their improvement. The News Room, also, continues to be tolerably well sustained. The smallness of the apartment occupied for the purpose has, however, become a subject of complaint, and application has been made by the Committee of that room to the Council for increased accommodation. Attention has been directed to the subject, but as yet no practical result has been adopted, the Council not having seen their way sufficiently clear to comply with the request without interfering with some other departments of use, necessary for the efficiency of the Institution.

The number of volumes which have been added to the Library during the past year is 134, that is, 55 vols. of periodicals, and 79 other works ; of these 10 have been donations, and the donors have, by the Council, been respectively thanked for their consideration and liberality. Besides these the council have pleasure in reporting that the valuable library belonging to the late Natural History Society of Preston, and which, last year, was spoken of has having been promised to the Institution, has been deposited, together with

the bookcase, accompanied by the following memorandum, namely—"The books of the Natural History Society are deposited in the Library of the Institution for the use of the members. The right of property in the books is not transferred.

Preston, 12th November, 1858. ROBERT SEGAR."

The list of those books is inserted and specially marked in the new catalogue which has been recently issued. The preparation of this catalogue has been attended with considerable labour and it is hoped that it will obtain a rapid sale, and so operate as a useful advertisement of the valuable literary stores which are possessed by the Institution.

The old books which had been incumbrances upon the shelves of the Institution for many years, and which were by a resolution of the last annual meeting directed to be disposed of, were sold by auction by Mr. Burton in one of the class rooms, and they produced £2 17s. 6d. an amount which was little more than their value as waste paper.

It had frequently been represented to the Council that the establishment of a coffee room, to encourage the social intercourse of the members, would be an acceptable auxiliary to the general usefulness of the Institution. In conformity with this representation, a room was opened in November of last year. A coffee service was purchased, and a person arranged with to supply what was required, and your President handsomely contributed one pound towards the expenses necessary for its commencement. It, however, never obtained any thing more than a languishing existence. Its intended usefulness does not seem ever to have been properly appreciated, and, therefore, it was closed early in February of the present year, with some little loss, not compensated for by any known advantage.

Your Council after inquiring from various quarters into the usefulness and management of Penny Banks, were induced to sanction the commencement of such a Bank in connection with this Institution. It was opened in March last. L. Spencer, Wm. Ainsworth, and J. J. Myres Esquires, were appointed trustees, and its business has been gratuitiously managed by Mr. Moor and Mr. Andrew, and your Council have pleasure in reporting that the deposits from nearly two thousand depositors, have amounted to upwards of £300 and thus its establishment appears to have met with a large amount of public recognition. This however is a department of the Institution's operations, concerning which there will be issued a special Report at the end of the year.

The experience of the Council in past years, has not been favorable to the incurring of any considerable expense for Lectures, and, therefore, this was avoided during the preceding winter. It was, nevertheless, considered advisable that this educational department of the Institution, should, in some measure, be maintained ; and the Council have pleasure in reporting that they were successful in procuring the gratuitous delivery of six Lectures by the following gentlemen ; namely, Mr. May, L.C.P., on the Educational value of Elocution ; Dr. Wolfe, on the French, their managements and mismanagements ; Rev. T. Davies, on Mahomed ; Rev. John Guttridge, on Patriotism ; Mr. J. Crompton, on Oliver

Goldsmith, men and books of the Last Century; Rev. T. Cox, on Almanacks. All those Lectures were very able and eminently useful; the numbers attendant upon them were respectable,so that the succeeding Council may be well encouraged to make a similar effort during the coming winter. It is believed that there are many gentlemen in this town and neighbourhood who, on proper application, may be induced to assist in this valuable department of the Institution's operations.

In the spring of the year an effort was made to increase the number of Honorary Subscribers to the Institution, and the result was that E. Pedder, Esq., R. Pedder, Esq., R. B. Dixon, Esq., J. H. Park, Esq., R. A. Cross, Esq., M.P., R. Newsham, Esq., Miles Rodgett, Esq., and Dr. Broughton, were added to the list, with a subscription of one guinea per annum from each. There is little doubt that much more may be done in this way when the present exigencies of the Institution become better known, and the subject is therefore earnestly commended to the consideration of the next Council.

It is with a view to improve the efficiency of the Institution by augmenting the funds that the Council have sanctioned the bringing forward of a resolution to increase the subscription of members to a uniform rate of ten shillings per annum; this subject will come under your consideration by means of a special resolution, and your careful attention is directed to the matter. The Council are reluctantly compelled to regard this increase as a necessity, and it is only for this reason that they recommend it for the adoption of the meeting.

It is also recommended that the third and eighth Rules be so altered in their construction, as to admit of the Council electing from their own body two Vice-presidents. It is considered that such officers will increase the working efficiency of the Institution. A resolution upon this subject will also be laid before you.

During the winter the usual annual *soirée* was held. This is always an assembly at once gratifying to the public and useful to the Institution. The following gentlemen presented to the fund the donations attached to their respective names, namely:

The President, L. Spencer, Esq.	1	0	0
The Mayor, W. Birley, Esq.	5	0	0
T. Birchall, Esq	1	1	0
T. Miller, Esq	1	1	0
T. Walmsley, Esq	1	0	0
P. Catterall, Esq	1	0	0

These liberal contributions, with the profits, amounting to £3 18 7; making together £14 0 7; have been paid over to the Treasurer, for the general purposes of the Institution.

The following gentlemen have made the following presents to the Institution:

Mr. Ward, Books and Maps of Canada.

Mr. Helme, of Hutton, Stone Celt.

Rev. Mr. Spence, His Book on Entomology.

Mr. James Marshall, Magazines, and Life of Captain Hedley Vicars.

The Council have forwarded to each of those gentlemen the usual vote of thanks for their kindness and consideration.

For the transaction of the business hereby reported your Council have met 20 times, and the following is a list of their respective attendances.

MR. SPENCER 3	MR. BREWER 5	MR. HAWORTH 8
,, PARKER 1	,, BURTON 17	,, HESKETH 13
,, RENDELL 14	,, CROMPTON 12	,, HOYLE 3
,, DUNN.....17	,, DOBSON.....14	,, MAYNARD 2
,, AINSWORTH 4	,, DUCKETT 14	,, MOORE 11
,, ASCROFT 12	,, EDELSTON 11	,, MYRES 9
,, ANDREW 18	,, FORSHAW.....11	,, PARRY 11
,, BIRCHALL 0	,, HAMILTON 5	,, TEALE 5

Besides these many of the members who have been appointed on Committees have had to attend, and have very generally attended, a great many more times than appears from this list, the whole of which has required a large amount of time, devotedness, and attention.

The Treasurer's Accounts are appended to this Report ; all of which is respectfully submitted by your Council.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Marshall : That the Council's Report now read be received and adopted ; and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. Toulmin : That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Haworth : That the thanks of the meeting be given to the donors to the Institution ; and to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous lectures during the past year.

4.—Moved by Rev. W. C. Squier, seconded by Mr. Salthouse : That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Council, Treasurer, Secretaries and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

5.—Moved by Rev. Thomas Davies, seconded by the Rev. E. D. Rendell : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. John Burton, for the great labour and time gratuitously afforded, and the taste displayed by him in making the arrangements for, and, in conducting the Exhibition.

6.—Moved by Rev. E. D. Rendell, seconded by Mr. Parry : That Robert Parker, Esq., be Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

7.—Moved by Mr. W. F. Moore, seconded by Mr. E. Andrew : That Mr. Richard Hoyle be auditor for the ensuing two years.

8.—Moved by Mr. Thomas Edelston, seconded by Mr. Henry Bradley : That Rule 14 read as follows :—

"The subscription to be paid by Members of this Institution shall be for an ordinary Member Ten Shillings a year, payable quarterly in advance ; the quarters to begin on the first of October, January, April, and July. When a Member enters in the course of a quarter, his Subscription shall be calculated from the day of admittance, and paid along with the subscription for the following quarter, in advance. The above subscription shall entitle each Member to all the ordinary privileges of the Institution. Minors may be admitted for Eight Shillings a year, payable quarterly in advance. No person shall be entitled to any privilege of the Institution while his or her subscription shall be in arrear. Donors of Ten Guineas shall have the privileges of subscribing Members for life."

10.—Moved by Mr. E. Ambler, seconded by Mr. F. Cotman : That Rule 3 read as follows :—

"The management of the Institution shall be vested in a Council, consisting of President, two Vice-presidents, Treasurer, and twenty other persons, all of them having been members for at least one year next previous to their election."

That Rule 8 read as follows :—

"The Council at their first meeting shall elect from their own number, two persons to act as Vice-presidents, and one or two persons to act as Secretary or Secretaries, all of whom shall, subject to the pleasure of the Council, hold office for one year. Any vacancy in the office of Vice-president or Secretary occuring during the year, may in like manner be filled up by the Council."

11.—Moved by Mr. W. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Duckett : That Robert Ascroft, Esq. be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

12.—Moved by Rev. E. D. Rendell, seconded by Mr. R. Parker : That the thanks of this meeting be given to Lawrence Spencer, Esq. for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year ; and also to Mr. Myres as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1859-60.

President:

ROBERT ASCROFT, ESQUIRE.

Vice-Presidents:

REV. E. D. RENDELL. | MR. THOMAS BREWER.

Council:

To serve two years.

MR. W. ASCROFT,
,, R. ALLEN,
,, T. BREWER,
,, J. BURTON,
,, J. CROMPTON,
,, T. DUCKETT,
,, T. EDELSTON,
,, J. PARRY,
,, S. PARK,
Dr. SPENCER,
Rev. W. C. SQUIER,

To serve one year.

MR. W. AINSWORTH,
,, E. ANDREW,
,, W. DOBSON,
,, J. DUNN,
,, J. H. FORSHAW,
,, J. H. HAWORTH,
,, J. HESKETH,
,, J. J. MYRES,
,, W. F. MOORE,
Rev. E. D. RENDELL,
MR. G. TEALE.

Treasurer:

ROBERT PARKER, ESQUIRE.

Secretaries:

MR. JAMES DUNN. | MR. THOMAS EDELSTON.

Honorary Subscribers:

MR. WILLIAM AINSWORTH,
,, WILLIAM ASCROFT,
,, JOHN BAIRSTOW,
,, J. B. BOOTH,
Dr. BROUGHTON,
MR. JOSEPH DIXON,
,, R. B. DIXON,
,, JOHN HORROCKS,
,, EDWARD HOLLINS,
,, THOMAS MILLER,
,, HENRY MILLER,
,, J. J. MYRES,
MR. MILES MYRES,
,, RICHARD NEWSHAM,
,, EDWARD PEDDER,
,, RICHARD PEDDER,
,, H. N. PEDDER,
,, J. H. PARK,
,, W. J. PLANT,
,, MILES RODGETT,
Dr. SPENCER,
MR. G. TEALE,
,, THOMAS WALMSLEY.

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Robert Parker, Treasurer, in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1859.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To 3 Subscribers at 42s. each per annum.	6	6	0
,, 18 do. at 21s. ,, ,,	18	18	0
,, 1 do. at 12s. ,, ,,	0	12	0
,, 167 do. at 8s, ,, ,,	66	16	0
,, 13 do. at 6s.6d ,, ,,	4	4	6
,, 201 quarterly do. at 8s.	80	8	3
,, 303 do. at 6s. 6d.	98	12	6
,, Rent of Theatre, &c.	11	4	6
,, Lectures	0	3	0
,, Classes, (including balance of £25 last year.....	26	18	6
,, Catalogues	2	12	0
,, Fines.....	1	18	10
,, Lost Book	0	0	3
,, Soiree	32	2	10
,, Insurance	0	15	0
,, Duplicate Books	2	17	6
,, Balance	69	3	6
	£423	13	2

DISBURSEMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Balance	21	7	10
,, Books, Magazines, and Binding	106	19	3
,, Printing Catalogues	30	0	0
,, Lecture Expenses	3	1	0
,, Class Expenses	40	3	0
,, Librarian's Salary.....	66	0	0
,, ,, Commission.....	4	16	0
,, Assistance	16	8	0
,, Society of Arts	2	2	0
,, Insurance	7	4	3
,, Repairs	26	8	2
,, General Charges	12	17	5
,, Soiree Expenses.....	18	2	3
,, Printing and Advertising	14	6	10
,, Piano Forte	1	11	6
,, Coals and Gas	35	12	11
,, Interest & Commission, General Fund	0	15	6
,, Do. do Building Fund	15	17	3
	£423	13	2
By Balance £69	3	6	

BUILDING FUND,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1859.

To Rent of Shepherd's Library	40	0	0
Balance	590	9	1½
	£630	9	1½

By Balance.....	262	6	10½
,, A and C. Seward, Warming and Ventilating	170	0	0
,, W. Lindsay do.	10	10	7
,, James Fitchie do.	25	12	8
,, James Yates, Gas Fitter	3	7	8
,, Loss on Exhibition.....	158	11	6
	£630	9	1½
Balance	590	9	1½

PRIZE FUND.

To Balance	8	15	0
	£8	15	0
Balance'.....	4	0	6

By Cuff Brothers.....	4	14	6
Balance.....	4	0	6
	£8	15	0

EXHIBITION ACCOUNT, 1859.

DR.				CR.			
To 334 Season Tickets at 3s. 6d	58	9	0	By Expenses of Collecting, Packing and Repacking	103	8	7
,, 44 ,, ,, 2s.....	4	8	0	,, Carriage	77	12	8
,, 162 Single ,, 1s.....	8	2	0	,, Gallery Fittings, Arranging, Hanging &c., Materials —37 12 8½.....	62	16	6½
,, 846 ,, ,, 6d	21	3	0	,, Time..... 25 3 10			
,, 1957 ,, ,, 3d	24	9	3	,, Printing and Advertising, &c., Printing, Postages, Stationery—49 8 7	65	6	1
,, 3010 ,, ,, 2d	25	1	8	,, Advertising 15 17 6			
,, 1737 ,, ,, 1d	7	4	9	,, Attendants' Wages	20	10	0
,, 454 Catalogues at 6d.....	11	7	0	,, Expenses of Concerts	3	3	4½
,, 209 ,, 3d.....	2	12	3	,, Gas	3	19	2
,, 625 ,, 2d.....	5	4	2	,, Insurance	5	2	6
,, Commission on Sale of Pictures and Statuary.....	15	6	6		£341	18	11
,, Balance	158	11	4	Balance.....	158	11	4
	£341	18	11				

1859, October 3rd, Audited and found correct.

JOHN CORLASS,
RICHARD HOYLE, } Auditors.

A. J. BARROW, PRINTER, HERALD-OFFICE, FISHERGATE, PRESTON.

THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 2nd of October, 1860, the Rev. E. D. RENDELL, Vice-President, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted:—

It is observable, in the history of Institutions such as this, that the experience of their promoters has oftener found expression in terms of regret than in language of exultation. Nor when it is considered how frequently the efforts put forth in promotion of these Institutions appear, for the time being, all but barren of the wished-for fruits, need we feel surprise that the authors of these efforts so often lament the apparently inadequate results of their labours.

Surely, however, these laments are due rather to the disappointment of an over sanguine enthusiasm, than to the defeat of sober calculation. For, frequent and loud as these laments have been, a very slight glance at the history of these Institutions will suffice to show that they have been attended with a success, the magnitude and importance of which it would hardly be possible to over-estimate—a success which cannot be regarded as inadequte, even when measured by the years of laborious effort that have been devoted to its attainment.

Little more than thirty years ago Mechanics' Institutions were unknown. A much shorter period has elapsed since experience, correcting some of the mistakes of their founders, led to the establishment of these Institutions upon their present popular foundation. In this comparatively short space of time, then, and in spite of the difficulties they had in their early days to encounter, difficulties of which the experience of the present day happily affords no parallel, these Institutions have extended so as now to embrace the Three Kingdoms in their operations; and have come to exercise an influence in the community, the potency of which may be gathered from the fact that the members of these Institutions comprise the bulk of the intelligence of the working population of the country; that these Institutions give circulation to the best literature of the present and past times by hundreds of thousands of volumes annually; and that by means of classes, lectures, and other educational appliances, they afford the means of systematic study to tens of thousands of intelligent young men.

Surely success so unequivocal calls for exultation rather than lament; and should inspire with confidence and hope, rather than trouble with doubt, those who are engaged in the service of these Institutions. And here it may be remarked that it is impossible to contemplate the momentous influence of these Institutions without feeling that it is no trifling undertaking in which their managers are engaged—without understanding that responsibilities of the gravest kind attach to their office—responsibilities which should not be lightly undertaken, and which, once undertaken, call for the exercise of a strict sense of duty in their discharge.

The propriety of the foregoing remarks is not left without illustration in the history of our own Institution. Established more than 30 years ago, this, now one of the oldest Institutions of the kind in the kingdom, may also, at least as regards its capabilities for usefulness, be looked upon as one of the most important. And yet, notwithstanding the undeniable success implied by this fact, the past annual reports of the Institution, are rather occupied in excusing its short-comings, than in recording its progress. Now, the propriety of the practice here alluded to may well be doubted. For, so long as our annual reports continue to read like so many apologies for comparative failure, so long will the public continue to regard us with the indifference of which we so often complain, and refuse to us that confidence and support to which we feel entitled.

In the report they are now called upon to present, therefore, the Council, while they will "nothing extenuate," will certainly "set down nought" in undue disparagement of what they have done; believing that they will better consult the interests of the Institution by dwelling on its successes, than by indulging in dispiriting regrets over its failures.

Happily in the proceedings of the past year, there is much to call for congratulation: for in some important respects, the Institution has, during the year, taken up a position much more satisfactory than could have been claimed for it in any previous year. In particular, it may be pointed out that the advance in the rate of subscription, sanctioned at the last annual

meeting, has now become established; and further that a Government School of Art now forms an important feature in the Institution.

The means of increased revenue secured by the advance in the rate of subscription cannot fail to be ultimately productive of the most beneficial results. For, great as may have been the success of the Institution hitherto, it has had to contend with a difficulty in its former insufficient rate of subscription, which had the effect of seriously crippling its usefulness. This difficulty removed, it has become now much more practicable to develope the the entire capabilities of the Institution, capabilities which, though valuable in the highest degree, have remained in abeyance owing to the want of adequate means for their developement.

It is true that the immediate effect of the change in the rate of subscription has been to reduce the number of members; the number for the present year being 562, against 706, the number for the year previous. This, however, is not more than was looked for; and there is no reason to doubt that the ground, thus temporarily lost, will be more than recovered in the coming year.

To the establishment of the School of Art the Council refer with peculiar satisfaction. As a separate report of the School is given hereafter, it will suffice here to point out that this long desired addition to the usefulness of the Institution has been acquired without trenching upon the general funds; and further that the School will, at no distant time, contribute to the pecuniary resources, as it already adds so greatly to the importance, of the Institution.

The usual Evening Classes have been in operation during the year, and have been, on the whole, well attended, the Male Classes especially, by students such as it is desirable to see in attendance, viz., Young Men from 16 to 25 years of age. The following students, having successfully passed the examination of the Institutional Association of Lancashire and Cheshire, were awarded the undermentioned prizes by the Association. These prizes the students had the gratification of receiving at the hands of the Right Honourable B. Disraeli, at the anniversary meeting of the Association, held in the Free Trade Hall, in Manchester, on the 1st November last:—

First Class Certificates—Isabella Lamb, Elizabeth Robson, and Alice Swarbrick.

Second Class Certificates—Richard Gorst and Edward Greenwood, Drawing. Isaac J. Wilson, Arithmetic. William Yates, Arithmetic and Grammar.

Third Class Certificate—Joseph Foster, Grammar.

Ten of the Students have undergone the final examination held by the Association in May last, with what result is not yet known.

Although the efficiency of the Evening Classes has been fully proportioned to the means the Council have hitherto been able to devote to their requirements, much yet remains to be done in the way of adding to their efficiency; and the present Council would suggest that the attention of their successors could hardly be given to a more important question than that of the developement of the capabilities of the Institution for class instruction. In particular, it may be pointed out that it is exceedingly desirable that, in addition to the

present classes, others should be attempted, especially classes for the study of History, Political Economy, and Languages.

The following is a list of the Lectures delivered during the last season :—

Dr. Witherington—*The Border Lands of the Organic Kingdom.*

Mr. George Melly—*What shall we do with our Criminals ?*

Dr. Hudson—*Scientific Amusements for all Classes.*

Rev. E. D. Rendell—*Swedenborg, the Philosopher.*

Mr. J. J. Myres—*The Air we Breathe, with experiments illustrative of its mechanical properties.*

Rev. F. Bugby—*The Life and Writings of Douglas Jerrold.*

It is not too much to say that these lectures were interesting, instructive, and able, in an eminent degree ; and delivered, as they were, gratuitously, by gentlemen in some instances from a distance, it will be felt that the Institution is under no slight obligation to the Lecturers.

The Library still continues to increase, though not so rapidly as to keep pace with the demands of the readers. The number of volumes at present on the shelves is 6,336. The number added during the present year is 204, of which seven have been presented, and 197 have been purchased by the Council. A list of the donors is given at the end of the present report, as well as the Librarian's statement, exhibiting the nature and extent of the circulation of books during the year. By a minute hitherto in force, the Library Committee is directed to meet fortnightly, for the purpose of revising the Library, with the view of supplying any deficiencies in it. The Council recommend the continuance of this minute to their successors.

The Reading Room continues to attract a large attendance ; and it is not a little gratifying to observe how numerously the high class literature, to be found in such abundance on the tables, finds readers. No more striking evidence of the valuable results of these Institutions could be adduced than is afforded by this fact.

The News Room also continues to be well attended, although the Council have been hitherto unable to provide its frequenters with any better accommodation than is afforded by the present room.

From an appended statement of its affairs, it will be gathered that the Penny Bank loses none of its interest with the public. On the contrary, a considerable increase, as shewn, both of depositors and deposits.

Although there has been no diminution in the supply of Books and Periodicals during the year, nor any lessening in any other way of the efficiency of the Institution, it will be seen, on reference to the accounts, that the balance at debit of the General Fund has been reduced from £69 3s. 6d. the amount at the beginning, to £58 3s. 11d., the present amount. This reduction is due to some increase in the general income on the one hand, and to a lessened general expenditure on the other, as compared with the year previous. It may be noted that a sum equal to nearly one half of the amount expended in books resulted to the funds of the Institution, as the proceeds of the Annual Soiree, held in the Exchange Rooms, on the 13th December last. Further additions to the year's income have accrued from the Class

Soiree held in the Institution, under the management of the members of the Female Class, and from an entertainment given in the Theatre of the Institution by the Young Men's Elocutionary Society.

With reference to the finances of the Institution; it should be observed that, although the present number of Annual Subscribers of one Guinea is in excess of the number two years ago, a further increase is urgently called for. In Huddersfield, the Mechanics' Institution derives an income of not less than £200 annually from guinea subscribers; a circumstance to which the remarkable success of that Institution, one of the most successful in the Kingdom, is doubtless not a little owing. The Wigan and Blackburn Institutions also derive from guinea subscribers a much larger support than is contributed by this class of subscribers to the Preston Institution. In urging the claims of this Institution upon the support of the wealthy and influential, the Council for the coming year will not be a little assisted by the fact that during the past month the Bishop of Manchester has become an honorary subscriber, a circumstance that cannot fail to commend the Institution to all classes of the community.

An increase of £16 8s. 8d. is shewn on the debt owing on Building Fund Account, the only item to the credit of the account having been absorbed by outlay for necessary repairs. The interest on this debt constitutes a most serious annual charge upon the resources of the Institution; a charge amounting in the present year to one-ninth of the whole income from subscriptions; and as, of course, this charge must continue so long as the debt remains, it will be felt that the most strenuous exertions are demanded for the liquidation of the debt.

Owing to several causes, the Council have hitherto been unable to proceed with measures projected for the reduction of the debt. They are, however, afforded the gratification of being able to announce that, in aid of its reduction, a donation of £50 has been promised by Mr. W. Ainsworth, a gentleman to whose liberality the Institution has already frequently been indebted; the promise referred to having been made subject to the condition that a sum be obtained, from other sources, equal to the remaining portion of the debt—a condition which it is hoped the incoming Council will be able to satisfy.

The site of the Institution has, during the year, been enlarged by the purchase of an adjoining plot of land. The purchase has been occasioned by the opening of Bairstow Street, on the east side of the Institution, an occurrence which rendered it necessary to secure the land in question, as well with a view to the future extension of the building, as to keeping the land clear of any erection calculated to injure the Institution. Through the liberality of the Trustees of Goosnargh Hospital, the owners, the land has been obtained on extremely favourable terms, and although the purchase entails an additional charge upon the funds of the Institution, it will be seen that the necessity for the purchase was imperative.

The Institution still retains its connection with the Society of Arts, and the Institutional Association of Lancashire and Cheshire; and, at the sug-

gestion of the Bishop of Manchester, it has also been placed in connection with the Arundel Society for Promoting the Knowledge of Art.

It will be gathered, from the statement thus submitted, that the position of the Institution is full of encouragement for future effort. Even the debt itself ought to be regarded as an incentive to additional exertion. Beyond this, as it will not be questioned that the prosperity of the Institution is chiefly governed by the manner in which the Council discharges its duties, it cannot be regarded as too much for the Members to expect from the Council, not only that the debt be liquidated, but that the number of subscribers of all classes be increased, and that additional efficiency be imparted to every department of the Institution during the coming year.

After the Reading of the REPORT, the following RESOLUTIONS were adopted:—

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. ANDREW: That the Council's Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. PARK: That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. CROMPTON, seconded by Mr. DUCKETT: That the thanks of the meeting be given to the donors to the Institution, and to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous Lectures during the past year.

4.—Moved by Mr. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. BRADLEY: That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the Council, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

5.—Moved by Mr. MYRES, seconded by Mr. BRADLEY, That Robert Parker, Esq., be Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. GEORGE TAIT, seconded by Mr. E. AMBLER; That Mr. Beck be Auditor for the ensuing two years.

7.—Moved by Mr. BREWER, seconded by Mr. WILLIAM ASCROFT: That the Rev. Canon Parr be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

8.—Moved by Mr. MYRES, seconded by Mr. DUCKETT: That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Robert Ascroft, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year; and also to Mr. Rendell as Chairman this evening.

Number of Volumes issued during the past twelve months:—

	No. of Vols. in Library.	No. Issued.
Arts and Sciences	1,368	1,464
Magazines (bound)	1,592	1,702
Voyages and Travels	519	1,358
History	659	712
Biography	591	945
Poetry and the Drama	309	599
Novels	531	7,257
Miscellaneous	652	1,007
Translations	88	48
Parliamentary Reports	27	—
	6,336	15,092

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RICHARD CARR, ESQ.
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MR. WILLIAM WARD.
MR. SAMUEL PARK.

PENNY BANK.

Accounts Open October 2nd, 1859		1,826	
Accounts Open, 2nd October, 1860		3,029	
	£	s.	d.
Amount Due on Depositors' Accounts, October 2nd, 1859	391	2	10
Amount Due on Depositors' Accounts, October 2nd, 1860	620	19	7

There have been 19 Council Meetings held during the year, attended as follows:—

Mr. R. Ascroft	2	Mr. Haworth	5
,, W. Ascroft	16	,, Hesketh	8
,, Ainsworth	6	,, Holland	4
,, Allen	18	,, Myres	15
,, Andrew	11	,, Moore	12
,, Brewer	4	,, Parry	14
,, Burton	13	,, Park	5
,, Crompton	9	,, Parker	1
,, Dobson	13	Rev. E. D. Rendell	12
,, Duckett	14	,, W. Squier	3
,, Dunn	10	Dr. Spencer	0
,, Edelston	18	Mr. Teale	0
,, Forshaw	9	,, Tait	4

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1860-61.

President:

REV. CANON PARR.

Vice-Presidents:

REV. E. D. RENDELL. || MR. WILLIAM DOBSON.

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To Serve Two Years.

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MR. EDWIN ANDREW.
MR. EDWARD AMBLER.
MR. FREDERICK COTMAN.
MR. WILLIAM DOBSON.
MR. JAMES DUNN.
MR. JAMES HESKETH.
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Secretaries:

MR. JAMES DUNN. || MR. THOMAS EDELSTON.

Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards:

THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ., MAYOR.

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MR. GEORGE TOULMIN.

Mr. Robert Parker, Treasurer, in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT,

For the Year Ending September 30th, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To 3 Subscribers at 42s. each per annum	6	6	0
„ 22 do. at 21s. „	23	2	0
„ 138 do. at 10s. „	69	0	0
„ 12 do. at 8s. „	4	16	0
„ 177 do. quarterly at 10s. „	88	16	5
„ 210 do. do. at 8s. „	83	17	7
„ Catalogues	2	12	0
„ Fines	1	11	10
„ Lost Books	0	8	0
„ Soiree	28	18	5
„ Donation (Mr. Lucas) ..	1	0	0
„ Elocutionary Entertainment ..	3	15	0
„ Exhibition	0	3	0
„ Warming Dr. Shepherd's Library ..	2	10	0
„ Rent of Theatre	27	19	6
„ Prize Fund	4	0	6
„ Balance	58	3	11
	£407	0	2

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	69	3	6
„ Books, Magazines, and Binding—Books, £33 12s. 9d.; Binding, £22 4s. 9d.; Magazines, £41 3s. 6½d.; Stationery and Printing, £3 18s. 3d.	100	19	8½
„ Lecture Expenses	2	17	0
„ Class Expenses	24	10	9
„ Librarian's Salary	66	0	0
„ Librarian's Commission	5	5	9
„ Librarian's Assistants	14	8	0
„ Printing, Advertising, & Stationery	14	9	6½
„ Coals and Gas—Coals, £12 3s. 7d.; Gas, £28 7s. 10d.	40	11	5
„ Society of Arts	2	2	0
„ Insurance	6	4	3
„ Pianoforte	1	11	6
„ Soiree	14	0	10
„ General Charges	13	6	11
„ Prize Fund	1	0	0
„ Bank Interest—General Fund ..	0	3	1
„ Bank Interest—Building Fund ..	30	6	4
	£407	0	2

1860, October 1st, Audited and found correct,

WILLIAM ASCROFT, } Auditors.
RICHARD HOYLE, }

BUILDING FUND,

For the Year Ending September 30th, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Rent of Shepherd's Library ..	40	0	0
„ Balance	606	17	9½
	£646	17	9½

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	590	9	1½
„ W. Lindsay—Repairs	27	12	7
„ Park and Co.—Repairs	9	10	0
„ Peter Cooper—Repairs	1	0	5
„ James Fitchie—Repairs	7	12	0
„ A. and C. Seward—Repairs ..	10	13	8
	£646	17	9½

1860, October 1st, Audited and found correct,

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Report of the School of Art Committee.

The School of Art Committee submit the following report to the Council of the Institution :—

It will be well, in the first place, to recall attention to the circumstances which led to the establishment of the School.

The Council for some time had it in contemplation to establish a School of Art in connection with the Institution, but circumstances prevented this being carried out. In the latter part of last year, however, Mr. Gilbert, the head-master of the School at Lancaster, proposed to devote a portion of his time to the teaching of Art in Preston. The proposal was at once adopted, and the Council appointed this Committee to carry it into effect. Arrangements were made by which Mr. Gilbert undertook to teach drawing classes at the Institution, and, with the view of giving to the project the fullest trial, the Council granted the gratuitous use of the Exhibition Room for one year from Christmas last, the members of the Institution being admitted to the classes on reduced terms.

The movement was inaugurated by a public meeting, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 16th of January last, and presided over by the Mayor. Every means were taken to give publicity to the arrangements, and the classes were opened immediately after the Christmas vacation.

It was thought advisable not to incur an expensive outlay in the first instance, but to await the result of the first trial of the experiment, and so to ascertain whether the advantages afforded would probably be appreciated. Accordingly the Room was supplied with desks and fittings, already the property of the Institution, and with Casts, Models, and Examples, the property of Mr. Gilbert.

The result was very satisfactory ; the exertions of the Committee met with very liberal and influential support, and the classes from the first were well attended. It was then determined to place the School upon a permanent footing. The Committee obtained from the Department of Science and Art the best collection of Casts, Models, and Examples, and spared no expense in fitting up the Room in as convenient, comfortable, and elegant a manner as possible. The Committee believe that the Room and its appliances are now as well adapted for the purposes of Students as any of the kind in the Kingdom. The Committee have expended the sum of £177 8s. 10½d., besides the grant made by the Department of Science and Art towards the cost of Models and Examples, equivalent to £54 5s. They have incurred a further liability in outstanding accounts to the amount of £74 5s. 10d. They have received in donations £197 17s. This shows a deficiency of £53 17s. 8½d., which the Committee are making exertions to clear off, so that the Institution may have the addition of an efficient School of Art to its other advantages, without its funds being at all entrenched upon. The details of the receipts and payments appear in the financial statement which accompanies this report.

The following classes now meet at the Institution, and during the present quarter have been attended by the following numbers. :—

Ladies' Class, 15; Young Ladies' Class, 10; School-boys' Class, 18; Apprentices and Artisans, 48; Schoolmasters, Mistresses, Pupil Teachers, 83.

An especial Ladies' Class met during the two previous quarters, which was attended by 6. It will again meet during the next quarter, which will commence on the 15th October. The masters have. during the present quarter, also given instruction to about 1,240 children in the public schools. At the present time, therefore, through the agency of the School, upwards of 1,400 persons are receiving the benefits of instruction in drawing and art. This is a result of great importance, and one which well repays the expense and labour bestowed upon the establishment of the School.

An Inspection of the School took place in June last, when upwards of 50 students competed for the prizes offered by the Department. An award has since been made, and eight pupils have succeeded in obtaining prizes; and eight have received certificates of merit. The general progress of the School is highly satisfactory, and reflects great credit upon the ability and zeal of the masters. The prizes and certificates were distributed by the President of the Institution to the successful competitors on the 24th of September last.

The School has the benefit of Mr. Gilbert's services on three days of the week, and of those of Mr. Roscoe, as assistant master, on six. The Committee have applied to the Department for, and hope to obtain, the services also of Mr. Langley, as assistant master.

The Committee would call attention to the following very great advantages afforded by the School. The room in which the Classes meet is well adapted to the purpose. It is large and commodious, and handsomely and appropriately fitted up. The casts (many of which are from the choicest works of art), models, examples, and books provided, are of the best and most varied kind, and such as cannot be brought within the reach of students otherwise than through the agency of schools of this description. The terms of admission to, and the times of meeting of, the different classes are so arranged as to meet the convenience of students of all ranks. The instruction afforded is grounded on the best principles, and ranges from the most elementary lessons in drawing to the higher branches of art and design. The pupils have also the advantage of competing for the prizes offered by the Department, some of which are of considerable intrinsic value.

In conclusion, the Committee would urge upon the Council, and the members of the Institution, to support the School of Art by all means within their power. The movement is one of great importance. It brings within the reach of all ranks the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of drawing, and an intimate acquaintance with the practice and principles of the higher branches of art and design. It supplies an important element in popular education: as to all those who avail themselves of its advantages it affords a refining and elevating intellectual enjoyment, and to those engaged in occupations requiring skill, taste, or ingenuity, its tendency is to bring a

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greatly increased proficiency. The Committee believe, too, that the movement, successful as it has been, will be attended with most important results with reference to the prosperity of the Institution, as, whilst its members are entitled to admission to the classes on much reduced terms, an enlarged public confidence and support will be bestowed upon the management, when it is known that the Council are determined to adopt all possible opportunities of extending its sphere of usefulness.

WILLIAM ASCROFT,
Hon. Sec.

25th September, 1860.

SCHOOL OF ART,

INSTITUTION, AVENHAM, PRESTON,

Account of Receipts, Disbursements, and Liabilities, up to 25th September, 1860.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Ainsworth and Co.	20	0	0
Captain German	20	0	0
Mr. Miller	20	0	0
Messrs. Swainson, Birley, and Co.	20	0	0
The Mayor (Mr. Walmsley)	10	0	0
Mr. Bickerstaff	10	0	0
Mr. Ascroft	5	0	0
Mr. Bairstow	5	0	0
Mr. Birchall	5	0	0
Messrs. Birley Brothers	5	0	0
Mr. Joseph Dixon	5	0	0
Mr. Goodair	5	0	0
Mr. Hollins	5	0	0
Mr. Newsham	5	0	0
Mr. James Paley	5	0	0
Messrs. Park, Son, and Garlick	5	0	0
Mr. Edward Pedder	5	0	0
Mr. Stevenson	5	0	0
Dr. Spencer	3	3	0
Messrs. Hawkins	3	0	0
Mr. Richard Carr	2	2	0
Mr. William Dawson	2	2	0
Captain Eastham	2	2	0
Mr. A. Leigh	2	2	0
Mr. Miles Rodgett	2	2	0
Messrs. Sharples and Wilding	2	2	0
Messrs. Shaw and Lawson	2	2	0
Mr. Teale	2	2	0
Messrs. Wilcockson and Swarbrick	2	2	0
Mr. Williamson	2	2	0
Mr. John Atherton	1	1	0
Mr. Robert Benson	1	1	0
Mr. Edmund Gardner	1	1	0
Mr. Gudgeon	1	1	0
Mr. M. S. Maynard	1	1	0
Mr. T. Maynard	1	1	0
Mr. R. C. Napier	1	1	0
Mr. Oxendale	1	1	0
Mr. John Walker	1	1	0
Mr. D. Irvin	1	0	0
Mr. Bleasdale	0	5	0
	197	17	0
Balance	53	17	8½
	£251	14	8½

ACCOUNTS PAID.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. William Lindsay—Time, work, and materials—(Joiners' and Cabinet Makers' Work	53	11	11
Mr. James Fitchie (Mason's Work)	0	8	8
Mr. Charles Seward (warming, lighting, and sundries)	13	19	0
Mr. Thomas Exton (temporary desks, and drawing boards	4	13	7½
Messrs. Chapman and Hall (books, drawings, examples &c., £79 5 7			
Less grant by department £26 14 4			
Discount allowed by agents £11 13 0 £38 7 4	40	18	8
Mr. Brucciani (Casts, &c.) £93 2 8			
Less grant by department £27 10 8			
Discount allowed by agents £12 2 11 £39 13 7	53	9	1
Carriage	8	16	3
Cleaning Room for Meetings. &c.	1	10	6
Sundries	0	2	0
	177	8	10½

ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING.

Messrs. Bell & Coupland (upholsterers' work)	53	11	0
Mr. Whitehead (castings for desks, and form supports	1	11	10
Mr. Parry (ditto) say	3	0	0
Messrs. Park and Co. (painting, &c.	13	13	0
Mr. Gilbert (sundries)	12	1	0
Mr. Toulmin (advertising)	1	7	0
Mr. Livesey (advertising)	1	12	0
	66	15	10
Estimated expenses to complete the arrangements	7	10	0
Accounts Paid	177	8	10½
	£251	14	8½
Sept. 25, 1860, Balance brought down	£53	17	8½

JOHN JAMES MYRES.
Treasurer.

25th September, 1860.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

Arts and Sciences.

124	D	Beard's Self-Culture	1860
191	D	Burchett's Practical Geometry	1860
93	C	Canada, Geological Survey of	1857
1397	D	Coleman's Our Woodlands, Heaths, and Hedges...	1859
97	C	Darwin on the Origin of Species	1860
7	E	Fonblanque's Rights and Wrongs, a Manual of Household Law	1860
2	D	Johnson's Chemistry of the World...	1858
96	D	Liebig's Handbook of Organic Analysis	1853
17	D	Lewis's Physiology of Common Life, 2 vols.	1860
29	D	Maury's Physical Geography of the Sea	1859
131	D	Miller (Hugh), Cruise of the Betsey	1858
156	D	Miller (Hugh), Sketch Book of Popular Geology	1859
32	C	Nightingale's (Florence), Notes on Nursing	1860
		Polson's Principles of the Law of Nations, and Horne on Diplomacy (Vol. 41—863 D.)	
		Rankine's Manual of the Steam Engine and other Prime Movers (Vol. 42—863 D.)	
66	D	Ruskin's Elements of Perspective	1859
1301	D	Ruskin's The Two Paths: being Lectures on Art, and its application to Decoration and Manufactures	1859
95	C	Recreative Science for 1860, and continued.	
1398	D	Trench's Select Glossary...	1859
1399	D	Trench's Proverbs and their Lessons	1857
55	D	Tegg's Dictionary of Chronology	1854

Voyages and Travels.

83	D	Ballantyne's World of Ice	1860
2	E	Brierley's Summer Day in Daisy Nook...	1859
220	D	Dana's To Cuba and Back	1859
4	C	Dufferin's Letters from high Latitudes	1857
214	D	Little Tower in Ireland, by an Oxonian	1859
10	C	Mc. Clintock's Narrative of the Discovery of the Fate of Sir John Franklin	1859

77 D Osborne's Cruise in Japanese Waters 1859
80 D Osborne's Career, Last Voyage, and fate of Sir John Franklin 1860
140 D Run away to Sea, an Autobiography for Boys 1860
106 C Tennent's (Sir J. E.) Ceylon, 2 vols. 1860
1396 D White's Northumberland and the Border 1859
213 D White's All Round the Wrekin 1860
3 D White's July Holiday in Saxony, Bohemia, and Silesia ... 1857
4 D White's On Foot through Tyrol in 1855 1856
42 C Williams's Through Norway with a Knapsack 1859

History.

70 C Buckle's History of Civilization in England 1858
104 C Forster's Arrest of the Five Members by Charles the First... 1860
122 D Martineau's British Rule in India... 1857
106 C Tennent's (Sir J. E.) History of Ceylon, 2 vols. 1860
95 C Vaughan's Revolutions in English History 1859

Biography.

216 D Campbell's (Thomas), Memoirs of, by Cyrus Redding, 2 vols. 1860
3 C Cœur (Jacques), the French Argonaut, and his times by Miss Costello 1849
14 D Crompton (Samuel), Life and Times, by G. J. French... ... 1857
171 D Edgar's Foot-Prints of Famous Men 1858
191 D Edgar's Boyhood of Great Men 1860
117 D Famous Boys, and how they became Great Men... 1860
77 C George 4th, Memoirs of, by the Duke of Buckingham, 2 vols. 1859
9 D Horrox's Memoirs, by A. B. Whatton 1859
167 D Jerrold (Douglas). Life of, by his Son 1859
60 D Kitto (Dr. John), Eadie's Life of 1858
153 D Macaulay's Biographies 1860
94 C Memoirs of the Court of the Regency, by the Duke of Buckingham, 2 vols.... 1856
66 C Milton (John), Masson's Life of 1859
6 C Redding (Cyrus), Fifty Years' Recollections, Literary and Personal, 3 vols. 1858
132 D Schimmelpenninck's (Mary Anne), Life of 2 vols. 1858
63 D Smiles's Self Help; with Illustrations of Character and Conduct 1859
372 E Vidocq, Memoirs of 4 vols.

Poetry.

219 D Browning's (Elizabeth B.), Poems before Congress 1860
21 C Lover's Metrical Tales, and other Poems 1860
11 D Tennyson's Idylls of the King 1859

Novels and Tales.

1400 D Adam Bede, 2 vols. 1859
49 C Ainsworth's Mervyn Clitheroe 1858
87 D Armstrong's Warhawk
63 D Bronte's (Anne), Tenant of Windfell Hall 1859
1 C Bulwer's What Will He Do With It, 4 vols. 1859
259 E Crocker's Fairy Legends and Traditions of the South of Ireland 1859
14 C Dickens's Tale of Two Cities 1859
1356 D Disraeli's Vivian Grey 1859
1357 D Disraeli's Ixion in Heaven 1859
1358 D Disraeli's The Young Duke 1859
1359 D Disraeli's Alroy... 1859
1360 D Disraeli's Contarini Fleming 1858
8 D Disraeli's Coningsby 1859
24 D Disraeli's Sybil; or the Two Nations 1858
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101 C Farrer's Julian Home 1859
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161 D Howitt's (Mary), Trust and Trial 1858
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95 D Life for a Life 1860
54 D Mabel Vaughan 1857
56 C Marryat's Poor Jack... 1859
162 D Marryat's Masterman Ready 1860
53 D Maurice Tiernay; the Soldier of Fortune
205 D Mill on the Floss, 3 vols.... 1860
157 D Nothing New, Tales by the Author of John Halifax, Gentleman, 2 vols. 1857
25 C Oliphant's Athelings or the Three Gifts, 3 vols. 1857
35 D Philip's Rollo; or the Scottish Musketeers 1857
72 D Reid's White Chief
82 D St. John's Artic Crusoe

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208 D Smith's Comic Tales, and Pictures of Life 1860
46 C Stowe's (Mrs.), The Minister's Wooing
7 D Tales from Bentley, 4 vols. 1859
2 C Thackeray's Virginians, 2 vols... 1859
138 D The Ladies of Beaver Hollow, 2 vols. 1858
65 D The Swiss Family Robinson 1859
99 D Trollope's The Three Clerks 1860
112 D Trollope's Barchester Towers... 1859
123 D Trollope's The Warden 1859
1338 D Tom Brown's School Days 1859

Miscellaneous.

23 B Cassell's Illustrated Family Paper for 1860, and continued.
86 C Cornhill Magazine for 1860, and continued.
72 C Doran's New Pictures and Old Panels 1859
61 C Englishwoman's Journal for 1860, and continued.
6 D Hardwick's History, Present Position, and Social Importance of Friendly Societies 1859
63 C Lessons on Common Things
152 D Lowell's Biglow Papers 1859
79 C Macmillan's Magazine for 1860, and continued.
165 D Maddyn's Chiefs of Parties, 2 vols.... 1859
154 D Masson's Sketch of British Novelists, and their Styles ... 1859
68 D Prout's (Father) Reliques 1860
41 A Saturday Review for 1860, and continued.
92 C Thomson's Health Resorts of Britain 1860
4 E Uncle Philip's Conversations with the Young People about the Whale Fisheries 1837

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THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 1st of October, 1861, Mr. WILLIAM DOBSON, Vice-President, in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted:—

THE proceedings of the Institution during the year just closed, have afforded few topics calling for special remark in the Report which the Council have now to present. With one exception, perhaps, the position of the Institution has undergone but little change since the date of the last Annual Report. The exception here alluded to will, however, be regarded as important, referring, as it does, to the improved state of the finances; a considerable reduction in the debt on the Building having been effected during the year. In other respects, no decided advance can be said to have been made upon the satisfactory position held by the Institution at the beginning of the year. That position has, however, been fully maintained, notwithstanding some unfavourable circumstances with which the Institution has had to contend.

For several years past, it has been necessary to appropriate no inconsiderable portion of the annual income of the Institution to the payment of the charge for interest on the Building Fund Debt. In this way the usefulness of the Institution has no doubt been much restricted. Early in the official year, therefore, the Council resolved upon measures, which they proceeded to carry out, for the entire extinction of the debt. Owing chiefly to the depression which has so unfortunately overtaken the trade of the district, these measures have not resulted in success so entire as was hoped for. The Council are, however, afforded the satisfaction of announcing that the debt has been reduced from £606 17s. 9½, the amount owing at the beginning of the year, to £400 13s. 3½d., the present amount. The debt may be considered as still further reduced by a donation of £50, kindly promised by Mr. Alderman Miller; also by donations promised by Mr. Alderman Walmsley, and other friends of the Institution. For the success hitherto attained in the liquidation of the debt, the Institution is under great obligation to His Worship the Mayor, John Goodair, Esq., who with a liberality which will be fully appreciated by the Members generally, promptly responded to the appeal of the Council by a donation of £100. The Institution is also greatly indebted to Mr. Ainsworth, for his donation of £50. This donation, it will be remembered, was originally promised on condition that a sum equal to the remaining portion of the debt should be obtained from other sources. Seeing, however, that the Council could not with propriety prosecute their appeals, in the present state of the trade of the town, and that the possibility of fulfilling the condition was thus indefinitely postponed, Mr. Ainsworth at once paid over his donation, with the considerate regard for the interests of the Institution which he has shown in so many former instances.

The number of subscriptions received during the year is 533, being 29 less than were received the year previous. This slight falling off is no doubt attributable to the extreme severity of the weather in the months of December and January last. Usually a large increase in the number of subscribers takes place about Christmas. Last year, however, a considerable decrease took place at that time, the severe weather having no doubt kept at home many persons who would otherwise have spent their evenings at the Institution. This would be especially the case as regards persons residing at a distance. But for the cause here indicated, the Council have little doubt that they would now have been able to report a considerable increase in the number of subscribers.

It is satisfactory to report that the weather, severe as it was, had but little effect upon the Evening Classes, the attendance upon which has been on the whole fully maintained. This is satisfactory, because it must be regarded as encouraging evidence that the privilege of attending the Classes is highly prized by a considerable number of the Members. The Council may here remark, that the means at their disposal still remain very inadequate to the requirements of the Classes, the usefulness of which is, for this reason, much circumscribed. It is, however, gratifying to know that, even in their present condition, the Classes are doing useful work, quietly and unostentatiously, but not, therefore, the less

effectively; while, as regards the majority of the students, the work of the Classes must be "bread cast upon the waters, to be seen many days hence," there are not wanting instances of students to whom the instruction afforded in the Classes is known to have formed the stepping-stone to immediate advancement in life. There is thus afforded encouragement to future Councils, to develope and foster, to the extent of their means, the capabilities of the Classss for substantial usefulness.

The undermentioned Students having successfully passed the Examination of the Association of Mechanics' Institutions of Lancashire and Cheshire, have had awarded to them Certificates of Merit as follows:—

Alice H. Watson	First Class Certificate.
Alice Smith.....	Second Class "
Matthew Harrison	Algebra, Second Class Certificate.
Benjamin Mattinson	Mensuration, " " "
Joseph Foster.....	Arithmetic and Composition, Third Class Certificate.
Benjamin Foster	Geometry, " " "
William Yates.....	Composition, " " "

Of the School of Art, a separate Report is appended, from which it will be gathered that the expectations originally entertained, of the success and usefulness of the School, have been more than realized.

Two Series of Lectures were delivered during the last season, as follows:—

TUESDAY EVENING SERIES.

Rev. Canon Parr.....	Capital and Labour.
Dr. Witherington	Curiosities of Insect Structure.
Mr. James Marshall	Our Mother Tongue.
Rev. St. Vincent Beechey	The Ancient History of Egypt, in connection with the Bible. (Two Lectures)
Mr. May.....	An Hour with Goldsmith.
Preston Elocutionary Association	Elocutionary Entertainment.
Dr. D. J. McGowan	On Japan. (Two Lectures.)

SATURDAY EVENING SERIES.

Mr. J. J. Myres.....	Electricity.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.....	Chemistry of the Atmosphere.
Mr. W. Dobson.....	Incidents Illustrative of the Manners and Customs of Preston in the Olden Time.
Mr. F. Cotman	Life and Times of Alfred the Great.
Mr. C. Hardwick.....	Poetic Elocution; or, the Art of Reciting Poetry in Public.

The Tuesday Evening series proved on the whole eminently successful; the subjects having been well chosen, and treated in a style at once able and popular; while the attendance, in nearly every instance, was large and respectable.

The Saturday Evening series were entered upon with the view of providing, for the operative classes especially, means of relaxation, at once instructive and amusing; and of thus affording to the working man the opportunity of passing the Saturday evening at least harmlessly, if not usefully. So far as the

series extended, it may be said to have been as successful as could have been looked for. The Lectures were in every instance delivered gratuitously, and though not attended by numerous audiences, were listened to throughout with marked interest. The partial success attending them may, therefore, well justify the repetition of a Saturday evening series next season. It will, however, be seen, from the statement of accounts, that the Lectures, although in other respects successful, resulted in a pecuniary loss.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year is 230; of these 10 volumes have been presented by donors, and 220 purchased by the Council. The number of volumes now on the shelves is 6,566. A classified summary is given at the end of this Report, showing the present contents of the Library, the number of volumes added during the year, and exhibiting the number of volumes circulated in each class during the year. A considerable addition has been made to the shelf-room in the Library. This had become necessary, owing to the constant increase in the number of volumes.

The Reading and News Rooms continue to form most attractive features of the Institution. Copious as is the supply of periodical and newspaper literature upon the tables, the supply is not more than adequate to the wants of the readers. A List of the Periodicals, &c., to be found upon the tables is given at the end of the present Report.

In the last Annual Report it was stated that the site of the Institution had been enlarged, by the purchase of an adjoining plot of land. This purchase the Council have deemed it advisable to abandon. To proceed with the purchase would render necessary a considerable present outlay, and would also entail a considerable annual charge for ground rent upon the Institution; and as this could be ill afforded in the present state of the finances, the Council have deemed it well to defer to a more favorable opportunity any further negociations for the land in question.

The Banking Accounts of the Institution were in July last transferred from Messrs. Pedder & Co. to the Preston Banking Co., means for paying off the former having been advanced by the latter, upon deposit with them of the Deeds of the Building.

The Annual Soiree of the Institution took place on the 19th of December last, in the Exchange Rooms, and was attended with the usual success. The funds of the Institution being benefitted by it to the amount of £13 0 9. A further addition of £1 2s. 3d resulted to the funds from a Soiree of the Class Students, held in the Institution in November last.

From an appended memorandum of the affairs of the Penny Bank, it will be seen that while the number of depositors has increased, the balance due to the depositors has diminished since last year.

For the convenience of the School of Art, as well as for the accommodation of the Members of the Institution generally, the Council have deemed it advisable that the doors of the Institution shonld be thrown open at nine instead of ten o'clock as formerly. This change rendered necessary the earlier attendance of the Librarian, to whose salary, therefore, an addition of £6 10s. has been made.

The Institution still keeps up its connexion with the Society of Arts, the Association of Mechanics' Institutions of Lancashire and Cheshire, and the Arundel Society for the Promotion of Knowledge of Art.

The Council have held 20 meetings during the year, at which the attendance has been as follows :—

Rev. Canon Parr, ...	4	Mr. John Burton, ...	3
Rev. E. D. Rendell,..	11	" James Crompton, ..	14
Mr. W. Dobson, ...	11	" F. Cotman, ...	10
" Robert Parker, ...	0	" Thomas Duckett, ..	11
" James Dunn, ...	9	" James Hesketh, ...	10
" Thomas Edelston, ..	17	" J. J. Myres, ...	13
" W. Ainsworth, ...	5	" Thomas Maynard, ..	4
" Rd. Allen,..	1	" W. F. Moore, ...	15
" W. Ascroft, ...	11	" John Parry,..	10
" E. Andrew, ...	14	" Samuel Park, ...	12
" E. Ambler, ...	10	Dr. Spencer, ...	0
" Thomas Brewer, ...	12	Mr. T. Wilson, ...	0

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Number of Volumes issued during the past twelve months :—

	No. of Vols. in Library.	No. Issued.	No. Added.
Arts and Sciences, ...	1,393	1.640	25
History, ...	669	749	10
Voyages and Travels,..	530	1,180	11
Biography, ...	620	1,106	29
Poetry and Drama, ...	312	577	3
Novels and Tales, ...	574	7,542	43
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines, &c., &c.	2,468	2,279	109
	6,566	15,073	230

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Donors to the Institution.

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Penny Bank.

Accounts open October 2nd, 1860, ...	3,029
Accounts open September 3rd, 1861, ...	3,427

	£.	s.	d.
Amount due on Depositor's Account, October 2nd, 1860, ...	620	19	7
Amount due on Depositor's Account, September 3rd, 1861, ...	533	14	4

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After Reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted:--

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by the Rev. E. D. RENDELL : That the Council's Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. COTMAN : That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. T. SALTHOUSE, seconded by Mr. J. H. FORSHAW : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Donors to the Institution, and to those gentlemen who have delivered gratuitous Lectures during the year.

4.—Moved by Mr. BRADLEY, seconded by Mr. HOGHTON : That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Council, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the year.

5.—Moved by Mr. ANDREW, seconded by Mr. S. PARK: That Robert Parker, Esq. be Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by MAYNARD, seconded by Mr. J. MARSHALL : That Mr. Richard Allen be appointed Trustee, in place of the late John Addison, Esq.

7.—Moved by Mr. S. PARK, seconded by Mr. PARRY : That Mr. Crombleholme be Auditor fot the ensuing two years.

8.—Moved by Mr. R. PARKER, seconded by Mr. CROMPTON : That the Worshipful the Mayor, John Goodair, Esq., be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

9.—Moved by Mr. BREWER, seconded by Mr. MYRES: That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Rev. Canon Parr, for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year.

10.—Moved by Mr. MYRES, seconded byMr. EDELSTON : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. W. Dobson, for his services in the chair this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1861-2.

President:

JOHN GOODAIR, Esq., Mayor.

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. WILLIAM DOBSON. Mr. WILLIAM ASCROFT.

Council:

To Serve Two Years.	To Serve One Year.
Mr. William Ascroft.	Mr. William Ainsworth.
" W. A. Allen.	" Edwin Andrew.
" T. Brewer.	" Edward Ambler.
" John Burton.	" Frederick Cotman.
" James Crompton.	" William Dobson.
" Thomas Duckett.	" James Dunn.
" Thomas Edelston.	" James Hesketh.
" Thomas Maynard.	" John James Myres.
" John Parry.	" W. F. Moore.
" Samuel Park.	Rev. E. D. Rendell.
" G. Wood.	Mr Thomas Wilson.

Treasurer:

Mr. ALDERMAN PARKER.

Secretaries:

Mr. JAMES DUNN. Mr. THOMAS EDELSTON.

Subscribers of One Guinea and Upwards:

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The Rev. Canon Parr,	" Miller,
Mr. Ainsworth,	" J. J. Myres,
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" Haworth,	" T. Wilson,
" Horrocks,	" Walmsley.

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Mr. ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER,

In Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT,

For the Year Ending September 20th, 1861.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.
To 3 Subscribers at 42s. each, per annum	6	6	0
" 21 do. at 21s. "	22	1	0
" 137 do. at 10s. "	68	10	0
" 16 do. at 8s. "	6	8	0
" 160 do. quarterly, at 10s. "	80	0	1
" 196 do. " at 8s. "	78	11	9
" Rent of Theatre, &c.... ...	70	12	6
" Lectures, ...	26	13	6
" Catalogues, ...	1	14	6
" Fines, ...	1	19	8
" Sale of sundry useless articles	1	12	2
" Warming & Lighting Rooms	6	7	9
" Lost Books, ...	0	9	3
" Soiree.	29	6	1
" Class Fees, ...	4	0	0
" Balance, ...	65	16	0
	£470	7	3

Disbursements.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance, ...	58	3	11
" Books. £44 5 9; Binding, £20 14 6; Magazines, £45 16 1,...	110	16	4
" Class Expenses, ...	30	12	10
" Lecture do.	43	2	0
" Librarian's Salary, ...	67	12	6
" Commission, ...	5	3	0
" Assistance, ...	14	8	0
" Printing, Advertising, and Stationery,...	13	12	9
" Gas, 34 15 11, Coals, 13 14 2	48	10	1
" Society of Arts, ...	2	2	0
" Association of Institutions,	0	5	0
" Arundel Society, ...	2	2	0
" Insurance, ...	6	9	8
" Soiree,...	15	4	1
" Repairs & Sundry Expenses	13	6	11
" Pianoforte, ...	1	11	6
" New Shelves,...	5	15	11
" Bank Interest, General Fund	1	0	6
" " Building Fund	30	8	3
	£470	7	3

1861, September 23rd, Audited and found correct,

THOMAS EDWD. BECK,
RICHARD HOYLE, } *Auditors.*

BUILDING FUND.

For the Year ending September 30th, 1861.

	£.	s.	d.
To John Goodair, Esq., Mayor, Donation	100	0	0
" Wm. Ainsworth, Esq. "	50	0	0
" Mr. Thomas Prescott, "	5	0	0
" " James Hogg, "	5	0	0
" " John Atherton, "	5	0	0
" " John Cassell's Lecture,	1	4	6
" Rent of Shepherd's Library,	40	0	0
" Balance, ...	400	13	3½
	£606	17	9½

	£.	s.	d.
By Balance, ...	606	17	9½
	£606	17	9½
Balance, ..	400	13	3½

September 23rd, 1861, Audited and found correct,

THOMAS EDWD. BECK,
RICHARD HOYLE, } *Auditors.*

PRESTON SCHOOL OF ART REPORT.

OCTOBER, 1861.

To the Council of the Institution—

Since the publication of the last Report of your Committee, in October, 1860, the progress made by the School of Art has been very satisfactory. The numbers attending the different Classes have been well sustained, the attention and industry of the Students have been well kept up, and the course of instruction has been of a more advanced character.

The numbers at present attending the different Classes meeting at the School are as follows:—

Ladies' Class, 29; Young Ladies' Class, 17; School Boys' Class, 9; Apprentices and Artisans' Class, 55; Schoolmasters and Pupil Teachers' Class, 47; Total, 157. These numbers as compared with those of last year's Report show a satisfactory progress in most of the Classes. The numbers in the Boys' Class are slightly reduced, and in the Schoolmasters and Pupil Teachers' Class the numbers have fallen from 83 to 47. But in the Ladies' Classes the numbers have increased from 25 to 46; and in the Artisans' Class the numbers have increased from 48 to 55.

The decrease in the number of Schoolmasters and Pupil Teachers attending the School is very much to be regretted. So much importance is attached to their attendance at the School, that it is one of the conditions upon which the Art Master receives his appointment, that he should give to the Masters and Pupil Teachers the advantages of his instruction at a much reduced charge, in order that the benefits resulting from an education in drawing may, through them, be imparted more widely and satisfactorily to the children taught at the Public Schools.

It is satisfactory, however, to your Committee to be able to report that the Masters of the School of Art have, during the last year, been engaged in the instruction of a much larger number of children attending the Public Schools than during the previous year. The number of children in the Public Schools receiving instruction in Drawing from the Art Masters at the date of the last Report, was 1,240. The number at present receiving instruction is 1,541. It is therefore of increasing importance that the Masters and Pupil Teachers of the different Schools should attend the more advanced Class, which is intended for them, in order that they may properly assist the Art Masters in the education of their own pupils.

It is obvious that the three Art Masters cannot immediately and thoroughly teach each individual pupil, and that the interests both of the Art Master, and of the Schoolmasters and Pupil Teachers, in order to attain an amount of proficiency in their pupils sufficient to reflect credit upon their teaching, would be most promoted by their working heartily and cordially together. To this end it is suggested that the Art Masters should exercise a general supervision over the teaching of the Drawing in the different Schools, and should immediately teach the more advanced pupils, the Schoolmasters and Pupil Teachers should directly teach the less advanced Pupils, and should themselves be sufficieutly educated in the knowledge of Art to conduct their teaching efficiently. The interest of the different Public Schools, as well as that of the School of Art, would, in the opinion of your Committee, be much promoted by such an arrangement being adopted.

Mr. Gilbert continues to hold his appointment as Head Master, and to discharge his duties with the greatest satisfaction to the Committee. Mr. Langley also still holds his office of Pupil Teacher, but your Committee regret that they are likely to lose his valuable assistance at Christmas next. Mr. Roscoe resigned his appointment as Pupil Teacher at Christmas last, and has been succeeded by Mr. William Duckett, who was appointed on the 1st May last. Mr. Duckett has hitherto discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, and it is hoped that the School may for some time have the benefit of his services.

In June last an exhibition took place in the School Room of the Drawings executed by the pupils of the various Schools of Art in the Kingdom, which obtained National Medallions at the examination in 1860. The drawings numbered about 100, and were executed in water color, in oil, and in chalk. The Exhibition was attended by about 250 persons, from whom £2 0s. 8d. was received for admission. The Pupils of the School were admitted free of charge. The Exhibition was of a most interesting character, and several of of the productions displayed great merit. The Committee in accepting the offer of the Department of Science and Art, to place the collection at their disposal, considered that the Exhibition (whilst proving what can be accomplished iu the way of excellence in design and execution by the mode of instruction adopted in the Schools of Art,) would be especially interesting and serviceable to the pupils of the School, in showing the standard required of those who aspired to the higher rewards offered by the Department.

An Examination of the School took place in June last, by Mr. Wylde, the Inspector appointed by the Department. 109 Pupils attending the Classes meeting at the School, and 58 of the Pupils instructed in the Public Schools were present at the Examination. Of the former, 11 obtained prizes, 21 received cards, declaring a superior amount of merit, two received honorable mention, and six obtained medals, the highest prize awarded at the Local Examinations. Of the Scholars educated at the Public Schools who attended the Examination, eight received prizes, and twenty were pronounced to have passed a fair examination. The above results are highly satisfactory; they are in excess of the average results of the examination of other schools, and reflect

great credit both on the zeal and attention of the Masters, and the ability, industry and application of the Pupils. The Prizes were distributed at the School Room, on the 9th September last, by the Rev. Canon Parr, the President of the Institution, to whom the Committee wish to express their acknowledgments, for the very warm interest which he has at all times displayed in the progress of the School, and for his very valuable co-operation in the promotion of its welfare.

The Committee would direct the attention of the Pupils to the mode of distributing rewards adopted by the Department. The Prizes are not given to a limited number of the best Pupils at the examination, but to all who reach a certain standard of excellence; so that no Pupil need be discouraged from attending at the examination by the reflection that some particular Pupil is more skilful than himself. If he can display a certain amount of accuracy and excellence he will obtain a prize, no matter however superior may be the productions of any of his fellow-pupils; whilst those who display any striking amount of ability will obtain corresponding rewards in the higher prizes which are thrown open to competition.

The Committee desire to acknowledge the liberality of the Council of the Institution in continuing to grant the use of the School Room for the purposes of the School. The School of Art is now one of the established incidents of the Institution, and not its least important one. A large number of the Members of the Institution have availed themselves of the privilege afforded to them of joining the Classes of the School of Art upon reduced terms, and that privilege has, the Committee believe, induced many to become Members of the Institution.

A debt of about £60 still remains upon the School, and to a certain extent impairs its means of usefulness. It is hoped that this will shortly be removed, and that the Committee may, unfettered by any pecuniary liability, be enabled to adopt a more liberal course of action towards the School, and so increase its efficiency and add to the public advantages resulting from it.

WILLIAM ASCROFT,

Preston, 1st October, 1861. Hon. Sec.

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BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY,

During the Year Ending September, 1861.

Arts and Sciences.

1408	D	Atkinson's Sketches in Natural History	1861
160	C	Carmichael's Science of Music Simplified	1860
243	C	Carpmael on the Law of Patents	1861
564	D	Clomstock & Hoblyn's Manual of Natural Philosophy ...	1856
191	C	Fairbairn on Mills and Millwork	1861
254	C	Müller's Lectures on the Science of Language	1861
194	C	Novello on the Voice and Vocal Art	1856
754	D	Piesse's Chemical, Natural, and Physical Magic	1859
755	D	" Laboratory of Chemical Wonders	1860
461	D	Samuelson & Hicks on the Earthworm and Common House Fly	1860
1414	D	Ure's Cotton Manufactures of Great Britain, 2 vols. ...	1861
562	D	Williamson's Treatise on the Combustion of Coal and the Prevention of Smoke	1858

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Voyages and Travels.

12	B	All Round the World...	1860
158	C	Atkinson's Travels in the Amoor	1860
239	C	" Oriental and WesternSiberia	1858
130	C	Ball's Peaks, Passes, and Glaciers	1859
124	C	Barth's Travels in North and Central Africa	1860
942	D	Gerard's Lion Hunting and Sporting Life in Algeria	1857
234	C	Hunting Grounds of the Old World	1860
120	C	Kelly's Syria and the Holy Land, their Scenery and their People	
118	C	St John's Egypt, and Nubia, their Scenery and their People	
752	D	White's Londoner's Walk to the Land's End	1855

History.

608 D Annals of England, 3 vols. 1857
139 C Frederick the Great, History of, by Thomas Carlyle, 2 vols. 1858
156 C Lappenberg's History of England under the Norman Kings 1857
227 C " " " " Anglo-Saxon Kings, 2 vols. 1855
433 D Taylor's History of the Transmission of Ancient Books to Modern Times 1859
121 C Wilson's Narrative of Events during the Invasion of Russia by Bonaparte 1860

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Biography.

133 C Bacon, Personal History of, by W. Hepworth Dixon, ... 1861
656 D Beckford (William), Memoirs of, 2 vols. 1859
174 C Burke's Romance of the Aristocracy, 3 vols. 1855
175 C " Family Romance of the Aristocracy, ... 1855
244 C Carlyle (Dr. Alexander), Autobiography of 1860
462 D Catherine II., Memoirs of, Written by Herself 1859
245 C Clay (Rev. John), Memoirs of, by his Son 1861
1402 D Dundonald (Lord), Autobiography of a Seaman 1861
264 D Garibaldi, Autobiography of 1860
179 C Goldsmith, Life and Writings of, by M. M. Kalisch 1860
111 C Havelock, Marshman's Memoirs of 1860
463 D Herzen's Exile in Siberia, 2 vols. 1855
395 D Kean (Charles), Life and Theatrical Times, 2 vols, ... 1859
560 D Men who have Risen, a Book for Boys ... ...
1407 D Miller (Hugh), Life and Times 1859
699 D Montaigne's Biography, 2 vols. 1858
691 D Schimmelpennick's Memoirs of Port Royal, 3 vols. 1858
1417 D The Boy Printer, or how Benjamin Franklin Made his Mark
252 C Walpole's Journal of the Reign of George III., Edited by Dr. Doran, 2 vols. 1859
546 D Women of Worth, a Book for Girls ... ...

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Poetry.

884 D Shakspeare, the Philosophy of 1860
109 C Shelley's Poetical Works 1854
802 D Waugh's Poems and Lancashire Songs 1860

Tales and Novels.

1410	D	A Packet of Seeds from an Old Gardener	1861
571	D	Andersen's Sand-hills of Jutland	1861
246	D	Archer's Island Home	1858
808	D	Ballyblunder, An Irish Story	1860
131	C	Brooks' The Gordian Knot	1860
1404	D	Collins' The Woman in White	1861
1416	D	Curates of Riversdale, 3 vols.	1860
785	D	Gaskell's Ruth	1855
912	D	Hawthorne's Transformation; or, the Romance of Monte Beni	1861
497	D	Lennex's Story of My Life, 3 vols.	1857
186	C	Lever's One of Them	1861
1409	D	May's Dashwood Priory; or, Mortimer's College Life ...	1857
434	D	Reade's Love Me Little, Love Me Long, 2 vols.	1859
248	D	Reid's Young Voyageurs, ...	1859
251	D	" The Desert Home	1860
224	D	" The Forest Exiles	1856
327	D	" The Boy Tar	1860
394	D	" The War Trail	
466	D	" The Plant Hunters	1858
392	D	" The Boy Hunters	1860
581	D	Scarsdale, 3 vols.	1860
709	D	Scenes of Clerical Life, 2 vols.	1859
1405	D	Season Ticket	1861
1403	D	Silas Marner	1861
256	D	Trollope's The Kelly's and O'Kellys	1859
225	D	" Dr. Thorne, 3 vols.	1859
224	D	" The Bertrams, 3 vols.	1859
295	D	" Castle Richmond, 3 vols.	1860
9	E	Wood's Danesbury House, ...	1860

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Miscellaneous.

1406	D	Brougham on the British Constitution...	1826
115	C	Burke's (Edmund), Works, 8 vols.	1831
169	C	Conference on Missions held in Liverpool	1860
551	D	Every Boy's Book	1860
234	D	Fichte's The Vocation of Man	1858
252	D	" The Vocation of the Scholar	1847
277	D	" The Nature of the Scholar	1848
643	D	Kingsley's Miscellanies	1859
1415	D	Kingston's Book for Boys	1861

154	C	Macaulay's Miscellaneous Writings, 2 vols.	1860
1226	D	" Essays on Warren Hastings and William Pitt ...	1858
1268	D	" „ on Addison, Walpole, and Bacon	1852
1074	D	Martineau's Health, Husbandry, and Handicraft	1861
259	C	Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Commissioners, 6 vols.	1861
883	D	Osborn's Japanese Fragments	1861
1401	D	Pettigrew's Collection of Epitaphs	1857
1411	D	The Boy's Own Illustrated Treasury	1861
1412	D	The Play-ground; or, The Boy's Book of Games	1858
599	D	Wynter's Curiosities of Civilization	1860

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THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS

ARE REGULARLY SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOM.

Quarterly.

British Quarterly Review
Dublin Review
Edinburgh Review
Meliora
National Review
North British Review
Quarterly Review
Westminster Review

Monthly.

All the Year Round
All Round the World
Art Journal
Artizan
Bentley's Miscellany
Blackwood's Magazine
Boy's Own Magazine
Bradshaw's Railway Guide
British Controversialist
Cassell's Illustrated Paper
Chambers' Journal
Civil Engineer
Cornhill Magazine
Dublin University Magazine
Eclectic Review
Family Friend
Fraser's Magazine
Gentleman's Magazine
Ladies' Treasury
Leisure Hour
Macmillan's Magazine
Musical Times
National Magazine
Newton's Journal
Once a Week
Photographic Journal
Practical Mechanics' Journal
Recreative Science
St. James' Magazine
Sixpenny Magazine
Sharpe's Magazine
Temple Bar
Zoologist

Weekly.

All the Year Round
Athenæum
Builder
Building News
Chambers' Journal
Critic
Cottage Gardener
Engineer
Illustrated London News
Illustrated News of the World
Illustrated Times
Journal of the Society of Arts
Literary Gazette
Mechanics' Magazine
Notes and Queries
Once a Week
Punch
Saturday Review

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THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESTON

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 7th of October, 1862, JOHN GOODAIR, Esq., President, in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted:—

During the past year the proceedings of the Institution have not been of a nature to call for much explanation or remark. Its career continues to be essentially useful, but the unprecedented gloom which has prevailed in Preston and the manufacturing districts generally has not been without its influence on the resources of the Institution.

On this account, the movement for the extinction of the debt on the building, which last year made so auspicious a commencement, has been in abeyance. The debt, however, has been reduced from £400 13s. 3d. to £360 13s. 3d., by the amount of one year's rent of Dr. Shepherd's library, which, acting upon the practice of their predecessors, the council have appropriated to the credit of the building fund.

The number of subscribers during the year has been 513, being twenty less than in the previous year, and forty-nine fewer than in 1859-60. The council regret that they are not able to make a more favourable report in this particular, the advantages offered by the Institution, as compared with the amount of subscription, being, they believe, second to none in the county. They have the pleasure, however, to state that, notwithstanding this drawback, the operations of the Institution generally are in a state of healthy activity.

The number of issues of volumes for reading, last year, was 15,076, being a slight increase on the number of the preceding year. As a matter of literary statistics, the following analysis of works circulated may be of interest:—Arts and sciences, 1,715; history, 586; voyages and travels, 1,423; biography, 1,038; poetry and drama, 530; tales and novels, 7,268; miscellaneous literature, including magazines, 2,516; total, 15,076.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year has been 194—by purchase 188, and by donation 6. The number of volumes now in the library is 6,760, including some of the most valuable works in every department of literature.

The council felt that they would scarcely be justified in devoting any portion of the slender resources of the Institution to the engagement of lecturers. For some seasons past the attendance at the lectures has not been very encouraging, although they have been a heavy item of expense. The council considered also that as respects educational results, the objects of the Institution would be even better carried out by devoting the money to the enrichment of the library.

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On the general account, the balance against the Institution is larger by £20 2s. 6d. than last year. This is owing mainly to the receipts from the letting of the lecture theatre having been so very small as compared with previous years. Until there be a revival in the trade of the district, the council cannot hope to receive much revenue from this source.

The classes have been well attended, and their working, on the whole, has been satisfactory to the council.

The operations of the Penny Bank have thoroughly justified its establishment. As might have been expected, however, the depressed state of trade has caused a large withdrawal of deposits.

The annual soirée was held in December last, and resulted in a small balance in favour of the Institution.

The Council have held 18 meetings during the year, at which the attendance has been as follows :—

Mr. W. Ascroft	10	Rev. E. D. Rendell	6
,, W. A. Allen	8	Mr. E. Andrew (resigned February, 1862)	2
,, T. Brewer	4	,, E. Ambler	10
,, J. Burton	4	,, F. Cotman	8
,, J. Crompton	15	,, W. Dobson	14
,, T. Duckett	8	,, J. Dunn	5
,, T. Edelston	3	,, J. Hesketh	6
,, T. Maynard	5	,, J. J. Myres	12
,, J. Parry	11	,, W. F. Moore	10
,, S. Park (resigned May 6, 1862).	3	,, T. Wilson	0
,, G. Wood	7	,, J. Marshall (elected May, 1862)	5
,, W. Ainsworth (died March 22nd, 1862)	0	,, R. Parker	2

After reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted :

1.—Moved by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. BRADLEY : That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. WALMSLEY : That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by the Rev. E. D. RENDELL, seconded by Mr. JOHN BURTON : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Donors to the Institution.

4.—Moved by Mr. D. FARE, seconded by Mr. HOLT : That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Council, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the year.

Mr. William Dobson, Mr. John James Myres, the Rev. E. D. Rendell, Mr. Frederick Cotman, Mr. W. F. Moore, Mr. Richard Goodair, Mr. James Marshall, Mr. James Dunn, Mr. Richard Allen, Mr. Edward Ambler, and Mr. Henry Biggs were then declared, in accordance with Rule 6, unanimously elected Members of the Council for the next two years, and Mr. James Kenyon for one year.

5.—Moved by Mr. R. ALLEN, seconded by Mr. WALKER : That Robert Parker, Esq., be Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. J. J. MYRES, seconded by Mr. BURTON : That Mr. Thomas Duckett be appointed a Trustee in the place of the late William Ainsworth, Esq.

7.—Moved by Mr. PARRY, seconded by Mr. MAYNARD : That Mr. T. E. Beck be Auditor for the ensuing two years.

8.—Moved by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. W. DOBSON : That Thomas Miller, Esq., be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

9.—Moved by Mr. COTMAN, seconded by Mr. E. AMBLER : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to John Goodair, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1862-3.

President:

THOMAS MILLER, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. William Ascroft. | Mr. John James Myres.

Council:

To Serve Two Years.	To Serve One Year.
Mr. Richard Allen.	Mr. William Ascroft.
,, Edward Ambler.	,, W. A. Allen.
,, Henry Biggs.	,, Thomas Brewer.
,, Frederick Cotman.	,, John Burton.
,, William Dobson.	,, James Crompton.
,, James Dunn.	,, Thomas Duckett.
,, Richard Goodair.	,, Thomas Edelston.
,, J. J. Myres.	,, James Kenyon.
,, James Marshall.	,, Thomas Maynard.
,, W. F. Moore.	,, John Parry.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.	,, George Wood.

Treasurer:

ROBERT PARKER, Esq.

Secretaries:

Mr. W. A. Allen. | Mr. James Crompton.

Subscribers of One Guinea and Upwards:

Lord Bishop of Manchester.	Mr. Miller.
The Rev. Canon Parr.	,, J. J. Myres.
Mr. W. Ascroft.	,, Miles Myres.
,, Anderson.	,, Newsham.
,, Bairstow.	,, Paley.
,, E. H. Booth.	,, Plant.
Dr. Broughton.	,, Miles Rodgett.
Mr. Dixon.	Dr. Spencer.
,, W. Dobson.	Mr. Teale.
,, Forshaw.	,, G. Toulmin.
,, Horrocks.	,, T. Wilson.
,, Hulton.	,, Walmsley.
,, Hollins.	

Mr. ROBERT PARKER, Treasurer,

In Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1862.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 Subscribers at 42s. each per annum	4	4	0
,, 28 do at 21s. ,,	29	8	0
,, 128 do. at 10s. ,,	64	0	0
,, 16 do. at 8s. ,,	6	8	0
,, 153 do. quarterly, at 10s. ,,	76	14	8
,, 186 do. do. at 8s. ,,	74	10	6
,, Rent of Rooms	25	3	6
,, Catalogues	2	11	0
,, Fines	1	14	8
,, Soirée	14	10	8
,, Warming, Lighting Rooms, and Attendance	10	3	3
,, Interest, General Fund	0	1	8
,, Balance	85	18	6
	£395	8	5

Disbursements.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance September 30th, 1861	65	16	0
,, Books, £27 7s. 9d.; Periodicals, £40 14s. 10d.; Binding, £24 2s. 0d.	92	4	7
,, Class Expenses	22	8	6
,, Librarian's Salary	72	10	0
,, do. Commission	5	4	0
,, do. Assistance	14	8	0
,, Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	8	16	0
,, Gas, £30 19s. 11d.; Coals, £10 6s. 8d.	41	6	7
,, Society of Arts	2	2	0
,, Arundel Society	1	1	0
,, Insurance	6	17	6
,, Soirée	12	2	0
,, Pianoforte	1	11	6
,, Repairs and sundry Expenses	26	7	6
,, Bank Interest, Building Fund	22	13	3
	£395	8	5
By Balance	£85	18	6

1862, September 29th.—Audited and found correct.

WILLIAM ASCROFT,
THOMAS EDWARD BECK, } Auditors.

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1862.

	£	s.	d.
To 1 Year's Rent of Dr. Shepherd's Library	40	0	0
,, Balance	360	13	2½
	£400	13	2½

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	400	13	2½
	£400	13	2½
Balance	£360	13	2½

1862, September 29th.—Audited and found correct.

WILLIAM ASCROFT,
THOMAS EDWARD BECK, } Auditors.

PRESTON SCHOOL OF ART REPORT.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTION,—

In presenting their third annual report, the School of ArtCommittee have to express themselves highly gratified with the condition of the school. The gloom now spread over the cotton district has, as might be expected, to some extent influenced the numbers of the pupils, but very considerable progress has during the last year been made in the studies prosecuted, which, in some instances, are of an advanced character. The numbers attending the various classes are as follow:— Young ladies, 10; ladies, 24; school boys, 11; pupil teachers (male and female), 32; artistans, 49; total, 126. These numbers show a slight falling off compared with last year's report, but not to a greater extent than might have been expected from the cause above referred to.

The decrease in the pupil teachers' class is owing also to some changes recently made by the Educational Committee of the Privy Council in their regulations in reference to the public schools, and these combined causes account for the reduction from 1,541 to 900 in the number of pupils in the public schools receiving instruction from the art teachers.

It is hoped that with the return of better times the classes will be raised to at least their former numbers.

Mr. Gilbert continues to hold the office of head master with great advantage to the school, and the duties of pupil teachers have been very satisfactorily discharged by Mr. William Duckett, and Miss Winifred Duckett, who succeeded Mr. Langley on his resignation at Christmas last.

The examination of the school was conducted in June last, by Mr. S. A. Hart, R.A. 130 of the pupils attending the classes meeting at the school, and 124 of the pupils from the public schools, were present at the examination. Of the former, 15 obtained medals, 5 honourable mention, 13 second grade prizes, 13 certificate cards, and 7 first grade prizes. Of the pupils from the public schools, 1 obtained a second grade prize, 2 certificate cards, and 35 first grade prizes. Four pupils of the school obtained prize studentships, entitling the holder to free admission to the classes for the following year, and three who obtained such studentships at the previous examination this year obtained renewals.

Some of the productions of the pupils were works of very considerable merit, and the result of the examination was satisfactory, showing a very general state of proficiency throughout the school, and exhibiting a very marked advance in the nature of the studies as compared with the previous examination.

During the past year no efforts have been made to remove the debt from the school.

The committee have abstained from appealing to the public for subscriptions, believing that, from the depression in trade now existing in the town, and the distress consequently prevailing on all sides, such an appeal would have been inopportune.

The committee, however, believe that, under other circumstances, little difficulty will be experienced in relieving the school from the incumbrance now weighing upon it.

WILLIAM ASCROFT,

30th September, 1862. Hon. Sec.

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BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1862.

Arts and Sciences.

41 B Chappell's Musical Magazine—
Vol. 1.—Juvenile Vocal Album.
Twelve Popular Duetts.
Eighteen of Moore's Irish Melodies.
A Selection of Christy and Buckley Minstrel Songs.
Vol. 2.—Thirty Galops, Schottisches, &c.
Five sets of Quadrilles by D'Albert.
Ten do. do.
Forty Polkas do. and others.
Fashionable Dance Music.
Standard do.
Vol. 3.—Twelve Sacred Songs.....Various.
Ditto do. .....Handel.
Ditto do. .....Various.
Ten Songs .....Mozart.
Ditto .....Schubert.
Twelve Songs.....Verdi and Flotow.
Vol. 4.—Beethoven's Sonatas, edited by Chas. Halle.
Vol. 5.—Ten Songs, by.....Wallace.
Thirteen Songs.....Balfe.
Ten Songs.....Norton.
Ten Songs, by Mrs. Arkwright, Mrs. Norton, and .....Lady Dufferin.
Popular Songs of Sims Reeves
Thirteen Songs .....Various.
Vol. 6.—Twenty-five Juvenile Pieces for the Pianoforte.
Fifty Valses .....D'Albert and others.
Fifty Christy Minstrel Melodies for Pianoforte.
Nine Pianoforte Pieces .....B. Richards.
Six Pianoforte Pieces.....Wallace.
Nine Pianoforte Pieces.....Ascher and Goria.

1470 D Dempsey's Treatise on Tubular Bridges 1850
1471 D ,, Rudimentary Treatise on the Locomotive Engine..... 1857
1456 D Dictionary of Daily Wants 1861
29 B Freehand Outline Drawing .....
1449 D Lardner's Common Things Explained 1856
357 C Lindley's Flora Medica 1858
1444 D Lewes's Seaside Studies..... 1858
1462 D Ruskin's (John), Selections from the Writings of 1862
325 C Transactions of the Social Science Association..... 1858
100 B Treatise on the Steam Engine, by the Artizan Club 1861
1425 D The Practice of Hand-turning in Wood, Ivory, and Shell..... 1861
1458 D Vandenhoff's Art of Elocution..... 1862

Voyages and Travels.

265 C Du Chaillu's Adventures and Explorations in Equatorial Africa..... 1861
297 C Hall's Ireland, its Scenery, Character, &c., 3 vols.....
263 C Lamont's Seasons with the Sea Horses 1861
1433 D Sala's Journey due North 1858

History.

20 E Dobson and Harland's History of Preston Guild 1862
1443 D Forster's The Debates on the Grand Remonstrance, with an Introductory Essay..... 1860
1427 D Pardoe's Episodes of French History, 2 vols..... 1859
302 C Wright's History of Domestic Manners and Sentiments during the Middle Ages 1862

Biography.

1441	D	Doran's Book of the Princes of Wales	1860
1430	D	Hood's Memorials, Edited by his Daughter, 2 vols.	1860
1459	D	,, Works, Edited by his Son	
1439	D	Leslie's Autobiographical Recollections, 2 vols.	1860
25	E	Merryweather's Lives and Anecdotes of Misers	1850
1446	D	Small Beginnings, or the Way to Get On	
1252	C	Stephen's Essay on Ecclesiastical Biography	1860
1429	D	Stuart (Mary), Lamartine's Life of	1859
1428	D	Trollope's Decade of Italian Women, 2 vols.	1859
1418	D	Wesley, Southey's Life of, 2 vols.	1858
1419	D	Young Benjamin Franklin, or the Right Road through Life	1861

Poetry.

28	E	Clare's Poems	1820
1421	D	Patmore's Faithful for Ever	1860
273	C	Thompson's Seasons	1841

Tales and Novels.

1466	D	Carleton's Jane Sinclair, 3 vols.	1843
1445	D	,, The Evil Eye	1860
1472	D	Cooper's Pilot, 3 vols.	
1468	D	,, Sea Lions, 3 vols.	1851
1436	D	Collins's Queen of Hearts, 3 vols.	1859
1451	D	Dickens's Great Expectations, 3 vols.	1861
1435	D	,, Uncommercial Traveller	1861
1455	D	Daisy Chain	1861
1438	D	Elsie Venner	1861
316	C	Foster's Number One, or the Way of the World	1860
1431	D	Gaskell's Right at Last	1860
281	C	Hall's Midsummer Eve	1848
1437	D	Harry Coverdale's Courtship	
1467	D	Marryat's Olla Podrida, 3 vols.	1840
1426	D	Meredith's Evan Harrington, 3 vols	1861
1432	D	,, The Ordeal of Richard Feverell, 3 vols	1860
1434	D	Meteyard's Mainstone's Housekeeper, 3 vols	1860
1420	D	Ralph Seabrook, or the Adventures of a Young Artist	1861
1457	D	Reid's Quadroon	1860
1447	D	,, The Scalp Hunters	
1448	D	,, The Rifle Rangers	
1424	D	Roughing it with Alick Baillie	1860
1469	D	The Citizen of Prague, 3 vols.	1846
1452	D	Trafford's City and Suburb, 3 vols.	1861
1423	D	Trollope's Framley Parsonage, 3 vols.	1861
1453	D	Wetherall's Say and Seal	1860
1473	D	Whitehall; or, The Days of Charles First, 3 vols.	1845
1463	D	Wood's East Lynne	1862
1454	D	Ursula; a Tale of Country Life	1862

Miscellaneous.

1450	D	Burke's Romance of the Forum	1861
1442	D	Emerson's Conduct of Life	1860
1461	D	Martin's Holiday Book	
48	D	Maxwell's Peninsular Sketches	1858
262	C	St. James's Magazine	
279	C	Sixpenny Magazine	
1440	D	Smith's (Sydney) Wit and Wisdom	1860
1422	D	The Wave and the Battle Field	

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Art Journal.
Artizan.
Bentley's Miscellany.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Boy's Own Magazine.
Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
British Controversialist.
British Workman.
Cassell's Illustrated Paper.
Chambers's Journal.
Civil Engineer.
Cornhill Magazine.
Critic.
Dublin University Magazine.
Eclectic Review.
Family Friend.
Fraser's Magazine.
Gentleman's Magazine.
Intellectual Observer.
Ladies' Treasury.
Leisure Hour.
Macmillan's Magazine.
Musical Times.
National Magazine.
Newton's Journal.
Once a Week.
Photographic Journal.
Practical Mechanics' Journal.
St. James's Magazine.
Sixpenny Magazine.
Sharpe's Magazine.
Temple Bar.
Zoologist.

Weekly.

All the Year Round.
Athenæum.
Builder.
Building News.
Chambers's Journal.
Cottage Gardener.
Engineer.
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated News of the World.
Illustrated Times.
Journal of the Society of Arts.
Mechanics' Magazine.
Notes and Queries.
Once a Week.
Punch.
Saturday Review.
Social Science Review.

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THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 6th of October, 1863, Mr. WILLIAM ASCROFT, Vice-President, in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted:—

It will not be expected by those acquainted with the industrial condition of this district, that the Committee will be able to report on this occasion, a state of increased prosperity in the Institution, as compared with previous years. It is felt to be a reason for congratulation, that this report is only a little less favourable than its immediate predecessor. The Committee therefore feel, whatever grounds for anxiety there may be in the state of extreme commercial depression now pravailing, that the prectical efficiency of the Institution, remains unimpaired, and cherish a confident hope that with the return of better days, it will attain a degree of prosperity not surpassed in any former year.

The number of Members is 479 being 34 less than at the corresponding period of last year. However greatly this circumstance may be regretted, it is vain to hope for much improvement in this respect, until a revival of trade shall place the working population in circumstances in which they can more easily spare the amount of the quarterly subscription.

The attendance at the classes, has been rather less numerous than in the previous year, a circumstance accounted for partly by the deficiency in the number of Members above alluded to, and partly by the fact that temporary provision was made under the sytem of relief, for the gratuitous instruction of the operatives of the town. The Council however have the pleasure of stating that four Males, and the same number of Female Members of the Classes, passed the annual examination of the Institutional Association of Lancashire and Cheshire, and are entitled to Certificates.

It has been customary in former years, to place the rent of Dr. Shepherd's Library, to the credit of the Building Fund, but in the present state of temporary depression, the Council have deemed it proper to apply this sum to the credit of the General Fund. The Council therefore cannot this year report any diminution of the debt on the building.

Lectures of the ordinary description, were not undertaken during the last winter, from the cause to which some other departures from the usual course have to be ascribed,—the prevailing distress. In their place however, a series of free entertainments to the unemployed, was undertaken by the Class Committee, and successfully completed, chiefly through the zealous and praiseworthy efforts of Mr. Parry, and the gratuitous assistance which was afforded him by some of the most skilful vocalists, and instrumentalists, in this locality, and others from a distance, and also by the Members of the Elocutionary Society. It may also be proper to state that along with each entertainment a lecture was given, on some instructive subject, with a view to afford intellectual improvement, as well as amusement to the assembly.

The Council have felt that the condition of the Library, in regard to the supply of popular works, was not such as to justify them in ceasing even for the present, to increase their number. There have been added therefore to the Library this year, by purchases 281 vols., to this number must be added 11 received by donation, making a total of additions to the Library this year of 292 vols. The number of works now in the Library is 7051. The following is a classified statement of the circulation of books : Arts and Sciences 1700, History 574, Voyages and Travels 1219, Biography 815, Poetry and the Drama 411, Tales and Novels 8825, Miscellaneous Works 2875, making a total circulation of 16419 vols. It is interesting to observe that notwithstanding some diminution in the number of Members, the number of vols. that have been in circulation this year is 1343 in excess of the last year.

The donors to the Institution during the year have beenas follows :— Richard Newsham, Esq., Engraving, from Ward's celebrated Picture in his possession, of "Louis XVI and his family in the Prison of the Temple," which has been suitably framed, and placed in the Reading Room ; Mr. James Marshall, 5 vols. of Books ; Mr. J. S. Metcalf, 5 vols ; Miss ffarington, 1 vol.

Seventeen meetings of the Council have been held during the year, at which the attendance has been as follows :—

Mr. William Ascroft	14	Mr. James Dunn	1
,, W. A. Allen	15	,, Thomas Edelston	0
,, Richard Allen	14	,, James Kenyon	13
,, Edward Ambler	7	,, Thomas Miller	1
,, John Addison	1	,, Thomas Maynard	9
,, Thomas Brewer	5	,, James Marshall	11
,, John Burton	10	,, John James Myres	10
,, Henry Briggs	15	,, W. F. Moore	11
,, James Crompton	11	,, Robert Parker	1
,, Frederick Cotman	5	,, John Parry	14
,, William Dobson	17	Rev. E. D. Rendell	10
,, Thomas Duckett	12	Mr. George Wood	3

After Reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. BROWN : That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. AMBLER : That the Council do pay the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Rev. E. D. RENDELL, seconded by Mr. MOORE : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Donors to the Institution.

4.—Moved by Mr. BRADLEY, seconded by Mr. OLIVER : That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Council, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the year.

Mr. Robt. Edmondson, Mr. W. A. Allen, Mr. James Crompton, Mr. William Ascroft, Mr. James Kenyon, Mr. Thomas Duckett, Mr. John Parry, Mr. John Burton, Mr. Thomas Maynard, Mr. Thomas Brewer, and Mr. W. O. Dawson, were then declared, in accordance with rule 6, unanimously elected Members of the Council for the next two years, and Mr. George Wood, and Mr. William Alston, for one year.

5.—Moved by Mr. J. J. MYRES, seconded by Mr. E. EDELSTON : That Robert Parker, Esq., be Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. PARRY, seconded by Mr. MAYNARD : That Mr. Henry Bradley be Auditor for the ensuing two years.

7.—Moved by Mr. W. DOBSON, seconded by Mr. R. PARKER : That Richard Newsham, Esq., be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

8.—Moved by Rev. E. D. RENDELL, seconded by Mr. AMBLER : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Thomas Miller, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year.

9.—Moved by Mr. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. J. SATTERTHWAITE : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. W. Ascroft, for his valuable services as Chairman this Evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1863-4.

President.

RICHARD NEWSHAM, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. JOHN JAMES MYRES. Mr. THOMAS DUCKETT.

Council.

To serve two years.

Mr. W. A. Allen
„ William Ascroft
„ Thomas Brewer
„ John Burton
„ James Crompton
„ Thomas Duckett
„ W. O. Dawson
„ Robt. Edmondson
„ James Kenyon
„ Thomas Maynard
„ John Parry

To serve one year.

Mr. Richard Allen
„ Edward Ambler
„ William Alston
„ Henry Biggs
„ Frederick Cotman
„ William Dobson
„ John James Myres
„ James Marshall
„ W. F. Moore
Rev. E. D. Rendell
Mr. George Wood

Treasurer:

ROBERT PARKER, Esq.

Secretaries:

Mr. W. A. ALLEN. Mr. JAMES CROMPTON.

Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards:

Lord Bishop of Manchester
Mr. W. Ascroft
„ Anderson
„ Bairstow
„ E. H. Booth
Dr. Broughton
Mr. Dixon
„ W. Dobson
Messrs. Forshaw Brothers
Mr. Horrocks
„ Hollins
„ Miller
Mr. J. J. Myres
„ Miles Myres
„ Newsham
„ Paley
„ Plant
„ Miles Rodgett
Dr. Spencer
Mr. Teale
„ G. Toulmin
„ T. Wilson
„ T. Walmsley

MR. ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER,

In Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge

For the year ending September 30th, 1863.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To 1 Subscriber at 42s. per annum ..	2	2	0
„ 21 „ 21s. „ ..	22	1	0
„ 123 „ 10s. „ ..	61	10	0
„ 18 „ 8s. „ ..	7	4	0
„ 138 „ quarterly at 10s. „ ..	69	1	0
„ 178 „ „ 8s. „ ..	71	4	1
„ Rent of Room	65	11	6
„ Catalogues	1	18	0
„ Fines	1	2	8
„ Lost Book.....	0	2	0
„ Warming and Lighting Rooms....	6	18	8
„ Balance	103	17	2
	£412	12	1

	£	s.	d.
By Balance.....	85	18	6
„ Books £37. 14s. 11½., Magazines £40 5s. 6½d., Binding £23 16s. 7d..	101	17	1
„ Class Expenses	20	15	0
„ Librarian's Salary.....	72	10	0
„ „ Commission	4	12	6
„ „ Assistance	14	8	0
„ Printing, Stationery, &c.....	8	3	0
„ Gas £30 15s. 10d.. Coals £8 3s....	30	18	10
„ Society of Arts, and Association of Institutions.....	2	7	0
„ Arundel Society	1	1	0
„ Insurance	6	17	6
„ Pianoforte.....	1	11	6
„ Repairs, Furniture and Sundry Expenses.....	32	8	7
„ Bank Interest, General Fund....	2	14	10
„ „ Commission	0	10	9
„ „ Interest, Building Fund..	17	18	0
	£412	12	1
By Balance.....	£103	17	2

1863, Sept. 30th, Audited and found correct,

WILLIAM ASCROFT,
THOMAS EDW. BECK. } Auditors.

BUILDING FUND.

Sept. 30th, 1863.				*Sept. 30th, 1862.*			
To Balance	£360	13	2½	By Balance	£360	13	2½
				1863, Sept. 30th. To Balance	£360	13	2½

1863, Sept. 30th, Audited and found correct,

WILLIAM ASCROFT,
THOMAS EDW. BECK. } Auditors.

Preston School of Art Report.

To the Council of the Institution,

The School of Art Committee, in presenting their fourth Annual Report, have to congratulate themselves upon the continued progress of the School.

The numbers attending the different classes are as follows:—Young Ladies, 17. Ladies, 35. School Boys, 10. Artizans, 61. Pupil Teachers, 16. Total 109. The number of children receiving instruction in the Public Schools has fallen from 900 to 842.

These numbers show an increase in all but the two latter classes the attendance in which is affected, both by the distress still prevailing in the manufacturing districts, and also by the regulations of the Revised Code issued by the Educational Committee of the Privy Council. The first named cause also, without doubt, to some extent keeps down the numbers of the pupils in the other classes.

It is to be regretted that a much larger number of Pupil Teachers and children in the Public Schools should not be brought under instruction in drawing. An indisposition is believed to exist on the part of the masters of some of the Public Schools to have drawing taught to their pupils, because the time occupied in teaching drawing is so much time taken from that which would otherwise be occupied in teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic. Under the Revised Code, Government pays so much for each pupil only who passes in these three subjects. The masters fear that the occupation of a part of their pupil's time in learning drawing would endanger the chance of their passing in the three required subjects, and so lessen the Government grants to their schools. It is believed, however, that this is a mistake on the part of the masters. It is stated on high authority that the teaching of drawing very materially assists in the efficient teaching of writing; and that if a portion of the time of the children were taken from that usually given to writing, and employed in drawing, the proficiency in writing would remain the same, and the power of drawing be a clear gain. Besides a pecuniary inducement is held out to the schoolmasters to have drawing taught to their pupils by the master of the School of Art. For under minute No. 429, November, 1862, the department of Science and Art grants 3s. for each child taught in a Public School who passes satisfactorily in drawing. Of this, 2s. goes to the Managers of the Public School if the schoolmaster is certificated in drawing, and 1s. if not; the rest going to the Art master. The introduction of the Art Master takes nothing away from the schoolmaster. In no case do the Managers

get more than the 2s. If the schoolmaster is not certificated in drawing, the Art Master receives from the Managers of the school £1 per annum. This is the only payment which the Managers can be called upon to make, so that for this annual payment, the Managers get the benefit of the Art Master's teaching in schools where their own master is not certificated in drawing, and in schools where their own master is so certificated, they get the benefit of the Art Master's assistance for nothing. In either case the advantage of his assistance must tend to increase the number of pupils who will pass in drawing, and so to increase the Government grant to the school. It is hoped that the Managers of the different public schools will see their interest in allowing the introduction of the Art Master.

The annual examination was conducted in June last, by Mr. Wylde, the Inspector appointed by the Department. 90 of the pupils attending the classes meeting at the school, and 388 pupils from the Public Schools were present at the examination. To the former were granted 17 medals, 8 prizes, and 15 Second Grade Certificate cards ; 4 obtained Prize Studentships, and two obtained renewals. Of the Pupils from the Public Schools, 48 obtained prizes, and 78 received Certificates of having passed satisfactorily. The Examiner reported very favourably upon the state of the school. For this result great credit is due to Mr. Gilbert and his assistants, Mr. William Duckett, and Miss Winifred Duckett, for the ability and attention with which they have discharged their duties.

The Prizes awarded were distributed in the Theatre Royal, Fishergate, on Thursday evening the 10th September last, by the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, M.P. The President of the Institution and other gentlemen also took part in the proceedings which were of a very successful character.

After the great publicity given by the Meeting in the Theatre to the satisfactory working of the school, the Committee felt themselves justified in asking for donations towards payment of their debt. Their efforts were met with great liberality, and from the Financial Statement appended to the Report, it will be seen that all their liabilities have been discharged, and a balance remains to their credit with the Preston Banking Company.

WILLIAM ASCROFT, Hon. Sec.

5th October, 1863.

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SCHOOL OF ART,

INSTITUTION, AVENHAM, PRESTON,

Account of Receipts and Disbursements, to 5th October, 1863.

	£	s.	d.
By Donations received as per Report dated 25th Sept., 1860	197	17	0
Donations since received namely .			
Mr. Miller	£10	0	
„ Tomlinson	10	0	
The Mayor, Mr. Park	5	0	
The Marquis of Hartington, M. P	5	0	
Captain German	5	0	
Mr. E. R. Harris	5	0	
Messrs. Hawkins	5	0	
Mr. Horrocks	5	0	
„ C. R. Jacson	5	0	
„ Newsham	5	0	
„ T. Norris	5	0	
„ J. Stevenson	5	0	
„ Walmsley	5	0	
Captain Wilson	3	3	
Mr. Rd. Dixon	3	3	
„ R. Ascroft	2	2	
„ Jos. Dixon	2	2	
Messrs. Gardner & Co.	2	2	
Mr. James Hall	2	2	
Carried forward	£89	14	0
Brought forward	89	14	0
Mr. C. Swift	2	2	0
„ T. Rydings	2	0	0
„ Jos. Walker	2	0	0
Misses Harington	1	1	0
Dr. Broughton	1	1	0
Mr. R. Benson, Jr.	1	1	0
„ Jos. Clayton	1	1	0
„ A. Leigh	1	1	0
„ M. Myres	1	1	0
„ James Seed	1	1	0
Dr. Heslop	1	0	0
Mr. J. H. Hebdon	1	0	0
„ J. Hodgson	1	0	0
„ Jas. Hogg	1	0	0
„ D. Wilcockson	1	0	0
„ W. Gilbertson	0	10	6
„ Benson, sen.	0	10	0
Messrs. Birket & Baddeley	0	10	0
Mr. Green	0	10	0
Messrs. Meek	0	10	0
	£110	13	6
1862, Aug. 29th, By receipts from department in respect of 7 Prize Students	7	0	0
1863, Aug. 28th, By receipts from department in respect of 6	6	0	0
Sept. 10th, By receipts at meeting at Theatre	18	0	6
	£339	11	0
1863, Oct. 5th, By Balance in Bank to credit	£17	19	8

	£	s.	d.
To Accounts paid as per Report dated 25th Sept. 1860	177	8	10½
To Accounts since paid, namely,			
Mr. W. Lindsay, time, work, and materials, Joiners' and Cabinet Makers' work	19	10	6
Messrs. Bell & Coupland, Upholsterers' work	33	11	0
„ „ „	0	9	9
Mr. Parry, Castings for Desks	2	16	5½
Carriage	0	14	6
Messrs. Exton, Joiners' work, fittings, &c.	4	15	4
„ Park and Co., Painting, &c.	13	13	0
„ „ „	2	6	10
Mr. Whitehead, Castings, &c.	1	11	10
„ „	0	19	8
Mr Mather, Printing Reports	0	6	0
Messrs. W. & J Dobson, Printing and Advertising	21	9	4
Herald Compy., Advertising	4	19	9
Mr. Livesey, „	1	12	0
„ Toulmin, „	1	7	0
„ „ „	2	13	0
„ Clarke „	4	7	6
Messrs. Thompson & Co., Advertising	1	7	6
Mr. Gilbert	12	1	0
„	1	7	2
	£13	8	2
Less his share of Bills for advertising	9	0	2
	4	8	0
Expenses of Meeting on 10th Sept. 1863	13	9	1
Sundries	2	13	4
Bank Interest	5	1	1
Balance	17	19	8
	£339	11	0

JOHN J. MYRES,

HON. TREASURER.

Preston Penny Savings' Bank.

FIFTH REPORT.

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Council of the Institution at the presentation of their last Annual Report, your Committee now present their Report for the past eight months. The Council thought this desirable that the statement might be presented with the other accounts of the Institution at the Annual October Meeting of the Members.

As stated in their last report, the number of accounts then open was, 3,413, and the depositors enrolled since its date are, 558; making 3,971. From which the accounts closed by total withdrawal have to be deducted, viz., 311, leaving now open, 3,660. The amount standing to the credit of the depositors on the 31st of December, 1862, was £332 4s. 7d.; to which must be added the deposits made since January, £297 2s. 2d., making £629 6s. 9d. From which we take the sums repaid in the same period, £309 8s. 9d., remaining due, £319 18s. 0d. The surplus fund of £5 19s. 6d. remains as at the close of last year. To meet outstanding accounts your Committee have also a small balance of £1 17s. 11d. arising from interest and the sale of pass books, after paying the working expenses of the bank. The assets are, £300 invested with the Preston Local Board of Health. £23 deposited with the Trustees of the Savings Bank, £4 3s. 11d. in the Treasurer's hands, and 11s. 6d. the value of pass books on hand, making a total of £327 15s. 5d. There have been 7,126 deposits made, averaging 10d. each, and 882 different sums repaid since January. The average amount received by each depositor is 7s. The persons who have made weekly deposits and withdrawals average respectively 204 and 25.

Your Committee discontinued the allowance of interest on sums above £1 in January last, of which the depositors had due notice. The amount accruing to depositors from this source was very trifling, and the establishment of a Savings Bank at the Post Office offering greater inducements in this respect, rendered it quite unnecessary—the object of this bank being chiefly to encourage habits of economy in the saving of small sums.

For more detailed information as to the accounts the Committee refer to the audited balance sheet and statement which the Treasurer will lay before you,

From the above particulars it will be seen that the state of the bank is highly satisfactory, for though compared with the last report there is a slight decrease in the amount due to depositors, yet the total number of depositors has increased by

247 within the last eight months; and your Committee have confident hopes that the continued usefulness of the bank will be appreciated still more as the pecuniary condition of the people improves with the revival of trade.

The following Table shows the classes to which the depositors enrolled since January belong.

Young persons at school and at home	315
Persons working in factories	148
Mechanics, Joiners, and Artizans generally	81
Clerks, Apprentices, and Shop Boys	7
Domestic Servants	7

JAMES KENYON, Hon. Secretary.

August 31st, 1863.

PENNY BANK.---BALANCE SHEET.

Dr. The Trustees of the Preston Penny Bank. Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance due to Depositors		319	18	0	By Deposit with Local Board of Health	200	0	0
„ Seperate Surplus Fund		5	19	6	„ „ Savings' Bank	23	0	0
„ Amount received for Interest	6	0	0		„ Cash in Treasurer's hand	4	3	11
„ Amount received for Pass Books	2	9	2		„ Pass Books on hand; 138 at 1d.	0	11	6
Stock 31st Dec. 1862	2	19	5					
Stock 31st Aug. 1863	0	11	6					
	2	7	11					
Profit on sale of Pass Books	0	1	3					
	6	1	3					
Less cash for Book-keeping	3	5	0					
„ „ Printing	0	14	6					
„ „ Petty Expenses	0	3	10					
	4	3	4					
Balance on hand against outstanding Account		1	17	11				
		£327	15	5		£327	15	5

Examined and found correct, Sept. 18th, 1863,

HENRY BRADLEY,
HENRY BIGGS, } Auditors.

Books added to the Library.

During the Year ending September, 1863.

Arts and Sciences.

1499 D Adams's The Wild Flowers, Birds and Insects of the Month 1862
1503 D „ Our Feathered Families, the Birds of Song..... 1862
1504 D „ „ „ „ the Birds of Prey..... 1862
1523 D Ansted's Great Stone Book 1863
1527 D Bechstein's Natural History of Cage Birds 1863
1507 D Branston's Cyclopædia of Practical Receipts
1508 D Chambers's Book-keeping by Single and Double Entry..... 1856
29 E Cooke's Plain and Easy Account of British Fungi..... 1862
863 D Craik's Manual of English Literature 1863
1498 D Dodd's Where do we get it, and how is it made?..... 1862
1492 D Fairbairn's Iron : its History Properties and processes of Manufacture 1861
1515 D Goodeve's Elements of Mechanism 1860
451 C Hooker's British Flora 1830
1501 D Kearley's Popular chapters on the Curiosities of Animal Life 1862
475 C Lyell's Geological Evidences of the Antiquity of man 1863
863 D Maurice's Modern Philosophy ; or, A Treatise of the Moral and Metaphysical Philosophy from the 14th Century to the French Revolution, with a glimpse into the 19th Century... 1862
1494 D Ruskm's Political Economy of Art 1857
1480 D Tennant's Natural History of Ceylon 1861
324 C The Intellectual Observer

Voyages and Travels

459 C Baldwin's African Hunting 1863
481 C Ball's Narrative of Seven Years in Spain 1846
1535 D Borrow's Wild Wales. 3 vols 1862

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498 C Catlin's Notes of Eight Years Travels and Residence in Europe with his North America Indian Collection. 2 vols.....1848
483 C Chile and Spain, Sixteen Years in
1539 D Grattan's Beaten Paths and those who trod them. 2 vols 1862
1524 D Kemble's Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Plantation 1863
1530 D Livingstone's Popular Account of Travels in South Africa 1861
529 C Macdonald's British Columbia, and Vancouver's Island ...1863
410 C Petherick's Egypt, the Soudan, and Central Africa 1861
1487 D Pfeiffer's (Ida,) last Travels 1861
1534 D Russell's My Diary North and South. 2 vols 1863
497 C Trollope's North America. 2 vols.....1862
1520 D Vanderkiste's Lost—but not for ever 1863
436 C Wilson's Diary of Travels, Public Events, &c. 1861

History.

1505 D Beverley's Romantic Passages in English History.....1862
444 C Froude's History of England, from the fall of Wolsey, to the death of Elizabeth. 6 vols.....1856-60
469 C Kinglake's the Invasion of the Crimea. 2 vols.....1863
1543 D Kohl's Popular Account of the Discovery of America. 2 vols.....1862
388 C Thrupp's Anglo-Saxon Home.....1862

Biography.

1500 D Adams's The Men at the Helm; Biographical Sketches of Great English Statesmen.....1862
1544 D Charles V. (Emperor,) Autobiograph of 1862
1525 D Gronow (Captain), Reminiscenes of 1863
1474 D Irving's (Washington,) Life and Letters. 3 vols.....1862
1549 D Kavanagh's English Women of Letters. 2 vols 1863
527 C Macaulay's Public Life, by Rev. F. Arnold 1862
1479 D Piozzi (Mrs.,) Autobiography of. 2 vols.....1861
430 C Richard III, Memoirs of, by J. H. Jesse 1862
1484 D Strickland's Lives of the Bachelor Kings of England 1861
1554 D The Flower of Christian Chivalry.....1863
1506 D Tillotson's Our Untitled Nobility 1862
575 C Trench (Mrs.,) The Remains of 1862
1546 D Wilson (John,) "Christopher North," Memoirs of, by Mrs. Gordon. 2 vols.....1862

Poetry.

1517 D Anderton's Temperance and other Poems....1863
1521 D Bailey's Festus 1852
1516 D Billington's Sheen and Shade; Lyrical Poems....1861
1555 D Half-hours with our Sacred Poets....1863
1522 D Jonson's Poetical Works 1856
38 E Wilcock's Occasional Poems 1863

Tales and Novels.

1489 D Adame Graeme 1859
1538 D Ainsworth's The Lord Mayor of London. 3 vols....1862
1545 D Aytoun's Norman Sinclair. 3 vols 1861
1528 D Barron Honour 1863
1518 D Braddon's Lady Audley's Secret 1863
1553 D „ Aurora Floyd....1863
1510 D Brierley's Tales and Sketches of Lancashire Life....1862
1491 D Brown's Horæ Subsecivæ 1863
1529 D Chronicles of Carlingford, Salem Chapel 1863
1488 D Collins's Hide and Seek....1861
1541 D „ No Name. 3 vols 1862
1548 D „ Basil....1862
1550 D Craik's Winifred's Wooing....1862
1509 D Guy Livingstone....1862
1537 D Hall's Can Wrong be Right. 2 vols. 1862
1540 D Hugo's Les Misèrables. 3 vols....1862
1486 D Jeaffreson's Olive Blake's Good Work. 3 vols....1862
514 C Kingsley, the Water Babies 1863
1490 D Leatham's Tales of English Life. 2 vols 1858
1511 D Lover's Handy Andy
1481 D Lytton's Strange Story, 2 vols 1862
1514 D Miller's Tales and Sketches 1863
1532 D Mistress and Maid....1863
1476 D Pycroft's Agony Point 1863
1477 D „ Elkerton Rectory 1862
1478 D „ Twenty years in the Church 1861
1493 D „ Recreation's of a Country Parson 1862
1482 D Reade's Cloister and the Hearth. 4 vols....1861
1536 D Saunders's Able Drake's Wife 1862
1531 D Smith's Dreamthorp 1863
36 E Swift's Gulliver's Travels 1863

1543 D The Heir of Redcliffe 1861
1496 D Trafford's Too Much Alone 1862
384 D Trollope's Orley Farm 1862
1495 D Wood's The Channings 1862
1526 D „ Mrs. Haliburton's Troubles 1863

Miscellaneous.

1512 D Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress 1844
169 B Chambers's Book of Days 1863
1547 D Female Life in Prison, by a Prison Matron. 2 vols 1862
557 C Guizot's Embassy to the Court of St. James's, in 1840..... 1862
1519 D Miller's First Impressions of England and its People 1861
1475 D Montague's (Lady Mary Wortley) Works. 5 vols 1817
1513 D Redding's London and its Environs 1851
1483 D Sala's Dutch Pictures..... 1861
1552 D Stanhope's Miscellanies 1893
1497 D Struggles for Life
1485 D Thackeray's Four Georges 1861
1542 D Wharton's The Literature of Society 1862

THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS

ARE REGULARLY SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOM.

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review
Dublin Review
Edinburgh Review
National Review
North British Review
Popular Science Review
Quarterly Review
Westminster Review

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round
Art Journal
Artizan
Bentley's Miscellany
Blackwood's Magazine
Border Magazine
Boy's Own Magazine
Bradshaw's Railway Guide
British Controversialist
British Workman
Cassell's Illustrated Paper
Chambers' Journal
Civil Engineer
Cornhill Magazine
Critic
Dublin University Magazine
Eclectic Review
Family Friend
Fraser's Magazine
Gentleman's Magazine
Intellectual Observer
Ladies' Treasury
Leisure Hour
Macmillan's Magazine
Musical Times
National Magazine
Newton's Journal
Once a Week
Photographic Journal
Practical Mechanics' Journal
St. James' Magazine
Sixpenny Magazine
Sharpe's Magazine
Temple Bar

WEEKLY.

All the Year Round
Athenæum
Builder
Building News
Chambers' Journal
Cottage Gardener
Engineer
Field
Fun
Illustrated London News
Illustrated News of the World
Illustrated Times
Journal of the Society of Arts
Mechanics' Magazine
Notes and Queries
Once a Week
Punch
Saturday Review
Social Science Review
Spectator

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THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 4th of October, 1864, Mr. JOHN JAMES MYRES, Vice-President, in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted:—

With the close of another year of the Institution's existence, the season recurs when it is usual to present the annual record of its history. The materials for this record do not differ in any important degree from those which have formed the main features of the reports of former years. Though for a protracted period a state of commercial depression has prevailed in this district, accompanied with considerable privations among the operative classes, and therefore very unfavourable to the prosperity of a Literary Institution depending mainly on popular support, yet the Council have the satisfaction of stating that the Institution has suffered from this cause much less than might have been anticipated. The progress of popular education, and the wider diffusion of a more cultivated taste, in one respect, operate to the disadvantage of the older Institutions, by calling into existence Clubs, Institutes, and Mutual Improvement Societies, in connection with particular classes, trades, or religious bodies, the members of which consist chiefly of those for whose advantage Mechanics' Institutions were originally established. The Council do not regret this feature of the present times, but rather regard it as, upon the whole, a sign of intellectual progress among the operative classes; but they think that the Institution offers advantages

of its own which cannot be fully enjoyed in connection with the organizations alluded to, and they invite attention, in a spirit not of rivalry but of co-operation with all Associations which aim at the elevation of the working classes, to the great advantages offered by their extensive library, abundantly supplied reading room, and facilities for the formation of classes.

While, therefore, the Council have to report a decrease in the number of Members, owing, as they believe, to the operation of temporary causes connected with the state of trade in the district, they have satisfaction in stating that there are at the present time 457 Members, which, compared with 479, the number at the corresponding period of last year, shows, a diminution which, though no doubt it is to be regretted, still affords no ground for discouragement. This diminution is in the list of quarterly subscribers, the annual subscribers being one more than last year.

To render the Institution as serviceable as possible to the class for whose advantage it is chiefly intended, the Council have for many years maintained classes of an elementary character, admission to which has been free to Members of the Institution; certain changes, suggested by long experience of their working, will probably be effected in the constitution and management of these classes, but every advantage at the disposal of the Council will continue to be offered to Members who wish to make use of the educational facilities which the Institution affords. It seems peculiarly within the scope of an Institution of this kind to promote those branches of education which are of special utility to artizans, and which lie beyond the usual range of school instruction. With this view the School of Art was established in connection with the Institution, and has realized the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. The Council have contemplated, during the past year, the formation of classes for the study of elementary science, and at their request J. C. Buckmaster, Esq., of the Science Department of the Committee of Council on Education, lectured on the subject. Difficulties, hitherto insuperable, have hindered the realization of this project; the Council however still hope that the means may be found of accomplishing a scheme which they believe would prove of the greatest practical utility.

The Library offers advantages which are duly appreciated by a very large circle of readers, and while the Council regret their inability to enlarge its usefulness as much as they desire, they have still the pleasure of stating that 227 volumes have been added to the Library during the past year, all of which, except one, have been purchased by the Council. The total number of volumes now in the Library is 7,278, and the following statement represents the circulation of the different classes of works during the year:—Arts and Sciences, 1,426; History, 459; Voyages and Travels, 940; Biography, 745; Poetry and the Drama, 482; Tales and Novels, 9,088; Miscellaneous, 2,490; total number of volumes issued during the year, 15,630.

The experience of the Council has led to the belief that the interest felt by the public in Lectures of the class usually given in connection with Mechanics' Institutions is not so great as to justify the expenditure, in this way, of any part of the limited resources at their disposal; guided however by the results of the experiment successfully tried in the entertainments provided for the unemployed operatives, they are of opinion that a similar course of Musical and Elocutionary Entertainments, including also an instructive element in Readings or Lectures judiciously introduced, could not fail to be generally interesting, and an effort is now being made to provide entertainments of this class during the ensuing winter, which, with a small charge for admission, it is believed may be carried out without taxing the resources of the Institution.

The Council have the pleasure of acknowledging a donation of £5 from the President of the Institution, Richard Newsham, Esq.; a contribution of £2 0s. 6d. from the Preston Elocutionary Society, the proceeds of an entertainment given by them in the Theatre of the Institution; and the gift, by Mr. Joseph Livesey, of Smedley's Practical Hydropathy, 1 volume.

The friends of the Institution are already aware that arrangements are in progress for holding a bazaar, in aid of the funds of the Institution, in the summer of 1865. This subject has received a large amount of attention from the Council, and the circumstances which have rendered this step desirable have been fully detailed in a printed statement issued by the Council, and extensively circulated. It is pleasing to be able to add that the project has already met with a large amount of approval, and many promises of support. A numerous meeting of Ladies disposed to assist the undertaking has been held with very encouraging results. The Council have also contemplated calling a meeting of working-men, who might be able to give valuable assistance, and some steps have been taken towards this object, which it is hoped will be fully carried out by the Council for the ensuing year.

In conclusion, the Council believe that the Institution is, upon the whole, in a prosperous condition, and the sphere of its action might be considerably enlarged if the friends of popular and general education would take that interest in its working to which they think it is entitled. They earnestly invite the co-operation of all classes to render it thoroughly efficient, and to increase its adaptation to the circumstances and wants of the Town.

Fifteen Meetings of the Council have been held during the year, at which the attendance has been as follows :—

Richard Newsham, Esq	2	Mr. Burton	2
Mr. Duckett	11	„ Cotman	0
„ Myres	10	„ Dawson	0
„ Parker	0	„ Dobson	14
„ W. A. Allen	5	„ Edmondson	9
„ Crompton	9	„ Kenyon	8
„ Ascroft	6	„ Marshall	13
„ Ambler	5	„ Maynard	8
„ R. Allen	6	„ Moore	9
„ Alston	11	„ Parry	13
„ Brewer	1	Rev. E. D. Rendell	8
„ Briggs	5	Mr. Wood	0

After Reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. BRADLEY: That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. BURTON: That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. M. S. MAYNARD, seconded by Mr. M. MATHER: That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Council, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the year.

Messrs. Richard Allen, Edward Ambler, William Alston, William Dobson, John James Myres, James Marshall, W. F. Moore, William Newsham, Walter Simpson, R. P. Threlfall, and Rev. E. D. Rendell, were then declared, in accordance with Rule 6, unanimously elected Members of the Council for the next two years, and Mr. J. J. Myres, jun., for one year.

4.—Moved by Rev. E. D. RENDELL, seconded by Mr. DUCKETT: That William Ascroft, Esq., be appointed a Trustee in place of the late R. W. Hopkins, Esquire, deceased.

5.—Moved by Mr. PARRY, seconded by Mr. ALSTON: That Robert Parker, Esq., be Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. MOORE, seconded by Mr. KENYON: That Mr. G. Wood be Auditor for the ensuing two years.

7.—Moved by Mr. EDMONDSON, seconded by Mr. DOBSON: That Thomas Wilson, Esq., be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

8.—Moved by Mr. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. W. ASCROFT: That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Richard Newsham, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution for the past year.

9.—Moved by Mr. CROMPTON, seconded by Mr. MARSHALL: That the thanks of the Meeting be given to J. J. Myres, Esq., for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1864-5.

Trustees:

Mr. B. F. Allen.
,, Richard Allen.
,, Robert Ascroft.
,, William Ascroft.
,, Thomas Birchall.
,, John Bairstow.
,, Thomas Brewer.
,, Lawrence Dobson.
,, William Dobson.
,, Thomas Duckett.
Mr. James German.
,, John Goodair.
,, C. R. Jacson.
,, Thomas Miller.
,, J. J. Myres.
,, Richard Newsham.
,, Robert Parker.
Dr. Spencer.
Mr. John Stevenson.
,, Thomas Walmsley.

President:

THOMAS WILSON, ESQ.

Vice-Presidents:

MR. RICHARD ALLEN. MR. THOMAS DUCKETT.

Council:

To serve two years.

Mr. Richard Allen.
,, Edward Ambler.
,, William Alston.
,, William Dobson.
,, James Marshall.
,, W. F. Moore.
,, J. J. Myres, sen.
,, William Newsham.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.
Mr. Walter Simpson.
,, R. P. Threlfall.

To serve one year.

Mr. W. A. Allen.
,, William Ascroft.
,, Thomas Brewer.
,, John Burton.
,, James Crompton.
,, Thomas Duckett.
,, R. H. Edmondson.
,, James Kenyon.
,, Thomas Maynard.
,, J. J. Myres, jun.
,, John Parry.

Treasurer:

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

Secretaries:

MR. JAMES CROMPTON. MR. JOHN JAMES MYRES, JUN.

Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards:

Lord Bishop of Manchester.
Rev. Canon Parr.
Mr. W. Ascroft.
,, Anderson.
,, Bairstow.
,, E. H. Booth.
Dr. Broughton.
Mr. Dixon.
,, W. Dobson.
,, R. H. Edmondson.
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Mr. Horrocks.
,, Hollins.
,, W. A. Hulton.
Mr. Miller.
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,, M. Myres.
,, Newsham.
,, Paley.
,, Plant.
,, Miles Rodgett.
Dr. Spencer.
Mr. Teale.
,, Toulmin.
,, T. Wilson.
,, J. Walmsley.

MR. ROBERT PARKER, TREASURER,

In Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the year ending September 30th, 1864.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To 1 Subscriber at 42s. per annum	2	2	0
„ 21 „ 21s. „ ..	23	2	0
„ 129 „ 10s. „ ..	64	10	0
„ 13 „ 8s. „ ..	5	4	0
„ 123 „ quarterly at 10s. „ ..	61	10	0
„ 170 „ „ 8s. „ ..	67	19	8
„ Rent of Rooms	59	1	9
„ Catalogues	1	14	6
„ Fines	1	4	8
„ Lost Books	0	2	10
„ Warming and Lighting Rooms ..	6	9	1
„ Proceeds of Elocutionary Entertainment	2	0	6
„ Lectures	0	12	6
„ Balance	132	12	6
	£428	6	0

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	103	17	2
„ Books £27 0s. 4d., Magazines £42 12s. 5d., Binding £23 14s. 8d ..	93	7	5
„ Class Expenses	18	12	4
„ Librarian's Salary	72	10	0
„ „ Commission	4	15	0
„ „ Assistance	14	8	0
„ Printing, Stationery, &c.	9	3	6
„ Gas £30 19s. 4d., Coals £11 3s. 8d..	42	3	0
„ Arundel Society	1	11	0
„ Insurance	6	17	6
„ Repairs, New Shelves, and Sundry Expenses	22	16	1
„ Science Class Expenses	5	17	0
„ Interest, General Fund	6	10	9
„ Commission „	0	13	2
„ Interest, Building Fund	24	6	1
„ Commission „	0	18	0
	£428	6	0
By Balance	£132	12	6

1864, Sept. 30th, Audited and found correct,

HENRY BRADLEY,
THOMAS EDW. BECK,
WILLIAM DOBSON.

BUILDING FUND.

Sept. 30th, 1864.				*Sept. 30th*, 1864.			
To Balance	£360	13	2½	By Balance	£360	13	2½
				1864, Sept. 30th. To Balance	£360	13	2½

1864, Sept. 30th, Audited and found correct,

HENRY BRADLEY,
THOMAS EDW. BECK,
WILLIAM DOBSON.

PRESTON SCHOOL OF ART REPORT.

To the Council of the Institution,

In presenting their fifth Annual Report, the School of Art Committee have to congratulate themselves upon the continued progress of the School. The numbers attending the various classes are as follows :—

Young Ladies, 18. Ladies, 23. Young Gentlemen, 11. School Boys, 6. Pupil Teachers, (Male and Female) 18. Artizans, 61. Total, 137. The number of pupils at the Public Schools receiving instruction from the Art-Master has increased from 842 to 1323, which is very satisfactory, showing as it does, a growing taste for Art among the working classes, and a greater appreciation of the advantages afforded by this School.

The Examination of the School was conducted in June last by Mr. J. R. Wylde, the Inspector appointed by the Department. 80 of the pupils attending the classes meeting at this school, and 250 pupils from the public schools were present. The Examination was highly satisfactory, and to the School of Art pupils were granted 8 medals, 13 second grade prizes, 24 certificate cards second grade; while of the Pupils from the Public Schools, 45 obtained first grade prizes, and 80 certificate cards. The number of medals gained this year is not so large as last, as the competition is greater, and the test more severe than on any preceeding year, so that the eight medals gained indicate a higher state of proficiency than the 16 medals granted last year.

Mr. Gilbert continues to hold the office of Head Master with great advantage to the School, Mr. George Wade has been appointed assistant teacher in the place of Mr. William Duckett, (who has passed at the Department as Master), and by him and Miss Winnifred Duckett, the duties of pupil teachers have been very satisfactorily discharged.

It has been found expedient to re-model the Scale of Fees of admission to the various classes, and so far the working of the New Scale is highly satisfactory.

The public distribution of Prizes took place at the Theatre of the Institution, on Thursday Evening, the 22nd September, Richard Newsham, Esq., presiding. The Meeting was successful and well attended, the drawings of the Pupils were exhibited after the meeting, among them were works of considerable merit, showing a very general state of proficiency throughout the School, and in many cases a considerable advance in the Nature of the Studies as compared with previous years.

The financial state of the School is satisfactory showing as by appended statement, a balance in its favour with the Preston Banking Company.

	£	s.	d.
To T. J. Whitside, printing	0	6	6
„ Exton Brothers	1	5	7
„ Mr. Croft, sundries	0	4	0
„ W. & J. Dobson, stationery and printing 100 tickets for meeting, 22nd September	0	5	7
„ Postage Stamps	0	1	0
„ Advertising meeting of 22nd in Chronicle, Guardian, Herald, and Pilot	0	5	0
„ Balance at Bank	16	3	5
	£18	11	1

	£	s.	d.
By Balance, as per Report dated October 5th, 1863	17	19	8
„ Interest	0	11	5
	18	11	1
By Balance	£16	3	5

PRESTON PENNY SAVINGS' BANK.

SIXTH REPORT.

With feelings of pleasure at the continued prosperity of the Bank the Committee present their Sixth Report. As stated in their last report, the number of accounts then open was 3,660, and the depositors enrolled since are 959; making 4,619. From which the accounts closed by total withdrawal have to be deducted, viz., 539, leaving now open, 4,080, (being an increase of 420 during the year). The amount standing to the credit of the depositors on the 31st August, 1863, was £319 18s. 0d.; to which must be added the deposits made during the year, £514 17s. 5d., making £834 15s. 5d; from which we take the sums repaid in the same period, £572 2s. 5d. remaining due, £262 13s. 0d. The surplus fund of £5 19s. 6d., which your Committee had at the presentation of their last report, arising from interest after paying the working expenses of the Bank, has been increased from the same source by the addition of £2 18s. 2d., making the total surplus fund £8 17s. 8d. The assets are, £200 invested with the Preston Local Board of Health, £70 18s. 2d. deposited with the Trustees of the Savings' Bank, and 12s. 6d. the value of pass books on hand. There have been 12,458 deposits made averaging 10d. each, and 1636 different sums repaid during the year. The average amount received by each depositor is 7s. For more detailed information as to the accounts the Committee refer to the audited balance sheets and statement which the Treasurer will lay before you.

The usefulness of the Bank your Committee are happy to see appreciated so fully by the persons for whose benefit it was instituted, as is evidenced by the continued increase in the number of depositors, in which respect there has been a gradual progression since its establishment in March, 1859. The following shows the classes to which the depositors enrolled during the year belong.

Young persons at school and at home	535
Persons working in factories	246
Mechanics, Joiners, and Artizans generally	124
Clerks, Apprentices, and Shop Boys	29
Domestic Servants	25

JAMES KENYON, Hon. Secretary.

August 31st, 1864.

PENNY BANK.---BALANCE SHEET.

Dr. The Trustees of the Preston Bank. Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance due to Depositors				By Loan to Local Board of Health	200	0	0
	262	13	0				
„ Separate Surplus Fund	8	17	8	„ Deposit with Savings' Bank	70	18	2
„ Balance on hand 31st August, 1863	1	17	11	„ Passbooks on hand 150 at 1d.	0	12	6
„ Amount received for Interest	12	16	6				
„ Amount received for Sale of Pass Books .. 4 4 7							
Stock 31st Aug. 1863 0 11 6							
Cost of 1000 New Pass Books .. 3 7 6							
	3	19	0				
Less Stock, 1864 .. 0 12 6	3	6	6				
Profit on sale of Pass Books	0	18	1				
	15	12	6				
Less paid for Book-keeping and Assistance 8 2 0							
Less paid for Printing.... 0 8 6							
„ Attendance and Petty Expenses .. 1 3 10							
„ Treasurer of Institution for Gas, Coals, &c. 3 0 0							
	12	14	4				
Balance carried to Surplus Fund	2	18	2				
Surplus Fund Aug. 31, 1863	5	19	6				
Surplus Fund Aug. 31, 1864	8	17	8				
	271	10	8		£271	10	8

Examined and found correct, September 22nd, 1864,

HENRY BRADLEY, }
HENRY BIGGS, } Auditors.

NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS

ADDED TO THE LIBBARY

DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Arts and Sciences.

60 E Buckmaster's Elements of Mechanical Physics 1864
63 E ,, ,, Chemistry 1863
1577 D Delamotte on the Art of Illumination 1860
639 C Gosse's Romance of Natural History .....
1593 D Lectures on English Literature 1863
1558 D Miller's Foot-Prints of the Creator 1861
1623 D Smedley's Practical Hydropathy 1863
601 C The Student's Guide to the Practice of Measuring and Valuing Artificers' Work 1858

Voyages and Travels.

1564 D A Sailor Boy's Log-Book, edited by Walter White.....1862
1641 D Atkinson's (Mrs.) Recollections of Tartar Steppes and their Inhabitants 1863
1587 D Beaufort's Egyptian Sepulchres and Syrian Shrines, 2 vols 1861
1590 D Bede's Glencreggan, or, A Highland Home in Cantire, 2 vols 1861
673 C Bonner's Chamois Hunting in Bavaria 1860
663 C Burton's City of the Saints and Across the Rocky Mountains.1861
1232 C Burton's Pilgrimage to El-Medinah and Mecca, 3 vols ...1855
695 C Collyns's Chase of the Wild Red Deer.....1862
1603 D Kohl's Travels in Canada, 2 vols 1861
749 C Speke's Journal of the Discovery of the Source of the Nile.....1864
725 C Trollope's West Indies and the Spanish Main.....1860
1642 D Waugh's Fourteen Days in Scotland. Over Sands to the Lakes. Seaside Lakes and Mountains of Cumberland.1863
1396 D White's Northumberland and the Border 1859
752 D White's Londoner's Walk to the Land's End.....1855

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History.

1574 D Carlyle's History of the French Revolution, 2 vols. .....
1634 D Challice's The Secret History of the Court of France, Under Louis XV., 2 vols.....1861
1575 D Motley's History of the Rise of the Dutch Republic 1863
718 C Spence's American Union 1862
656 C Worsaae's Account of the Danes and Norwegians in England, Scotland, and Ireland 1852

Biography.

1565 D Adelaide (Queen) Doran's Memoirs of.....1861
655 C Brunel (Sir M. I.,) Memoirs of.....1862
596 C Delany (Mrs.,) Autobiography of, 6 vols. 1861
1441 D Doran's Book of the Princes of Wales 1860
600 C Irving (Rev. Edward,) Mrs. Oliphant's Life of, 2 vols.....1862
1614 D Jackson (Stonewall,) A Biographical Sketch 1863
1602 D Knight's Passages of a Working Life 1864
1479 D Piozze (Mrs.,) Autobiography of, 2 vols 1861
1571 D Scheffer (Ary,) Mrs. Grote's Memoirs of 1860
1589 D Smiles's Industrial Biography 1863
1621 D Wellington, Gleig's Life of 1864

Poetry.

1586 D Browning's (E.B.) Last Poems 1862
1594 D Kingsley's Andromeda and other Poems 1862
47 E Longfellow's Tales of a Wayside Inn 1864
1635 D Tennyson's Enoch Arden 1864

Tales and Novels.

1611 D Against Wind and Tide.
1561 D Agatha's Husband 1863
1573 D Ainsworth's Constable of the Tower.....1863
1538 D „ Lord Mayor of London, 3 vols.....1862
703 C Border and Bastile.....1863
1599 D Braddon's Eleanor's Victory, 3 vols.....1863
1632 D „ John Marchmont's Legacy, 3 vols. 1863

49 E Brierley's Chronicles of Waverlow 1863
1581 D Brook's (Shirley,) Silver Cord, 3 vols. 1861
1576 D Chronicles of Carlingford, The Rector and the Doctor's Family 1863
1529 D Chronicles of Carlingford, Salem Chapel.....1863
1619 D Collins's After Dark ... .1862
1591 D „ The Dead Secret 1863
1580 D Cook's Paul Foster's Daughter, 3 vols.....1861
1560 D Farrar's St. Winifred, or, the World of School 1863
1608 D Fonblanque's Tangled Skein, 3 vols. .....
1562 D Gaskell's Sylvia's Lovers, 3 vols. 1863
1563 D „ A Dark Night's Work 1863
1569 D Gil Blas, Adventures of 1859
1631 D Hawthorne's Our Old Home, 2 vols.....1863
1649 D „ Transformation, 3 vols. 1860
1578 D Head of the Family 1863
39 E Howitt's (Mary), The Poet's Children
1579 D House on the Moor, 3 vols 1861
1620 D Kathie Brande, 2 vols.
1600 D Kingsley's (Henry) Ravenshoe, 3 vols.....1862
1633 D Le Fanu's The House by the Church Yard, 3 vols. 1863
1626 D Lemon's Wait for the End, 3 vols. 1863
607 C Lever's Barrington.....1863
186 C „ One of Them 1861
1595 D Marryat's Frank Mildmay.....1864
1557 D Mary Barton, An Historical Tale of Poland, 3 vols. 1850
1572 D Market Harborough 1862
1612 D Mathew Paxton, 3 vols.
1567 D Melville's Good for Nothing, or All down Hill, 2 vols. ...1861
1624 D „ The Queen's Maries, 2 vols. 1862
1559 D Miller's Scenes and Legends of the North of Scotland ...1860
1592 D Norton's Lost and Saved 1863
1607 D Oliphant's Lucy Crofton 1860
1609 D „ The Last of the Mortimers, 3 vols. 1862
1604 D „ Laird of Norlaw, 3 vols. 1858
1605 D Olive, by the Author of John Halifax 1864
567 D Reade's White Lies, 3 vols. 1857
1629 D „ Saturday Sterne, 3 vols. 1862
1630 D „ Hard Cash, 3 vols. 1863
1638 D Sala's Breakfast in Bed 1863
1639 D „ Adventures of Captain Dangerous, 3 vols.....1863
1601 D „ Accepted Addresses 1862
1610 D Saunders's Martin Pole, 2 vols.....1863
1583 D Smith's (Albert) Wild Oats and Dead Leaves.
1556 D Thackeray's Adventures of Philip on his way through the World, 3 vols. 1862

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1627 D Thornbury's True as Steel, 3 vols. 1864
1628 D „ Wildfire, 3 vols. 1864
1596 D Trafford's The Moors and the Fens 1863
1568 D Trollope's The Macdermots of Ballycloran 1861
1636 D „ Rachael Ray, 2 vols. 1863
1606 D Wetherell's The Old Helmet 1864
52 E Wilson's Tales of the Borders, 20 vols. 1864
1598 D Wood's Verner's Pride, 3 vols. 1863
1584 D „ Foggy Night at Offord 1863
1643 D „ Shadow of Ashlydyat, 3 vols. 1864
1644 D „ Trevlyn Hold 1864

Miscellaneous.

648 C Captain Clutterbuck's Champagne.....1862
1613 D Epigrams Ancient and Modern.....1863
682 C Fine Arts' Quarterly Review, 2 vols.....1864
1566 D Hunt's (Leigh), Saunter Through the West End 1861
44 E Hand Book of the Civil Service 1861
1588 D Leisure Hours in Town.....1862
1625 D Lewins's Her Majesty's Mails 1864
1585 D Mendelssohn's Letters from Italy and Switzerland.....1862
1570 D Pycroft's Ways and Words of Men of Letters 1861
1616 D Remarkable Adventures from Real Life 1864
1617 D Sea Sketches about Ships and Sailors 1864
59 E Smiles's Workmen's Earnings, Strikes and Savings 1862
1618 D Smith's Gravenhurst, or Thoughts on Good and Evil ..1862
1582 D Strickland's Old Friends and New Acquaintances 1861
1615 D The Habits of Good Society.
1622 D Wynter's Subtle Brains and Lissom Fingers 1864

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Quarterly Review.
Westminster Review.

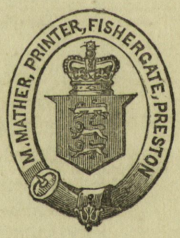
MONTHY.

All the Year Round.
Art Journal.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Boy's Own Magazine.
Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
British Workman.
Cassell's Illustrated Paper.
Chambers' Journal.
Civil Engineer.
Cornhill Magazine.
Dublin University Magazine.
Family Friend.
Fraser's Magazine.
Gentleman's Magazine.
Intellectual Observer.
Ladies' Treasury.
Leisure Hour.
Macmillan's Magazine.
Musical Times.
Newton's Journal.
Once a Week.
Practical Mechanics' Journal.
St. James' Magazine.
Sixpenny Magazine.
Social Science Review.
Temple Bar.

WEEKLY.

All the Year Round.
Athenæum.
Builder.
Chambers' Journal.
Cottage Gardner.
Engineer.
Field.
Fun.
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated Times.
Mechanics' Magazine.
Notes and Queries.
Once a Week.
Punch.
Saturday Review.
Spectator.

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THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 3rd of October, 1865, Mr. THOMAS DUCKETT, VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted:—

The Council feel the most sincere satisfaction in being enabled to meet the members on the present occasion with the gratifying statement that the Institution is at length entirely free from debt. So much is implied, by this statement, that is full of happy promise for the best interests of the Institution, that the satisfaction felt by the Council on this occasion will no doubt be fully shared by the members generally.

For many years the interest upon the debt has annually absorbed a portion of the yearly income so considerable as to have impaired seriously the usefulness of the Institution. When, therefore, it is known that not only is the debt entirely extinguished, but that after the payment of all liabilities a sum of not less than £120 remains at the credit of the General Account, it will be felt that never since its establishment has the Institution held a position so satisfactory as regards present means of usefulness, or so full of encouragement for the future.

While it is thus their pleasant office to point out so important an improvement in the financial position of the Institution, the not less pleasant duty is imposed on the Council of gratefully acknowledging their sense of obligation to those persons to whose strenuous exertions this improvement is owing. This duty the Council are able the more readily to perform, inasmuch as, though the improvement has been brought about under their auspices, their own share in effecting it has

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really been only very subordinate. To the Ladies, who began, carried on, and brought to so successful an issue, the Bazaar recently held, is the credit chiefly due of having freed the Institution from debt. For several years the Council have striven by all the means in their power to remove or lessen the debt, which, nevertheless, and in spite of their best efforts, continued year by year gradually to increase. What, however, the Council failed to effect even by repeated efforts, the Ladies have accomplished in a few months, and that by means which not only divested the labour of extinguishing the debt of all unattractiveness, but constituted of that labour an episode in the history of the Institution which will long be held in pleasant remembrance. Here, in further discharge of the duty imposed upon them, the Council feel called upon to gratefully acknowledge the valuable aid rendered to the Bazaar undertaking by Mr. J. J. Myres, Junior. To the untiring energy and tact displayed by that gentleman, who officiated throughout as Honorary Secretary to the Bazaar Committee, the success of the undertaking is not a little owing; and the Council feel pleasure in thus specially recording their obligation to him. Their grateful acknowledgments are also due to those gentlemen who, in the Amateur Theatrical Entertainments, Concerts, and the exhibition of the Magic Lantern, given nightly, contributed so greatly to the attractions of the Bazaar.

Of the Bazaar itself, some further short record may here not be out of place. It was held at the Institution, the entire suite of rooms being appropriated to it, and was opened on the 5th of September last, with considerable ceremony, by Sir Thomas G. Hesketh, Bart., M.P., assisted by Major Wilson, the President; the Mayor of Preston, Joseph Isherwood, Esq.; the Rev. Canon Parr, Vicar of Preston; Col. Wilson Patten, M.P., and other leading friends of the Institution. The Bazaar remained open five days, and proved eminently attractive throughout, the public interest in it being kept up to the last. No doubt this was attributable as well to the abundance and variety of the articles of taste and usefulness which adorned the stalls, as to the kindly zeal so gracefully and unremittingly bestowed upon the undertaking by the Ladies who, at so great personal sacrifice, devoted themselves to the object of tendering the Bazaar successful. That their devotion was crowned with the most signal success is shown by the result, as set forth in the statement of the Bazaar Account appended to this report. From this statement it will be gathered that not less than £715 accrued to the funds of the Institution as the nett proceeds of the Bazaar.

A further undertaking, which it is believed, will result favourably to the interests of the Institution, has been entered upon by the Council during the present year. The undertaking here alluded to is the Exhibition of Works of Art and Industry, now open at the Corn Exchange. The Exhibition has been got up for the joint benefit of this Institution and the Central Working Men's Club, the management being invested in a Committee composed of members of the Council of this Institution and members of the Committee of the Central Working Men's Club. While both institutions are guarded by an ample

guarantee fund from the possibility of suffering any loss from the Exhibition, the great success which has hitherto attended the undertaking, affords ground for sanguine hopes that both institutions will be largely benefited by the final result.

In further development of the capabilities for usefulness possessed by the Institution, the Council have during the current year been led to establish a School of Science, as one of the permanent departments of the Institution. The school, which is in connection with the Science Department of the Committee of Council on Education, was opened in January last. Although it has thus been in operation during one session only, the success it has already attained amply justifies the outlay necessary for its establishment. The only class yet attempted in the school is a Class in Chemistry, which numbered 30 students. Of these, 13 sat for the examination held in May last by the Department. Of the total number who sat, no fewer than 9 passed, and 6 took prizes—a result alike creditable to students and master. The prizes awarded by the Department, together with a number of Honorary Certificates awarded by the Council of the Institution, were distributed during the last month, by the Worshipful the Mayor, Joseph Isherwood, Esq., at a public meeting held in the Theatre of the Institution. In the forthcoming session of the school, Classes in Geology and Animal Physiology will be opened, in addition to the Class in Chemistry; and as in Dr. E H. Birkenhead, the master, the school possesses a teacher of great ability, the Council feel justified in anticipating that it will soon be generally recognised as a most important department of the Institution.

The ordinary business of the Institution during the year calls for but little comment. No considerable change has taken place in the number of members, which is this year 416, the number last year being 457. Much as it is to be regretted that a larger number of the working population have not been able to avail themselves of the privileges of the Institution, little hope need be entertained of any considerable improvement in this respect until the commercial depression which has so long paralyzed the staple industry of the town has passed away, and the privations to which it gave rise have ceased to be felt by the operative. On the return of better times, of which there are already cheering signs, the Council do not doubt that a large increase will be made in the number of members. And here the Council would urge upon their successors the great importance of adding largely and permanently to the current income of the Institution by increasing the number of subscribers of one guinea and upwards. Of this class of subscribers there are only 20 upon the books, a number which it would require but little effort to increase to at least 150; an increase which would greatly add to the efficiency of the Institution in every department. In thus seeking the support of this class of subscribers, it should not be supposed that the Institution asks for more than it will be able to afford an adequate equivalent for. Although the Institution addresses itself directly to the operative classes, not the less does it hold out to the middle class—in its School of Art, School of Science, Classes in Lan-

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guages and Music, its extensive Library and Reading Room, and its other departments, all either free to members or accessible at low fees —educational facilities for which a guinea subscription annually can certainly not be regarded as more than equivalent.

During the year 254 volumes have been added to the Library; of these, two volumes have been presented, and the rest purchased by the Council. The total number of volumes now in the Library is 7532; the total number of issues during the year being 14000. A classified summary of the contents of the Library is given at the end of this report, to which is added a statement exhibiting the number of issues in each class. From this it will be seen that, as usual, the circulation of novels and light literature generally greatly exceeds the circulation of all the other classes put together. This, it must be admitted, is scarcely as it should be, and will perhaps be regarded as suggestive of the enquiry, whether something cannot be done by the managers of institutions like our own to give a more practical and useful direction to the reading of the members.

The Reading Room, which has always formed an attractive feature of the Institution, loses none of its interest with the members. This must be regarded as eminently satisfactory, as the Reviews, Magazines, and Periodicals upon the tables are, for the most part, of the highest class, and can only interest readers of considerable cultivation.

A short series of Penny Readings, given in the Theatre of the Institution in the months of November and December of last year, proved eminently successful in every way. They were crowded on every occasion, and as besides proving thus acceptable to the public, they resulted in the addition of £8 15s. 10d. to the funds of the Institution, they afforded every encouragement for attempting a further series during the coming winter months.

The position of the Penny Bank will be gathered from the Special Report, relating thereto appended to the present Report.

Of the School of Art a special report is also appended; here, therefore, it will suffice to state that the school continues to be in every way successful.

Though the adverse state of trade has had an especially unfavourable effect upon the Elementary Classes, these Classes have, upon the whole, been fairly attended, the Class for Females more particularly. The revival of trade will do doubt be followed by a large accession to these Classes.

A Class in Phonography, in operation during the whole of the winter months, was well attended; and as the teacher, Mr. Brown, gave his services gratuitously, the Council feel called upon specially to record their obligation to that gentleman. In doing so, they desire to recommend the excellent example afforded by Mr. Brown to the imitation of others. The voluntary assistance of suitable teachers is much called for, especially in the Elementary Classes; and the Council will be glad if this allusion to the subject should be the means of securing the assistance required.

During the year the building has undergone entire renovation. This has necessarily involved a considerable outlay. The work, however, was so imperatively called for, and has wrought so great an improvement in the general aspect of the building, that the outlay will no doubt be regarded as amply justified.

The Institution still maintains its connection with the Arundel Society, the Society of Arts, and the Association of Mechanics' Institutes of Lancashire and Cheshire.

The Treasurer's statement of account is appended.

The review here presented of its operations during the past year affords ample proof that the Institution has lost none of its vitality. Though as regards the number of members its operations have been greatly circumscribed, this has been owing rather to the adverse condition of the trade of the town than to any abatement of interest in the Institution felt by the inhabitants generally. This being so, the Council again repeat the confident hope that with the return of better times, the Institution, no longer embarrassed by debt, and invigorated by a large accession of subscribers, will more than ever be enabled to develop to the full its capabilities for usefulness, and to make itself felt as a powerful auxiliary in the great work of popular education.

Twenty-one meetings of the Council have been held during the year, at which the attendance has been as follows:—

Major Wilson	4	„ R. H. Edmondson	7
Mr. Richard Allen	11	„ James Kenyon	11
„ Thomas Duckett	15	„ Thomas Maynard	3
„ Robert Parker	0	„ James Marshall	15
„ James Crompton (resigned in July)	8	„ J. J. Myres, Senr.	14
„ J. J. Myres, Jun.	14	„ W. F. Moore	8
„ W. A. Allen	1	„ William Newshsm	18
„ Edward Ambler	8	„ John Parry	18
„ William Alston	18	Revd. E. D. Rendell	9
„ William Ascroft (resigned in May)	2	Mr. Walter Simpson	4
„ Thomas Brewer	0	„ R. P. Threlfall	3
„ John Burton	13	„ James Dunn (appointed in July)	7
„ William Dobson	7	„ J. S. Oliver (appointed in August)	4

Number of volumes issued during the past year:—

Arts and Sciences	1522
History	721
Voyages and Travels	1107
Biography	1096
Poetry and the Drama	549
Novels and Tales	7481
Miscellaneous, Literature, including Magazines, &c., &c.	2264
	14740

After Reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. C. JESPER : That the Reports now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Council.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. J. S. ANDERSON : That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. JOHN BURTON, seconded by Mr. J. J. MYRES, Jun. : That the Worshipful the Mayor, Joseph Isherwood, Esq. ; John Horrocks, Jun., Esq. ; and Major Wilson, be appointed Trustees, in the place of the late B. F. Allen, Esq. ; Thomas Miller, Esq. ; and Lawrence Dobson, Esq., deceased.

4.—Moved by Mr. E. AMBLER, seconded by Mr. T. J. WHITESIDE : That Mr. Thomas Mitchell be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

5.—Moved by Mr. J. S. OLIVER, seconded by Mr. JAMES KENYON : That Robert Parker, Esq , be re-elected Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. J. SATTERTHWAITE, seconded by Mr. HIGSON : That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Council, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Mr. J. J. MYRES moved, and the Rev. E. D. RENDELL seconded : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Major Wilson, for his valuable services as President of the Institution for the past year, and that he be re-elected President for the ensuing year.

Messrs. W. Ascroft, T. Brewer, J. Burton, James Dunn, T. Duckett, R. H. Edmondson, John Horrocks, Jun., James Kenyon, J. Parry, and Stephen Simpson, were declared Members of the Council for the ensuing two years.

8.—Moved by Mr. J. J. Myres, and seconded by Mr. BURTON : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Thomas Duckett, for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1865-6.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen.
„ Robert Ascroft.
„ William Ascroft.
„ John Bairstow.
Lieut.-Col. Birchall.
Mr. Thomas Brewer.
„ William Dobson.
„ Thomas Duckett.
Captain German.
Mr. John Goodair.
Mr. John Horrocks, Jun.
„ Joseph Isherwood.
„ C. R. Jacson.
„ J. J. Myres.
„ Richard Newsham.
„ Robert Parker.
Dr. Spencer.
Mr. John Stevenson.
„ Thomas Walmsley.
Major Wilson.

PRESIDENT:

MAJOR WILSON.

Vice-Presidents:

MR. WALTER SIMPSON. MR. RICHARD ALLEN.

COUNCIL:

To serve two years.

Mr. William Ascroft.
„ Thomas Brewer.
„ John Burton.
„ Thomas Duckett.
„ James Dunn.
„ R. H. Edmondson.
„ John Horrocks, Jun.
„ James Kenyon.
„ J. S. Oliver.
„ John Parry
„ Stephen Simpson.

To serve one year.

Mr. Richard Allen.
„ Edward Ambler.
„ William Alston.
„ William Dobson.
„ James Marshall.
„ J. J. Myres, Sen.
„ J. J. Myres, Jun.
„ William Newsham.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.
Mr. Walter Simpson.
„ R. P. Threlfall.

TREASURER:

MR. ROBERT PARKER.

SECRETARIES:

MR. JOHN JAMES MYRES, JUN. MR. JAMES DUNN.

Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards.

Mr. W. Ascroft.
„ J. S. Anderson.
„ W. Alston.
„ Bairstow.
„ E. H. Booth.
Dr. Broughton.
Mr. Joseph Dixon.
„ W. Dobson.
„ R. H. Edmondson.
„ Horrocks.
„ Hollins.
„ Miller.
Mr. J. J. Myres.
„ Miles Myres.
„ Newsham.
„ Paley.
„ Plant.
„ W. Simpson.
Dr. Spencer.
Mr. Teale.
„ Toulmin.
„ T. Walmsley.
„ C. Wilson.
Major Wilson.

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Mr. ROBERT PARKER, Treasurer.

In account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the year ending September 30th, 1865.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Donation—R. Newsham, Esq....	5	0	0
„ 1 Supscription at 42s. per annum	2	2	0
„ 20 „ 21s. „ ..	21	0	0
„ 110 „ 10s. „ ..	55	0	0
„ 19 „ 8s. „ ..	7	12	0
„ 119 „ quarterly at 10s. „ ..	59	14	3
„ 149 „ „ 8s. „ ..	59	10	8
„ Rent of Rooms—			
Dr. Shepherd's Library. 40 0 0			
School of Art Room .. 11 18 0			
Sundry Rents 18 7 0			
	70	5	0
„ Catalogues	1	8	6
„ Fines	0	18	0
„ Lost Book	0	2	0
„ Gas	4	5	5
„ Science Classes	12	0	0
„ Singing, &c. do.	12	3	0
„ Elementary do.	2	4	0
„ Penny Readings	8	15	10
„ Sale of Papers	0	17	3
„ Balance	161	6	0
	£484	4	9

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	132	12	6
„ Books, £29 1s. 10d.; Magazines, £42 12s. 5d.; Binding, £16 11s. 7d	81	9	1
„ Science Class, expenses	31	15	10
„ Elemenary do.	20	1	3
„ Librarian's Salary	72	10	0
„ „ Commission	4	5	6
„ „ Assistance	18	8	0
„ Printing, Stationery, &c.	8	1	7
„ Gas and Coals	41	12	9
„ Insurance	6	17	6
„ Society of Arts, &c....	3	13	0
„ Repairs	19	18	0
„ Petty Payments	9	17	3
„ Bank Interest, General Fund....	9	1	7
„ „ Commission do.	0	15	8
„ „ Interest, Building do.	26	13	0
	£484	4	9
By Balance	£161	6	0

BUILDING FUND.

By Balance	360	13	3
John Dewhurst	50	6	5
W. Alston	5	2	1
	£416	1	9
Balance	£416	1	9

1865, October 3,—Examined and found correct,

HENRY BRADLEY,
JAMES DUNN.

BAZAAR ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer of the Bazaar Committee in account with the Council of the Institution.

DR.	£	s.	d.
To total receipts (including donations received at and previous to the Bazaar)	993	11	6
	£993	11	6

CR.	£	s.	d.
By Printing & Advertising	55	8	5
„ Tyrer, for Stalls and Decorations	37	0	0
„ Refreshment Stall Expenses	40	15	10
„ Band and Leader	21	12	6
„ Punch and Marionettes	12	0	0
„ Theatrical Expenses ...	10	4	9
„ Cost of a Screen (to be raffled for).....	10	0	0
„ Excise License	0	12	6
„ Joiners and Gas Fitters	9	1	0
„ Assistants, Police, Charwomen, Hire of Furniture, China, Plate, and Sundries.....	23	8	2
„ Conversazione Expenses	57	11	8
	£277	14	10
„ Balance	715	16	8
	£993	11	6

Examined and certified by

J. S. OLIVER.
WM. NEWSHAM.

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PRESTON SCHOOL OF ART REPORT.

In presenting their Sixth Annual Report, the School of Art Committee have to congratulate themselves upon the continued progress of the School. The numbers attending the various classes are as follow:—Young Ladies, 8; Ladies, 29; Young Gentlemen, 8.—Evening Class: Young Gentlemen, 5; Pupil Teachers, Male and Female, 6; Artizans, 44. Total, 107. Mr. Gilbert has also the art instruction at the Grammar School, and at the Commercial School, the number of pupils being 35 at each School. The number of pupils at the public schools, receiving instruction through the School of Art, has increased from 1323 to 2348. This continued increase in the number of young children is most satisfactory. Last year the increase was 489, which is far surpassed this year, as the numbers show more than 1000 in excess of last year.

The examination of the School was conducted in June last, by Mr. J. B. Wylde, the Inspector appointed by the Department. Fifty of the pupils attending the Classes meeting at this School, and 600 pupils from the public schools, were present. The examination was highly satisfactory, and to the School of Art pupils were granted 8 medals, 10 second grade prizes, and 15 certificate cards, second grade; while, of the pupils from the public schools, 100 obtained first grade prizes, and 90 certificate cards. The number of medals gained this year is the same as last, while the increase in prizes obtained by pupils from the public schools is very marked. Last year, 45 first grade prizes and 80 certificate cards were gained; this year, 100 first grade prizes, and 90 certificate cards were obtained. According to the new regulation, which comes into force this month, the national and public schools will for the future have no connection with Schools of Art.

Mr. Gilbert continues to hold the office of Head Master, Miss Winnefred Duckett and Mr. G. A. Wade those of Pupil Teachers; and by them the duties of the School have been most satisfactorily discharged. The public distribution of prizes took place in the Theatre of the Institution, on Saturday evening, August 26th, Major Wilson presiding; the meeting was very successful, and well attended.

The financial state of the School continues in a satisfactory condition, showing a balance in its favour with the Preston Banking Company.

The new scale of fees has worked well, and Mr. Gilbert has paid to the Treasurer of the Institution the sum of £11 18s. for the past year. The amount has been paid by the School of Art pupils who are not members of this Institution.

	£	s.	d.
To Pilot Office, for advertising	0	17	6
„ W. and J. Dobson	2	10	6
„ Postage for Circulars	1	9	6
„ Petty Payments	0	5	0
„ Balance in Bank	11	14	3
	£16	16	9

	£	s.	d.
By Balance, as per Report dated October, 1864	16	3	5
„ Interest	0	13	4
	16	16	9
By Balance	11	14	3

R. H. EDMONDSON, Hon. Sec.

PENNY BANK.—SEVENTH REPORT.

In presenting their Seventh Report, the Committee have to state that during the year 989 new accounts have been opened, and 640 accounts closed, leaving an increase of 349. The number of accounts now open is 4429. There has been received from depositors the sum of £476 5s. 7d., and repaid the sum of £510 7s. 7d.; the sum remaining due being £228 11s., a reduction of £34 2s. since August, 1864. The number of deposits has been 12,173, or 285 less; and the number of withdrawals 1805, or 169 more than last year. The average amount of each deposit has been 9d., and of each withdrawal, 5s. 8d., both less than before.

It is evident that the average of the balances due to depositors must be greatly reduced, the number of open accounts being so largely increased, while the gross balance is reduced. The average is now 1s., last year it was 1s. 3d., and both are very much smaller than at the close of any previous year. Many of the balances, however, consist only of the 1d. necessary to be left in, in order to enable the depositor to retain the pass book for future use.

The income during the year has not been sufficient to meet the necessary expenditure, independent of the fact, that the Committee have not paid anything to the General Fund of the Institution for Gas, &c., and the Surplus Fund has been drawn on to the extent of £1 13s. 3d., leaving a balance of £7 4s. 5d.

The Assets of the Bank are—£200 invested with the Preston Local Board of Health, £32 18s. 7d. deposited in the Savings' Bank, £2 5s. 1d. in the Treasurer's hands, and 11s. 9d. value of pass books on hand; total, £235 15s. 5d.

The classes of persons who have availed themselves of the services of the Bank, bear about the same proportion to each other as they did last year, the large majority being young persons at home or at school, and the factory workers (mostly however females and youths) next in order.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Trustees of the Penny Bank.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance				228	11	0
,, Separate Surplus Fund				7	4	5
,, Amount of Surplus Fund Aug. 31st, 1864				8	17	8
Paid for Assistance and Cleaning	9	3	0			
,, for New Books, &c ..	2	4	6			
,, for Petty Expenses ..	0	5	8			
	11	13	2			
Received for sale of Pass Books	4	5	9			
Stock on hand....	0	11	9			
	4	17	6			
Paid for pass books	4	0	0			
Profit on do.	0	17	6			
Received for Interest	9	2	5	9	19	11
Amount of Surplus Fund August 31st, 1865				7	4	5
				£235	15	5

CR.	£	s.	d.
By Local Board of Health....	200	0	0
,, Preston Savings' Bank....	32	18	7
,, Cash in Treasurer's hands.	2	5	1
,, Pass Books on hand	0	11	9
	£235	15	5

30th September, 1865.—Examined and found correct,

HENRY BRADLEY.
WILLIAM NEWSHAM.

BOOKS FROM MUDIE'S LIBRARY.

The Library of the Institution is now regularly supplied with a selection of the newest and best works in all classes of literature, *from Mudie's Library*.

The circulation of these works is confined to Members of the Institution subscribing one Shilling per quarter in addition to the ordinary subscription.

The ordinary Subscription is, for

Adults ..... 2s. 6d. per Quarter.
Minors ..... 2s. 0d. „

This rate of Subscription entitles a Member to all the ordinary privileges of the Institution, comprising the use of the lending *Library*, containing more than 7000 well selected books, in all classes of literature; access to the spacious *Reading Room*, which is well supplied with Reviews, Magazines, Periodicals, &c.; admission to occasional *Lectures*, &c.; and to the *Classes* upon moderate terms.

Subscribers of One Guinea annually, besides their own privilege as members, are entitled to nominate, each year of such subscription, two persons, who shall enjoy all the privileges of ordinary members, except voting at meetings of the Institution, and serving upon the Council. Subscribers of Two Guineas annually, may nominate five such persons.

CLASSES

In the following Subjects are now in operation.

A Special Elementary Class for Young Men—Teacher : Mr. Huntington.
„ Advanced „ „ „ „
Elementary Class for Young Ladies— „ Miss Ferguson.
Ladies' French Class— „ J. G. Cope, B.A.
„ German „ „ „
French Class for Young Men— „ „
German „ „ „ „
Chemistry, Geology, Animal Physiology, } School of Science— „ Dr. E. H. Birkenhead.

Drawing—Geometry, Perspective Drawing, Model Drawing, Mechanical and Machine Drawing, and Free-hand Outline Drawing.—School of Art—Teacher : Mr. Gilbert.

Phonography—Teacher : Mr. Brown.

A class for the study and practice of Vocal Music, conducted by Mr. Jones.

Terms, &c., may be had from the Librarian.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

DURING THE YEAR 1864-5.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

816 C Bentham's Handbook of British Flora 1865
1679 D Labahn's German Grammar 1849
814 C Miller's Elements of Chemistry 1864
952 C Mill's Examination of the Philosophy of Sir William Hamilton 1865
815 C Smith's Philosophy of Health..... 1865

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1698 D Binns' Miseries and Beauties of Ireland, 2 vols. ... 1837
1665 D Burritt's Walk from London to John O'Groats 1864
1699 D Forbes' Memorandums made in Ireland 1853
750 C Fortune's Residence among the Chinese 1857
1664 D Gretton's The English Woman in Italy..... 1864
1676 D Harris's Wild Sports of Southern Africa 1839
1669 D Lyell's Second Visit to the United States of America, 2 vols. 1849
1660 D Noel's Notes of a Tour in Ireland 1837
1673 D Pardoe's City of the Magyar, 3 vols. 1840
1657 D St. John's Isis: An Egyptian Pilgrimage, 2 vols.... 1853

BIOGRAPHY.

957 C Berkeley's (Hon. G. F.) Life and Recollections, 2 vols 1865
812 C Cæsar (Julius) Napoleon's History of 1865
907 C Knight (Miss Cornelia) Autobiography, 2 vols. 1861
780 C Life of Amir Dost Mohammed Khan 1846
1672 D Munden (The Comedian) Memoirs of.. 1846
1652 D Ramsay's Reminiscences of Scottish Life and Character 1864
867 C Wilson (General Sir Robert) Life of, 2 vols. 1862

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HISTORY.

1674 D Crichton's History of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, 2 vols 1838
872 C Eighty years' Progress of British North America ... 1863

POETRY.

1712 D Harland's Songs and Ballads of Lancashire 1865

TALES AND NOVELS.

1713 D Ainsworth's Cardinal Pole 1865
1723 D ,, John Law, 3 vols. 1864
66 E ,, Flitch of Bacon 1854
1685 D Andersen's To be, or not to be? 1857
1714 D Avillion, and other Tales, 3 vols 1853
1662 D Banim's The Croppy, a Tale of the Irish Rebellion 1865
1663 D ,, The Peep o'Day 1865
1715 D Braddon's Henry Dunbar 1865
1727 D ,, The Doctor's Wife 1865
1691 D Brooke's The Fool of Quality, 2 vols..... 1859
1719 D Byron's Paid in Full 1865
1686 D Clarinda Singleheart 1855
1688 D Cooper's Monikins, 3 vols. 1835
1689 D ,, Eve Effingham, 3 vols..... 1858
1693 D ,, Captain Spike, 3 vols 1849
1651 D Cook's Leo, 3 vols. 1863
1682 D Craik's Lost and Won..... 1859
1705 D Croly's Salathiel, 3 vols. 1848
1709 D Curling's Shakspere; A Romance, 3 vols..... 1845
1008 C Dickens' Our Mutual Friend 1865
1654 D Domestic Stories, by the Author of John Halifax... 1864
1653 D Dumas' Count of Monte Christo, 2 vols. 1864
1680 D ,, Three Musketeers 1846
1681 D ,, Marie Antoinette 1848
785 C Edinburgh Tales, Edited by Mrs. Johnstone, 2 vols. 1846
1724 D Fullerton's Lady Bird..... 1865

1671	D	Granby, 3 vols.	1833
1696	D	Grant's Scottish Cavalier	1852
1708	D	Hampton Court, 3 vols.	1846
1684	D	Hannay's Singleton Fontenoy, 3 vols.	1851
1690	D	Heartsease	1857
1678	D	Hook's Fathers and Sons	1850
1637	D	Hughes' Tom Brown at Oxford	1865
1648	D	Jerrold's Up and Down the World, 3 vols.	1863
1667	D	Kavanagh's Adele	1864
1649	D	Kingsley's (Henry) Austin Elliott, 2 vols	1865
1659	D	Landon's Lady Ann Granard, 3 vols	1842
1717	D	Land and Sea Tales, by an Old Soldier	1836
1710	D	Lee's Wortlebank Diary, 2 vols.	1861
1726	D	Le Fanu's Uncle Silas	1865
65	E	Lever's St. Patrick's Eve	1845
761	C	,, Luttrel of Arran	1865
1647	D	,, A Day's Ride; a Life's Romance, 2 vols	1863
1702	D	,, Fortunes of Glencore, 3 vols	1857
1704	D	,, Horace Templeton, 2 vols	1862
1694	D	Margaret and her Bridesmaids, 3 vols.	1856
1701	D	Marryat's Valerie, 2 vols.	1849
1722	D	Maurice Dering	1865
1703	D	Melville's Digby Grand	1859
1668	D	,, The Interpreter	1864
1666	D	,, Holmby House	1864
1670	D	Mordaunt Hall, 2 vols.	1849
1695	D	Owen Tudor, 3 vols.	1849
1677	D	Reade's Cream	
1645	D	Romola, 3 vols.	1863
1725	D	Sala's Seven Sons of Mammon	1864
1687	D	Smith's The New Forest, 3 vols	1829
1697	D	Strawberry Hill, 3 vols.	1847
1700	D	Stewart's Oliver Cromwell, 2 vols.	1857
1661	D	Studies from Life, by the Author of John Halifax...	1864
1675	D	Sylvan Holt's Daughter, 3 vols	1858
1650	D	Thackeray's Lovel the Widower	1861
1718	D	Thomas's Denis Donne	1865
1706	D	The Last Man, 3 vols	1826
1646	D	The Quiet Heart	1854
1658	D	The Falcon Family; or, Young Ireland	1845
1656	D	Trollope's Small House at Allington	1864
1692	D	,, La Vendee	1850
959	C	,, Can you forgive her, 2 vols.	1865
67	E	Waugh's Besom Ben	1865
1716	D	,, Oswald Cray	1865
1721	D	,, Lord Oakburn's Daughter	1865
1720	D	Yates's Broken to Harness	1865

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MISCELLANEOUS.

148 B Cruden's Concordance to the Holy Scriptures 1817
780 C Every Boy's Annual..... 1865
806 C Halliburton's Bubbles of Canada 1830
73 B Holy Bible 1854
1711 D Howitt's Peasant Life in Sweden 1859
1655 D Temple Anecdotes, 2 vols. 1865

THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS

ARE REGULARLY SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOM.

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review.
Dublin Review.
Edinburgh Review.
North British Review.
Quarterly Review.
Westminster Review.

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round.
Argosy.
Art Journal.
Band of Hope Review.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Boy's Own Magazine.
Boy's Journal.
Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
British Workman.
Cassell's Illustrated Paper.
Chambers' Journal.
Civil Engineer.
Cornhill Magazine.
Dublin University Magazine.
Family Friend.
Fraser's Magazine.
Gentleman's Magazine.
Good Words.
Intellectual Observer.
Ladies' Treasury.
Leisure Hour.
Macmillan's Magazine.
Musical Times.
Newton's Journal.
Once a Week.
Practical Mechanics' Journal.
Routledge's Magazine for Boys.
St. James' Magazine.
Sixpenny Magazine.
Social Science Review.
Temple Bar.

WEEKLY.

All the Year Round.
Athenæum.
Builder.
Builders' Journal.
Chambers' Journal.
Cottage Gardener.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Fun
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated Times.
Mechanics' Magazine.
Notes and Queries.
Once a Week.
Punch.
Saturday Review.
Spectator.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 2nd of October, 1866, MAJOR WILSON, PRESIDENT, in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted :—

The statement which the Council here submit to the Members will serve to show that the Institution has on the whole made progress during the past year, and that its present position will bear favourable comparison with its position at any former period.

The number of Members, which last year was 416, is this year 456; showing an increase of 40. A still further increase the Council have reason to hope may be looked for now that the operative classes are in a position to afford the Institution the support it so well deserves from them.

The Library now numbers 7840 volumes, 308 volumes having been added during the year; of these 306 volumes have been purchased by the Council. The Council have also purchased during the year an unusually large number of new books to replace worn-out copies of works previously on the shelves. The expenditure in this departemnt has therefore been larger than ordinary. Besides thus liberally replenishing the Library, the Council have endeavoured further to meet the growing requirements of the readers by an arrangement made with Mudie's Library Company, by means of which our own Library is now regularly supplied with new books at the date of publication. The following is a classified statement of the present contents of the Library; the statement also shows the number of issues in each department.

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	No. Issued.	No. of vols. in Library.
Arts and Sciences	1672	1515
History	698	707
Voyages and Travels	1201	623
Biography	1148	706
Poetry and the Drama	492	332
Tales and Novels	7844	1021
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines	2471	2936
	15,526	7840

Additional shelf room having become necessary, two new bookcases have been provided, and, with a view to the general convenience, some changes have been made in the arrangements of the Library. In recognition of the long and efficient services of the Librarian, Mr. Charles Croft, the salary of that gentleman has been augmented, a proceeding which will no doubt meet the approbation of the Members.

The Reading Room continues to be liberally supplied with the best periodical literature of the day, and still forms to the Members generally one of the most attractive features of the Institution.

The use of the News Room is no longer confined to special subscribers, the room being now open to all Members of the Institution subscribing 2s. 6d. or upwards per quarter. The change here indicated was made in deference to a frequently expressed wish, and will doubtless be generally acceptable.

The Classes in operation during the last session were the following:—

	No. on Register.	Average Attendance.
Chemistry	21	18
Animal Physiology	13	11
Geology	14	11
French Language—Ladies	3	3
Do. Gentlemen	9	8
Phonography	10	8
Singing	16	14
Elementary Class—Females	30	20
Do. Males	80	40

The following students successfully passed the examinations held by the Science and Art Department in April and May last, namely:—T. J. Walley, Assistant Teacher, who passed in Chemistry, 1st class; Physiology, 1st class; Geology, 3rd class. Jabez Parker, Joiner, Chemistry, 1st class. Daniel Mayor, Shopman, Chemistry, 2nd class; Physiology, 3rd class. Watson Tomlinson, Apprentice, Chemistry, 3rd class; Physiology, 3rd class.

To these Students the following Queen's Prizes were awarded by the Department, viz. :—To Mr. Walley, Ganot's Elements of Physics; to Mr. Parker, a copy of Tyndal on Heat; to Mr. Mayor, Odling's Practical Chemistry; to Mr. Tomlinson, a box of Mathematical Instruments.

An examination of the Male and Female Elementary Classes took place in May last, under the direction of the Union of Mechanics' Institutes of Lancashire and Cheshire. Owing to a misunderstanding, the examination was without result as regards the Male Class. In the Female Class, two pupils passed and took certificates in Arithmetic, Plain Sewing, and Dictation, viz. :—Margery Foster and Mary Hall. Special Certificates were awarded by the Union to each of the following, for cutting out and making a boy's shirt, viz. —E. Cooper, M. Foster, and M. Hall.

Of the Drawing Classes comprised in the School of Art a separate report is appended.

The Penny Bank the Council have found it expedient to discontinue. The direction of the Bank, and the chief portion of the labour of working it, had, ever since its commencement, devolved upon Mr. Moore, the treasurer, whose persevering zeal and energy in carrying on the Bank deserve the highest praise. As, however, Mr. Moore could no longer continue his services, and as no other suitable person could be found willing to undertake the onerous duties relinquished by Mr. Moore, the Council, unwilling to accept the increased responsibility involved in continuing the Bank, deemed it prudent to close it at once. Although the closing of the Bank was announced with great publicity, the depositors having been repeatedly urged by posters on the walls, and otherwise, to claim their deposits, it will be seen, from the statement of the accounts of the Bank appended to the present report, that a balance of £35 16s. 4d. still remains in the hands of the treasurer, representing the amount of deposits still unclaimed.

Of the finances of the Institution the Council are able to give a most favourable report, an extraordinary addition having accrued to the resources of the Institution from the late Exhibition of Works of Art and Industry, held in the Corn Exchange. The Exhibition, it will be recollected, was got up for the joint benefit of this Institution and the Central Working Men's Club, its management being vested in a committee composed of members of the Council of the Institution and members of the Committee of the Working Men's Club. As is well known, the Exhibition met with extraordinary success, and after remaining open to the public for a period of three months, was closed in December last, leaving in the hands of the committee a surplus, after defraying all expenses, of £1,850. Of this sum, one-half devolved to the Working Men's Club, and the other half to this Institution. The Council are thus enabled to point out the gratifying fact that the available funds of the Institution, amount at

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the present time to £956 14s. 10d., £900 of which has been invested with the Corporation of Preston. To the gentlemen of the Committee who brought the Exhibition to so successful an issue, and who were thereby instrumental in conferring upon the Institution so great a benefit, the Institution must always remain deeply indebted; and in thus recording their sense of obligation to the Committee, the Council feel that they but give expression to the sentiments of the Members generally.

From the Treasurer's statement of accounts at the end of the present report, it is satisfactory to observe that though the ordinary expenditure upon the Library, Reading Room, News Room, Classes, &c., has been unusually large, it has been nearly met by the ordinary income from subscriptions, rents, &c: Some items of extraordinary expenditure occur in the General Account. The items here referred to, amounting in the whole to £81 17s. 3d., are due to the cost of the new Bookcases, and of some other fittings, and also to the repayment to Mr. J. J. Myres, senior, of a sum of £30, kindly advanced by that gentleman in the year 1857, for the purchase of furniture, upon condition that the amount should be repaid, without interest, whenever the Institution should be in possession of sufficient funds for the purpose.

It is with deep regret the Council record the death of the late Robert Parker, Esq. As Treasurer of the Institution, an office he filled for many years, the friendly services of Mr. Parker, always freely accorded, were often of the greatest value to the Institution; and in him the Council lament the loss of one of the oldest and most valued friends of the Institution.

The Institution still remains in connection with the Society of Arts, the Union of Mechanics' Institutes of Lancashire and Cheshire, and the Arundel Society.

Nineteen meetings of the Council have been held during the year, the attendance at which has been as follows:—

Major Wilson	3	Mr. R. H. Edmondson	2
Mr. Richard Allen	10	Mr. John Horrocks	0
Mr. Walter Simpson	7	Mr. James Kenyon	15
Mr. J. J. Myres, Jun.	10	Mr. J. J. Myres, Sen.	11
Mr. James Dunn	19	Mr. William Newsham	19
Mr. Edward Ambler	13	Mr. J. S. Oliver	11
Mr. William Ascroft	10	Mr. John Parry	16
Mr. William Alston	17	Rev. E. D. Rendell	8
Mr. Thomas Brewer	8	Mr. Stephen Simpson	7
Mr. John Burton	8	Mr. R. P. Threlfall	2
Mr. William Dobson	3	Mr. James Marshall	16
Mr. Thomas Duckett	17		

After Reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. MYRES, SEN. : That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries. Carried unanimously.

2.—Moved by MR. DUCKETT, seconded by MR. WALTER SIMPSON : That the Rev. E. D. Rendell be appointed a Trustee in the place of the late Robert Parker, Esq. Carried unanimously.

3.—Moved by MR. PARRY, seconded by MR. MYRES : That Mr. George Wood be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years. Carried unanimously.

4.—Moved by MR. AMBLER, seconded by REV. E D. RENDELL : That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

5.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. W. DOBSON : That the Worshipful the Mayor, C. R. Jacson, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

6.—Moved by MR. MOORE, seconded by MR. ROBINSON : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year. Carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen having been nominated according to Rule six, to serve on the Council, the Chairman declared the same duly elected for the ensuing two years :— Major Wilson, Rev. E. D. Rendell, Messrs. John James Myres, Senr., Walter Simpson, Edward Ambler, John James Myres, Jun., William Alston, William Newsham, W. F. Moore, William Walter Taylor, and James Dobson.

7.—Moved by MR. WALTER SIMPSON, seconded by the REV. E. D. RENDELL : That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Major Wilson, for his valuable services as President of the Institution for the past year, and as Chairman this evening. Carried unanimously

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1866-7.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen.
„ Robert Ascroft.
„ William Ascroft.
„ John Bairstow.
Lieut.-Col. Birchall.
Mr. Thomas Brewer.
„ William Dobson.
„ Thomas Duckett.
Captain German.
Mr. John Goodair.
Mr. John Horrocks.
„ Joseph Isherwood.
„ C. R. Jacson.
„ J. J. Myres.
„ Richard Newsham.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.
Dr. Spencer.
Mr. John Stevenson.
„ Thomas Walmsley.
Major Wilson.

PRESIDENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor, C. R. JACSON, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

MR. WILLIAM ASCROFT. MR. WALTER SIMPSON.

COUNCIL:

To serve two years.

Mr. Edward Ambler.
„ William Alston.
„ James Dobson.
„ W. F. Moore.
„ J. J. Myres, Senr.
„ J. J. Myres, Junr.
„ William Newsham.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.
Mr. Walter Simpson.
„ W. W. Taylor.
Major Wilson.

To serve one year.

Mr. William Ascroft.
„ Arthur Birchall.
„ Thomas Brewer.
„ John Burton.
„ Thomas Duckett.
„ James Dunn.
„ R. H. Elliott.
„ James Kenyon.
„ John Parry.
„ Robert Poole.
„ Stephen Simpson.

TREASURER:

MR. J. S. OLIVER.

SECRETARIES:

MR. JOHN JAMES MYRES, JUN. MR. JAMES DUNN.

Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards.

The Worshipful the Mayor,
C. R. Jacson, Esq.
Rev. Canon Parr.
Mr. W. Ascroft.
„ J. S. Anderson.
„ W. Alston.
„ E. Ambler.
„ Bairstow.
„ E. H. Booth.
Dr. Broughton.
Mr. Joseph Dixon.
„ J. Dobson.
„ W. Dobson.
„ E. Haydock.
„ Horrocks.
„ Hollins.
„ G. Lawson.
„ W. F. Moore.
Mr. J. J. Myres.
„ Miles Myres.
„ Newsham.
„ Oliver.
„ Paley
„ John Parry.
„ Plant.
„ G. Sharples.
„ W. Simpson.
Dr. Spencer.
Mr. Teale.
Rev. N. Townshend.
Mr. Toulmin.
„ T. Walmsley.
„ C. Wilson.
Major Wilson.
Mr. W. A. J. Welch.

THE TREASURER,

In account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the year ending September 30th, 1866.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

DR.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d
To Members Subscriptions, viz. :—		
1 Member at 42s...	2 2 0	
29 " 21s.	30 9 0	
268 " 10s...	134 0 0	
158 " 8s.	63 5 8	
Subscriptions to Mudie's Library	7 19 0	
		237 15 8
To Class Fees, viz. :—		
School of Art	8 3 0	
Science Classes	11 16 0	
French and Elementary Classes ..	13 7 0	
		33 6 0
To Rents, &c., viz. :—		
Per Dr. Shepherd's Library	40 0 0	
Do. for Warming Rooms	2 10 0	
Presbyterian Church	23 0 6	100 16 6
Other Rents and use of Theatre	35 6 0	
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz :—		
Balance of Surplus Fund per Penny Bank	4 7 9	
Fines	0 18 11	
Catalogues	1 12 3	
Lost Books	0 10 0	
Second-hand Papers	1 3 3	
		8 12 2
To Interest from Corporation on £900, at 4½ per cent., from 8th February to 31st August, less Income Tax		22 5 2
		402 15 6
Total ordinary Income		
To Profits of Bazaar, as per last annual Report	715 16 8	
Received since date of Report	2 8 7	
	718 5 3	
Deduct paid since do.	5 0 0	
Net Profits of Bazaar	713 5 3	
To Share of Profits of Exhibition	925 0 0	
		1638 5 3
		2041 0 9
To Balance brought forward		56 14 10

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d
By Librarian's Salary....	80 0 0	
Do. Commission	11 9 10	
Do. for assistance	14 18 6	
		106 8
By Coals....	15 5 5	
" Gas	28 16 2	
" Printing, Stationery, &c.	15 4 5	
" Insurance	4 13 3	
" Repairs	7 11 4	
" Petty Expenses	14 3 0	
		85 13
" New Books	70 11 2	
" Magazines	39 3 4	
" Newspapers	9 6 6	
" Binding	20 6 10	
" Subscription to Mudie's Library 26 5 0		
" Carriage of Books, &c., from do. 3 1 0		
	29 6 0	
		168 13
" Expenses of Science Classes	27 16 3	
" " French and Elementary	29 5 0	
		57 1
" Society of Arts, &c.		3 13
" Interest and Commission paid to Bank	3 9 5	
Deduct Interest received from do.	3 0 10	
		0 3
Total ordinary expenditure		421 18
" Furniture and Fittings		81 17
" Cash invested with the Corporation of Preston, at 4½ per cent....	900 0 0	
Amount Transferred to Building Fund, which is now entirely paid	419 4 1	
		1319 4
		1822 19
By Balance per last Report		161 6
" Balance carried forward		56 14
		£2041 0

Audited 1st October, 1866,

THOMAS MITCHELL.
GEORGE WOOD.
WILLIAM NEWSHAM.

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer, in account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the year ending 30th September, 1866.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Cash from General Fund, being part of the proceeds of the late Bazaar ..	419	4	1	By Balance, as per last annual Report ..	416	1	9
				„ Bank Interest	3	2	4
	419	4	1		419	4	1

PENNY BANK ACCOUNT.

DR. THE TREASURER.	£	s.	d.	CONTRA. CR.	£	s.	d.
To Cash received from the Committee of the Penny Bank	40	4	1	By Amount transferred to the General Fund Account	4	7	9
				„ Balance, being amount due to Depositors	35	16	4
	40	4	1		40	4	1
To Balance brought forward	35	16	4				

Audited 1st October, 1866,

THOMAS MITCHELL.
GEORGE WOOD.
WILLIAM NEWSHAM.

SCHOOL OF ART REPORT.

In deference to a custom which has heretofore prevailed, the Committee of the School of Art deem it desirable to present to this meeting a résumé of proceedings during the year, and to report the present condition of the school. An examination of pupils of the second grade, according to the last revised code, took place on the evenings of the 12th 13th, and 14th March last. Fifty-three members of various classes performed the task, respectively assigned to them in the presence of the committee, and the examples of their skill were then forwarded to the Department of Science and Art at South Kensington, for adjudication. The results of the examination were that eleven passed in freehand drawing to whom certificates have been granted, and to Miss Annie Kenworthy (her work having been distinguished as 'excellent') a box of colours was awarded in addition. One passed

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'excellent' in geometry, to whom (John Joseph Cooper) a copy of Burchett's Perspective was also awarded. One in perspective, 'execllent,' to whom (William Henry Blacoe) a drawing board, T square, two set squares, and box of drawing pins were also awarded. In model drawing four passed, to one of whom (Charles Pake) a certificate was granted in lieu of prize; and in mechanical one only tried, and was unsuccessful. At a subsequent period a number of works of students in the elementary and advanced sections were selected for competition at South Kensington. The results on that occasion were most honourable to the competitors and creditable to the school. Of six works submitted, two of the former were 'specially referred' to the more severe ordeal of national competition, and two of the latter were 'selected' for the same test. To each contributor of the works so signalised, namely, James Tyson, jun., aged 16, a plasterer; Edward Kangley, 18, a factory operative; and George Arthur Wade, 18½, assistant teacher, a valuable book prize has been severally given by the Lords of her Majesty's Council; whilst upon Mr. James Tyson, junior, aged 16, a plasterer, the higher honour has been conferred of being gazetted Queen's Medallist by order of their lordships, dated August 8th. The medal, however, has not yet been received, and can only, therefore, be presented hereafter. At an earlier period other works of Mr. G. A. Wade were accepted by the Department as qualifying him for examination for a first-class certificate, and permission was granted for presenting himself at South Kensington in February last. On March the 21st he was officially reported to have passed in geometry and chalk drawing, and the drawing in each stage; in model drawing he passed "good;" but failed in the other stages. He returned, however, to resume his duties in the school here, in which he continues to be an efficient assistant to Mr. Gilbert, the master. There are now 94 students in the school, comprising the following classes, namely:—Ladies and gentlemen's morning class, 25 (sixteen being of the gentler sex); ladies' afternoon class, 29; and artizans and apprentices' evening class, 40. The amount of fees received by the master has been £120 16s. 9d., namely, from day classes £93 1s., and from the evening class £27 15s. 9., to which grants from the Department have been supplemented amounting to £13 3s. 4d. Of the amount so received £8 14s., in lieu of rent, has been paid to the Council of the Institution. In addition to the money grants referred to, the following presentations, for the use of Committee and school, have been received from the Department during the year, namely:—Calendar for the year 1866: printed placard, "Drawing useful to all;" Thirteenth Report of the Science and Art Department; Redgrave's Report on the Present State of Design; Catalogue of Loan Exhibition, South Kensington, 1862; Robinson's Collection of Coloured Ornaments; Herman's Examples for Freehand Drawing; Four Architectural Drawings; Two Richardson's Studies of Ornamental Art; Coloured Lithograph of Persian Art Workmanship; Life-sized Photograph of Female Head, from life; and copy of the London Gazette of August 10th, containing a list of Queen's medallists. The presentation of awards to successful students (with the exception before referred to) was made on the evening of Thursday, the 27th September, by Major Wilson, chairman, attended by the Committee of the School, several members of the Council of the Institution, and other friends of art education. On the publication of last report the committee had a reserve fund at their banker's of £11 14s. 3d., which has since been augmented (by interest and the repayment of a sum due on a long-standing account for books paid for and not supplied) to the sum of £22.

On behalf of the committee,

JOHN BURTON, SECRETARY.

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BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

DURING THE YEAR 1865-6.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

1763	D	Alford's Plea for the Queen's English	1864
1296	C	Ansted's Geology, Mineralogy, and Physical Geography	1856
1037	C	Babbage's Passages from the Life of a Philosopher	1864
1767	D	Barwell's Guide to the Sick Room	1864
75	E	Beale's Health, Disease, and Longevity	1856
195	B	Bemrose's Manual of Wood Carving	1860
1744	D	Bird and Cooke's Elements of Natural Philosophy	1860
1809	D	Brown's Engineering Facts and Figures for 1865	1866
1759	D	Buckland's Curiosities of Natural History, 2 vols.	1865
1752	D	Burn's Hand Book of the Mechanical Arts	1860
1757	D	Carpenter's Philosophy of Temperance and Total Abstinence	1858
1782	D	„ The Microscope and its Revelations	1862
1790	D	„ Vegetable Physiology and Systematic Botany	1865
1800	D	Carpenters, Joiners, Masons and Bricklayers Assistant	
79	E	Cooke's Manual of Structural Botany	1861
1784	D	Davies's The Preparation and Mounting of Microscopic Objects	1865
1758	D	Du Breuil's Scientific and Profitable Culture of Fruit Trees	1862
1746	D	Fawcett's Manual of Political Economy	1865
1748	D	„ Economic Position of the British Labourer	1865
1286	C	Galloway's Manual of Qualitative Analysis	1864
1795	D	Gosse's Year at the Sea Shore	1865
1320	C	Gray's Observations on a General Iron-way	1825
60	A	Hamilton's Modern Instruction for the Piano-forte	
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1773	D	Hoffman's Introduction to Modern Chemistry	1865
1792	D	Hudson's Inorganic Chemistry for Science Classes	1865

1314 C Hughes's Garden Architecture & Landscape Gardening 1866
72 E Hufeland's Art of Prolonging Life..... 1859
1793 D Huxley on our Knowledge of the Causes of the Phenomena of Organic Nature 1863
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1267 C Muir's Notes for the General Public on our National Architecture..... 1860
1730 D Moore's Popular History of British Ferns 1862
1796 D Nicol's Elements of Mineralogy 1858
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1785 D ,, Introductory ,, ... 1864
1257 C Paley's Moral Philosophy, with Annotations by R. Whately, D D. 1859
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1285 C Tyndall's Heat considered as a mode of Motion... 1865
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1300 C Woods's Our Garden Friends and Foes 1864
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1027 C Alcock's Capital of the Tycoon, 2 vols. 1863
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1318 C Sandford and Townsend's Great Governing Families of England, 2 vols. 1865
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1015 C Stephenson (Robt.) Jeaffreson's Life of, 2 vols..... 1864
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1259 C Wolfe (Major-General James) Life of, by R. Wright 1864

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1803 D Klapka's Memoirs of the War of Independence in Hungary, 2 vols. 1850
1729 D Massey's History of England during the Reign of George Third, 4 vols. 1866
1304 C Sandby's History of the Royal Academy, 2 vols.. .. 1862
1298 C Thornbury's Haunted London 1865

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Boy's Journal.
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British Workman.
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Family Friend.
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Social Science Review.
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THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

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At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 1st of October, 1867, C. R. JACSON, Esq., President, in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted:—

The Council have pleasure in recording, in their present Report, that the year now closing has been, on the whole, a year of satisfactory progress for the Institution. The number of Members has undergone an increase of more than ten per cent. during the year. In the income from Subscriptions the increase is still more considerable, being fifteen per cent. The constantly growing requirements of readers in the Library, Reading Room, and News Room, have been liberally met. In the Evening Classes some extension has been made in the range of instruction afforded, the attendance of pupils has been larger than in previous years, and the results of the several examinations held during the year have been most encouraging. The Chess and Conversation Room, opened in the early part of the year, may be here also referred to, as a new feature added to the Institution, which promises to be very popular with a considerable section of the Members.

The number of Members on the Register is, this year, 507; the number last year was 456. 51 new Members have thus been added during the year; the number added last year was 40. The steady improvement indicated by these figures, seeing that it has been effected during a period of great commercial depression, appears to justify the expectation that on the return of improved trade, a still greater improvement in the position of the Institution will be experienced.

The Library now contains 8,116 vols., of which 276 vols., purchased by the Council, have been added during the year; 14 vols. have also been purchased by the Council during the year, to replace worn out copies of works previously in the Library. The regular supply of books from Mudie's is still kept up, and is found to be of great service as an auxiliary to the general Library. A classified statement, showing the present contents of the Library, and the circulation of works in each class, is given at the end of this Report.

A list of the Reviews, Magazines, Newspapers, &c., supplied to the Reading and News Rooms, is also given at the end of this Report.

It will be seen that the list embraces a liberal selection of the best Periodical and Newspaper Literature of the day.

Classes in the undermentioned subjects were in operation during the Class Session ending in May last, viz. :—

Fine Art, Freehand, Model, Machine and Mechanical Drawing, Geometry, and Perspective (School of Art).——Inorganic Chemistry, Animal Physiology, Geology, and the Principles of Mechanics (Science Classes).——Mathematics. ——English History.——The French Language.——Phonography.——And the usual Elementary Subjects.

The number of Members on the Registers of the several Classes, and the average attendance, will be gathered from a statement at the end of this Report.

Class Examinations have been held during the year as follows, viz. :—

By the Science and Art Department, confined to the School of Art and the Science Classes.

By the Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes, confined to the Elementary Classes, Male and Female.

By the Society of Arts, embracing the whole of the Classes, excepting the Elementary Classes.

By the Council of the Institution, embracing the whole of the Classes.

A summary of the results of these Examinations is given at the end of this Report, together with a list of the names of the successful Candidates, and of the Prizes and Certificates awarded.

Adverting to the School of Art, the Council may remark that the School has now been in existence seven years, and that, though during the last five years it has had to contend with exceptional difficulties, arising from the unsatisfactory state of trade, it has, subject to occasional fluctuations, continued to make progress. The School may therefore be regarded as having taken root in public estimation. That in the Head Master, Mr. GILBERT, the School possesses an able and efficient Teacher, and that the method of instruction adopted is sound, are sufficiently testified by the results of the Government Examinations from year to year. The Council point to these results in the present year as equally satisfactory with the results of previous years, and as constituting a strong claim for even a larger measure of public support than as yet been accorded to the School.

With reference to the Science Classes, although the number of Students on the Register during the Session was large, and the attendance was good, only seven Candidates presented themselves at the Examination, in May last. Of these, two passed in the First Class, one in the Second, and five in the Third Class. It is highly probable that a considerably greater number would have passed, had they only presented themselves for Examination. That they did not present themselves is greatly to be regretted, as regards both the reputation of the Classes, and the interest of the Teacher, the remuneration of the latter being dependent almost entirely upon the Government Grants attached to these Examinations.

The Council are here reminded that, owing to his engagements elsewhere, Dr. BIRKENHEAD, who has hitherto conducted the Science

Classes, has found it necessary to retire from his connection with these Classes. The Council regard his retirement with regret, holding, as they do, a high opinion of his merits as a teacher. His painstaking assiduity in the service of the Classes since their commencement, his extreme clearness as a Lecturer, his readiness and success in experiment and in illustration generally, coupled with his unfailing kindliness of manner, have imparted to his teaching an interest and value but little indicated by the results of the Examinations ; and have earned for him the esteem and respect of all who have been connected with his Classes.

The Science Classes will, in future, be under the direction of Mr. COPE, whose well known ability forms a sufficient assurance that the character of the Classes will be fully maintained.

In the list already given of Examinations held during the year, are included the Examinations of the Society of Arts, and the Local Examinations held by the Council of this Institution. These two Examinations have been adopted this year for the first time. The examinations of the Society of Arts are of a very important character, and their results are considered to be of scarcely less value than the results of the examinations held by the Science and Art Department. It is, therefore, gratifying to observe that so far as they affect this Institution, the results of the examination of the Society of Arts are very satisfactory. The local examinations were instituted by the Council with the view of affording the stimulus of recognition and reward to the efforts of class students whose cases might appear not to be sufficiently met by the provisions of the other examinations. A special feature of the local examinations was formed by the "English Compositions Prizes" offered by the President of the Institution. These prizes were open to all students in the classes connected with the Institution, and were offered as follows :

(*a*) For the best and second best Six English Essays, in a free and familiar style ; the length of no Essay to exceed two sheets of common sized note paper.

Males .. Best—books, value 25s. .. Second Best—books, value 15s.
Females .. do. do. 25s. .. do. do. 15s.

(*b*) For the best and second best Essay in each set.

Males .. .. Best, 10s. .. .. Second Best, 5s.
Females .. .. do. 10s. .. .. do. 5s.

SUBJECTS OF THE ESSAYS.

FOR MALES.

1.—"The influence of education on life, character, and manners."
2.—"On economy in the expenditure of money."
3.—"On the choice of books, and the art of reading them."
4.—"On the qualities which conduce to success in life."
5.—"On the advantage and the means of public recreation."
6.—"A description of the Avenham Parks."

FOR FEMALES.

1.—"On the advantages of education."
2.—"On Home comfort."
3.—"On Household economy."
4.—"On good manners and obliging behaviour."
5.—"On dress."
6.—"On the means of recreation consistent with the discharge of the duties of domestic life."

As incentives to the formation of habits of observation and reflection, and to the practise of giving expression to the results of these in writing, the English Composition Prizes were of great value. It is to be regretted, therefore, that for the prizes offered to males not more than three competitors appeared ; for the prizes offered to females there appeared no competitors.

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The Treasurer's accounts appended to the present report show that the balance at the credit of the General Fund has been reduced from £56 14s. 10d., the amount at the beginning of the year, to £21 10s. 10d., the amount at present. Some "extra" expenditure has, however, been incurred during the year,—for additional warming apparatus, new railing, class fixtures, &c., but for the occurrence of which the balance at credit would have suffered no diminution. It will thus be seen that the current expenditure has been met by the income. The Penny Bank Account shows a balance of £35 14s., representing deposits still remaining unclaimed.

The Institution has for many years derived a considerable portion of its income from the rent of the rooms occupied by the Trustees of Dr. Shepherd's Library. As the Library is about to be removed, the income from this source will shortly cease.

While, in conclusion, they refer with satisfaction to the steady progress of the Institution, indicated in the present report, and while they fully recognise the value of the results already accomplished by the Institution, the Council cannot but feel how inadequate are these results, when viewed with reference to the number and educational needs of the class to which the Institution more particularly addresses itself,—the artizan class. So far as the agency of this Institution is concerned, these educational needs must remain inadequately provided for, until the pecuniary resources of the Institution are considerably augmented. A large addition to the machinery of the Evening Classes is urgently called for, and this, with the limited pecuniary means and building accommodation at their command, the Council are not in a position to afford. Class instruction is now everywhere recognised as the chief agency by means of which the objects contemplated by the promoters of Mechanics' Institutions are to be accomplished. In large towns like Preston, however, the full benefits to be derived from this agency will never be obtained so long as the instruction given is confined to one central Institution. Some well devised scheme of District Evening Classes is, therefore, greatly to be desired. It is believed that no insurmountable difficulty would be found to the establishment of such classes, while their value in diffusing the benefits of education amongst the working population will be apparent to all.

Eighteen meetings of the Council have been held during the year, the attendance at which has been as follows :—

C. R. Jacson, Esq.	8	Mr. Thomas Duckett	16
Mr. William Ascroft	12	,, R. H. Elliott	3
,, Walter Simpson	5	,, James Kenyon	13
,, J. S. Oliver	9	,, W. F. Moore	12
,, J. J. Myres, Junr.	12	,, J. J. Myres, Sen.	10
,, James Dunn	13	,, William Newsham	13
,, Edward Ambler	8	,, John Parry	12
,, William Alston	16	,, Robert Poole	4
,, Arthur Birchall	13	Rev. E. D. Rendell	10
,, Thomas Brewer	5	Mr. Stephen Simpson	2
,, John Burton	9	,, W. W. Taylor	2
,, James Dobson	4	Major Wilson	2

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the circulation of works in each class during the year :—

	No. Issued.	No. in Library.
Arts and Sciences	1744	1549
History	711	716
Voyages and Travels	1320	634
Biography	1192	734
Poetry and the Drama	518	336
Tales and Novels	9241	1089
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines	2864	3058
	17590	8116

Number of pupils on the Class Registers, and average attendance :—

	No. on Register.	Average Attendance.
School of Art, Day Classes	45	33
,, Evening ,,	51	29
Chemistry	31	16
Physiology	16	6
Geology	19	7
Mechanics	17	11
Mathematics	1	1
English History	—	—
French—Elementary	19	5
,, Advanced	8	12
,, Ladies	7	5
Phonography	8	4
Elementary—Males	70	32
,, Females	20	14
	312	175

Summary of the Results of the Examinations :—

	No. of Candidates who sat.	Passed.	Prizes.	Satisfactory Progress.	Certificates.
Science and Art Department Examinations,					
School of Art, 2nd Grade	59	28	7	—	21
,, Drawings sent up for examination*	40	20	6	14	—
,, Science Classes	7	6	6	—	—
Society of Arts Examination	17	13	—	—	13
Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes	24	16	1	—	16
Institution Local Examination	53	24	12	—	12

* 470 Drawings were sent up, three of which were selected for the National Competition. To one of the three, Flowers Painted from Nature, by G. A. WADE, a Prize was awarded.

At the Examinations referred to in the foregoing Report, Prizes and Certificates, &c., were awarded to the successful Candidates as follows:—

NAME.	CLASS.	SUBJECT.	EXAMINATION.	AWARD.
*Harry Banister	School of Art	Model Drawing	Science and Art Department 2nd Grade	Box of Drawing Instruments
Thos. Blanchard	,,	Freehand	,,	Box of Colours
Thos. Henry Kellett	,,	Geometry	,,	Book Prize
Wm. Hy. Lawen	,,	Freehand	,,	Set of Crayons
John Townson	,,	,,	,,	Book Prize
Richard Spencer	S. James's School	,,	,,	Box of Colours
Emma Teale	School of Art	,,	,,	Sepia Drawings
Henry Giffard Bell	,,	Model	,,	Pass Certificate
Elizabeth A. Carter	,,	Freehand	,,	,,
Henry Cooke	,,	,,	,,	,,
Agnes Mary Croft	,,	,,	,,	,,
James B. Dixon	,,	,,	,,	,,
William Gardner	,,	,,	,,	,,
Thos. Chas. Holland	,,	,,	,,	,,
James Lancaster	,,	Geometry	,,	,,
Thomas Marsden	,,	Freehand	,,	,,
Chas. W. Martin	,,	Geometry	,,	,,
Jno. W. Matheson	,,	Freehand	,,	,,
Fred. Parkinson	,,	Model	,,	,,
Elizabeth Ann Richards	,,	Freehand	,,	,,
James Rigby	,,	Geometry	,,	,,
John Thomas	,,	Mechanical	,,	,,
Ellen Thorp	,,	Freehand	,,	,,
Rutherford Tindle	,,	,,	,,	,,
Thos. Hy. Wheeler	,,	Model	,,	,,
Fred. Richard Clift	,,	,,	,,	,,
Joseph White	St. James's School	,,	,,	,,
†Annie Knowles	School of Art	Flower Painting	Inspection of Drawings at South Kensington	
†Geo. A. Wade	,,	,,	,,	Book Prize
†Jas. Tyson	,,	Figure Drawing	,,	
George Hindle	,,	Machine ,,	,,	Book Prize
Jas. Tyson, Jun.	,,	Figure ,,	,,	,,
Jane Briggs	,,	Freehand	,,	,,
C. R. S. Mitchell	,,	,,	,,	Photos. of Drawings by Raphael
Harry Banister	,,	,,	,,	Honourable Mention
Wm. Gardner	,,	,,	,,	Book Prize
Edward Kangley	,,	,,	,,	Satisfactory Progress
John Thomas	,,	,,	,,	,,
Henry Cooke	,,	,,	,,	,,
Jas. Burrow	,,	,,	,,	,,
F. A. Moore	,,	,,	,,	,,
Joseph White	,,	,,	,,	,,
Richard Spencer	,,	,,	,,	,,
John M. Mattheson	,,	,,	,,	,,
Edward Bickerstaffe	,,	,,	,,	,,
Wm. Hy. Lowen	,,	,,	,,	,,
Ellen Worrall	,,	,,	,,	,,
Thos. Walley	Science Class	Inorganic Chemistry	Science and Art Department	1st Class, Book Prize
,,	,,	Animal Physiology	,,	,,
,,	,,	Geology	,,	3rd Class
,,	,,	Principales of Mechanics	,,	,,
Jabez Parker	,,	Inorganic Chemistry	,,	1st Class, Box of Drawing Instruments
,,	,,	Principles of Mechanics	,,	3rd Class
Richard C. Rigby	,,	Inorganic Chemistry	,,	3rd Class Book Prize
,,	,,	Principles of Mechanics	,,	3rd ,,

* The work of this candidate was pronounced "excellent."
† The Drawings of these three Candidates were selected for the National Competition.

NAME.	CLASS.	SUBJECT.	EXAMINATION.	AWARD.
Daniel Mayor	Science Class	Animal Physiology	Science and Art Department.	2nd Class Book Prize
David Grant	,,	Geology	,,	3rd ,,
,,	,,	Principles of Mechanics	,,	3rd ,,
John Hague	,,	Inorganic Chemistry	,,	3rd ,,
Henry Barnes	School of Art	Freehand Drawing	Society of Arts	2nd Class Certificate
George Hindle	,,	Geometrical ,,	,,	3rd ,,
Edward Kangley	,,	Freehand ,,	,,	2nd ,,
John Thomas	,,	,,	,,	2nd ,,
Jas. Tyson, Jun.	,,	,,	,,	2nd ,,
Geo. A. Wade	,,	,,	,,	1st ,,
,,	,,	Geometrical ,,	,,	2nd ,,
Wm. Crompton	,,	Freehand ,,	,,	2nd ,,
David Grant	,,	,,	,,	1st ,,
Richard Foster	,,	Arithmetic	,,	3rd ,,
W. H. Pride	,,	Geography	,,	2nd ,,
John Sloane	,,	Arithmetic	,,	3rd ,,
Daniel Mayor	,,	Chemistry	,,	3rd ,,
,,	,,	Animal Physiology	,,	2nd ,,
Elizabeth Cooper	,,	Domestic Economy	,,	2nd ,,
S. J. Turner	Elementary Class	Dictation, Sewing and Arithmetic	Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes	Lower Grade Certificate
J. M. Penny	,,	,,	,,	,,
Elizabeth Cooper	,,	,,	,,	,,
John Sloane	,,	Arithmetic, Geography, and Grammar	,,	Higher Grade Certificate
Richard Foster	,,	,,	,,	,,
James W. Lucas	,,	,,	,,	,,
W. H. Pride	,,	,,	,,	Prize of £2 and Higher Grade Certificate
Edward Cooper	,,	,,	,,	Higher Grade Certificate
T. Rawsthorne	,,	Arithmetic and Grammar	,,	,,
Edwin C. Cooper	,,	,,	,,	,,
Robert R. Ambler	,,	,,	,,	,,
J. Fielding	,,	,,	,,	Lower Grade Certificate
Thomas Dickinson	,,	,,	,,	,,
John Sumner	,,	,,	,,	,,
James Lindsay	,,	,,	,,	,,
William Marshall	,,	,,	,,	,,
W. C. Rigby	Science Class	Theo. Mechanics	Local Examination	1st Prize, Books
Jabez Parker	,,	Animal Physiology	,,	,,
B. Brown	Phonography Class	Phonography	,,	,,
S. J. Turner	Elementary Class	Reading, Writing Dictation, and Arithmetic	,,	,,
Elizabeth Cooper	,,	,,	,,	2nd Prize Certificate*
S. J. Turner	,,	Grammar and Composition	,,	1st Prize, Books
E. Cooper	,,	,,	,,	2nd Prize Certificate*
W. H. Pride	,,	Reading, Writing Arithmetic, and Dictation	,,	1st Prize Books
John Sloane	,,	,,	,,	2nd Prize Certificate*
W. H. Pride	,,	English History and Geography	,,	1st Prize, Books
John Sloane	,,	,,	,,	2nd Prize Certificate*
,,	,,	Grammar and Composition	,,	1st ,,

* 2nd Prize, Certificate of Membership of the Institution.

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NAME.	CLASS.	SUBJECT.	EXAMINATION.	AWARD.
Jas. Tyson, Sen.	School of Art	Figure Drawing	Local Examination	1st Prize, Books, 10s.
Jas. Tyson, Jun.	,,	,, ,,	,,	2nd Prize, Certificate*
John Thomas	,,	Fine Art ,,	,,	1st Prize, Books, 10s.
Do.	,,	,, ,,	,,	2nd Prize, Certificate*
Geo. Hindle	,,	Machine ,,	,,	1st Prize, Books, 10s.
F. A. Moore	,,	,, ,,	,,	2nd Prize, Certificate*
Wm. Gardner	,,	Freehand ,,	,,	1st Prize, Books, 5s.
Joseph White	,,	,, ,,	,,	2nd Prize, Certifibate*
Thos. Sharples	,,	Model ,,	,,	1st Prize, Books, 5s.
J. Bee	,,	,, ,,	,,	2nd Prize, Certificate*
Thos. H. Kellett	,,	Geometrical ,,	,,	1st Prize, Books, 5s.
Hugh Macfarlane	,,	,, ,,	,,	2nd Prize, Certificate*

* 2nd Prize, Certificate of Membership of the Institution.

The English Composition Prizes, offered by the President, C. R. JACSON, Esq., were awarded as follow:

1st Prize, Books value 25s., to David Mayor, for Best Six Essays.
2ad ,, ,, 10s., to Richard Foster, for Best Single Essay
3rd ,, ,, 5s., to W. H. Pride, for 2nd Best Single Essay.

After Reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by the Rev. E. D. RENDELL :

That the Report and Treasurer's Account now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by Mr. J. J. MYRES, Jun., seconded by Mr. J. PARRY :

That Mr. Thomas Mitchell be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

3.—Moved by Mr. MYRES, Sen., seconded by Mr. DUCKETT :

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

4.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. OLIVER :

That the Worshipful the Mayor, Edmund Birley, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by Mr. W. P. WELCH, seconded by Mr. JAMES BROWN :

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

6.—Moved by Mr. MYRES, Sen., seconded by Mr. DUCKETT :

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to C. R. Jacson, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution for the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1867-8.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen.
,, Robert Ascroft.
,, William Ascroft.
,, John Bairstow.
Lieut.-Col. Birchall.
Mr. Thomas Brewer.
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,, Thomas Duckett.
Captain German.
Mr. John Goodair.
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,, Richard Newsham.
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,, Mr. Thomas Walmsley.
Major Wilson.

PRESIDENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor, EDMUND BIRLEY, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. JOHN PARRY. Mr. WILLIAM ASCROFT.

COUNCIL:

To serve two years.

Mr. William Ascroft.
,, Thomas Brewer.
,, John Burton.
,, G. B. Dalby.
,, James Dunn.
,, Thomas Duckett.
,, R. H. Elliott.
,, C. R. Jacson.
,, James Kenyon.
,, John Parry.
,, Stephen Simpson.

To serve one year.

Mr. Edward Ambler.
,, William Alston.
,, William Dobson.
,, W. F. Moore.
,, J. J. Myres, Sen.
,, J. J. Myres, Jun.
,, William Newsham.
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,, W. W. Taylor.
Major Wilson.

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,, T. W. Ainsworth.
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,, Miles Myers.
,, Newsham.
,, Oliver.
,, Ormandy.
,, G. Paley.
,, Prescott.
,, John Parry.
Mr. Plant.
,, Rattray.
,, G. Sharples.
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,, R. P. Threlfall.
,, Toulmin.
,, T. Walmsley.
,, C. Wilson.
Major Wilson.
Mr. W. A. J. Welch.
,, W. P. Welch.

THE TREASURER,

In account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1867.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

DR.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz.:—						
40 Members at 21s.	42	0	0			
304 „ 10s.	152	0	0			
163 „ 8s.	65	3	8			
Subscriptions to Mudie's Library	11	11	0			
„ Club Room	1	14	0			
				272	8	8
To Class Fees, viz:—						
School of Art	9	10	11			
Science Classes	16	2	0			
French and Elementary Classes	26	15	10			
				52	8	9
To Rents, viz:—						
Per Dr. Shepperd's Library	40	0	0			
„ „ for Heating Rooms	2	10	0			
Presbyterian Church	45	19	0			
Other Rents and use of Theatre	18	14	0			
				107	3	0
To Interest, viz.:—						
Interest from Corporation of Preston on £900, at 4½ per cent., less Income Tax	39	16	6			
Interest on Banking Account	2	6	6			
				42	3	0
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—						
Fines	1	1	9			
Catalogues	1	18	0			
Lost Books	0	6	0			
Lectures and Entertainments	5	12	9			
Sale of Second-hand Newspapers	4	15	1			
Bazaar	2	0	0			
				15	13	7
Total Income				489	17	0
To Balance, 30th Sep., 1866, per last Report				56	14	10
				£546	11	10
To Balance Brought Forward				£21	10	10

CR.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Librarian's Salary	80	0	0			
„ „ Commision	13	0	0			
„ „ for Assistance	14	8	0			
				107	8	0
„ Coals	13	13	6			
„ Gas	29	11	4			
„ Insurance	4	13	3			
„ Printing and Stationery	30	15	2			
„ Petty Expenses	13	3	4			
				91	16	7
„ Furniture and Repairs, viz:—						
Hot Water Pipes	13	0	6			
New Desks for Class Rooms	14	7	0			
Iron Rails for Front Entrance	8	0	0			
Sundries	10	6	8			
				45	14	2
„ New Books	54	15	0			
„ Magazines	34	8	5			
„ Newspapers	31	0	1			
„ Subscription to Mudie's Library	22	2	4			
„ Binding	30	13	8			
				172	19	6
„ Class Expenses, viz.:—						
Science Classes	25	0	0			
French and Elementary	59	6	0			
				84	6	0
„ Subscription to Society of Arts, &c.				3	13	0
„ Lecture Expenses	7	1	6			
„ Club Room „	1	11	8			
				8	13	2
„ Taxes, viz: Poor's Rates				10	4	0
„ Banker's Commission	0	4	6			
„ Stamped Cheque	0	2	1			
				0	6	7
Total Expenditure				525	1	0
By Balance Carried Forward				21	10	10
				£546	11	10

Audited and found Correct, Sep. 26, 1867,
GEO. WOOD.
W. F. MOORE.
J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

PENNY BANK ACCOUNT.

For the Year ending 30th September, 1867.

DR. THE TREASURER.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance per last Report, Sep. 30th, 1866	35	16	4
	£35	16	4
To Balance Brought Forward	£35	14	0

CONTRA. CR.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Deposits Paid, viz.:—						
No. 779	0	1	6			
„ 4893	0	0	10			
				0	2	4
By Balance Carried Forward				35	14	0
				£35	16	4

Audited and Found Correct, Sep. 26, 1867,
G. WOOD.
W. F. MOORE.
J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

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BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

DURING THE YEAR 1866-7.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

1868	D	Ansteds Application of Geology to the Arts and Manufactures	1865
1347	C	Argyll's Reign of Law	1867
1352	C	Bain's The Emotions and the Will	1865
1829	D	Baker's Principles and Practice of Statics and Dynamics	1851
1876	D	Burnell's Rudiments of Hydraulic Engineering	1858
1357	C	Campbell's Frost and Fire—Notes on Geology, 2 vols	1865
1891	D	Delamotte's Examples of Modern Alphabets	1866
1324	C	Farrar's Chapters on Language	1865
1850	D	Ferguson's Electricity	1866
1878	D	Frisi's Treatise on Rivers and Torrents	1861
1877	D	Glynn's Rudimentary Treatise on the Power of Water	1866
1326	C	Goodwin's Elementary Course of Mathematics	1866
1343	C	Grove's Correlation of Physical Forces	1867
1871	D	Herschell's Familiar Lectures on Scientific Subjects	1867
1356	C	Hyde's Science of Cotton Spinning	1866
1325	C	Ingham and Davis's Discussion on High and Low Pressure Steam	1865
1822	D	Latham's Hand-Book of the English Language	1864
1365	C	Lindley's Elements of Botany	1861
1826	D	Newth's Elements of Mechanics and Hydrostatics	1864
1843	D	O'Neil's Lectures on Painting	1866
1839	D	Palgrave's Essays on Art	1866
125	E	Pitman's Reporter's Companion	1866
1883	D	Powell's Order of Nature	1859
1339	C	Scott's Gleanings from Westminster Abbey	1861
1875	D	Stewart's Elementary Treatise on Heat	1866
1879	D	Stevenson's Civil Engineering of North America	1856
1351	C	Wells's Essay on Dew	1869
1825	D	Wilson's Inorganic Chemistry	1866
1880	D	The Rudiments of Civil Engineering	1862
1828	D	Tomlinson's Treatise on Warming and Ventilation	1864
1830	D	„ Pneumatics	1866

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1819 D Alford's Letters from Abroad 1865
1327 C Baker's Albert N'Yanza, 2 vols 1866
1368 C Crawford's Life in Tuscany 1859
1332 C De Saulcy's Journey Round the Dead Sea and in the Bible Lands, 2 vols. 1854
1334 C Knight's Diary of a Pedestrian in Cashmere and Thibet 1863
1364 C Macleod's Eastward 1866
1328 C Palgrave's Journey through Central and Eastern Arabia, 2 vols. 1865
1888 D Porter's Giant Cities of Bashan 1866
1366 C Sala's Trip to Barbary 1866
1358 C Tyndall's Mountaineering in 1861 1862
1369 C Forbes's Iceland, its Volcanoes, Geysers, and Glaciers... 1860

BIOGRAPHY.

1323 C Aitkin's (Lucy) Memoirs, Miscellanies, and Writings ... 1864
1335 C Angelo (Michael), Life of, by Grimm, 2 vols..... 1865
1331 C Berry's (Miss) Journal and Correspondence, 3 vols. 1865
1886 D Cicero, Life of, Forsyth, 2 vols. 1864
1321 C Court and Society, from Elizabeth to Anne, 2 vols. 1864
1873 D Dodd (Dr.), The Story of a Famous Forgery 1865
1842 D Hogarth (William), Painter, Engraver, and Philosopher, by Sala 1866
1363 C Knight's Shadows of the Old Booksellers 1865
1345 C Locke (Joseph), Life of, by Devey 1862
199 B Ottley's Dictionary of Recent and Living Painters 1866
1340 C Reynolds's (Sir Joshua), Life and Times, by Leslie and Taylor, 2 vols. 1865
1362 C Robertson's (Rev. W. F.) Life and Letters, 2 vols. 1865
1322 C Steele (Sir Richard), Memoirs of the Life and Writings of, 2 vols. 1865
1350 C Traits of Character, 2 vols. 1860
1865 D Waterton (Charles), His Home, Habits, and Handiwork 1867
1355 C Whately's (Richard) Life and Correspondence, by his Daughter, 2 vols..... 1866
1336 C Whately's (Richard), Life of, by Fitzpatrick, 2 vols. 1864

HISTORY.

1360 C Collier's France on the Eve of the Great Revolution ... 1865
1342 C Lewins's History of Savings Banks 1866
1333 C Lubbock's Pre-Historic Times 1865
1338 C Merivale's Historic Studies 1865
1890 D Nichol's Story of Sherman's Great March..... 1865
1337 C Stanley's Lectures on the History of the Jewish Church 1865
1348 C Wraxall's Historic Bye-Ways, 2 vols. 1864

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POETRY.

1864	D	Buchanan's London Poems	1866
1840	D	Ingelow's Poems	1866
132	E	Longfellow's Flower-de-Luce	1867
1838	D	Poems by the Author of 'John Halifax, Gentleman	

TALES AND NOVELS.

1856	D	Ainsworth's Constable-de-Bourbon, 3 vols.	1867
1841	D	A Noble Life, 2 vols.	1866
1863	D	A Son of the Soil	1866
1889	D	Aunt Margaret's Troubles	1867
1813	D	Artist and Craftsman	1866
1811	D	Chronicles of Carlingford—Miss Marjoribanks	1866
1330	C	Collins's Armadale, 2 vols.	1866
1861	D	Dynever Terrace, 2 vols.	1857
1820	D	Edwards's Barbara's History	1866
1870	D	„ Miss Forrester	1866
1882	D	„ Archie Lovell	1867
1848	D	Felix Holt, 2 vols.	1866
1847	D	Gaskell's Wives and Daughters	1867
1818	D	Halliburton's The Old Judge	1866
1866	D	Hester's Sacrifice, 3 vols.	1866
1812	D	Kingsley's (Henry) The Hillyars and the Burtons	1866
1867	D	„ „ Leighton Court, 2 vols.	1866
1329	C	Lady Flavia, 3 vols.	1865
1835	D	Le Fanu's All in the Dark, 2 vols.	1866
1834	D	Melville's Cerise, 3 vols.	1866
1832	D	Oliphant's Agnes, 3 vols.	1866
1816	D	Quits	1864
1881	D	Riddell's The Rich Husband	1867
1836	D	Sans Merci, 3 vols.	1866
1837	D	Strickland's How Will it End? 3 vols.	1865
1833	D	The Amulet, a Tale of Spanish California	1865
1862	D	The Clever Woman of the Family	1867
1858	D	The Manse of Mastland	1860
1817	D	The Initials	1865
1821	D	The Trial: More Links in the Daisy Chain	1865
1827	D	Trafford's The World in the Church, 3 vols.	1863
1831	D	„ Phemie Keller, 3 vols.	1866
1824	D	Trollope's (Anthony) The Belton Estate, 3 vols.	1866
1854	D	„ (T.A.) Beppo the Conscript, 2 vols.	1864
1860	D	„ „ La Beata, 2 vols.	1861
1810	D	Wood's St. Martin's Eve	1866
1823	D	„ Elster's Folly, 3 vols.	1866
1887	D	Yates's Kissing the Rod	1867

MISCELLANEOUS.

1370	C	Arnold's History of the Cotton Famine	1864
1367	C	Belgravia	1867
1855	D	Blanc's Letters on England, 2 vols.	1866
1849	D	Carlyle's Sartor Resartus	1866
1349	C	Chambre's Recollections of West End Life, 2 vols.	1858
1344	C	Doran's Their Majesties' Servants, 2 vols	1864
1852	D	Ecce Homo	1867
1853	D	Esquiros's The Dutch at Home, 2 vols.	1861
1885	D	Free Thoughts on Many Subjects, by a Manchester Man, 2 vols.	1866
1851	D	Harland and Wilkinson's Lancashire Folk-Lore	1867
1341	C	Henderson's Folk-Lore of the Northern Counties	1866
1846	D	Holmes's Autocrat of the Breakfast Table	1865
1353	C	Hunt's (Leigh) Correspondence, Edited by his Son, 2 vols	1863
1874	D	Larwood and Hotten's History of Sign Boards	1866
1859	D	Ludlow's Popular Epics of the Middle Ages, 2 vols.	1865
1857	D	Mozart's Letters, 2 vols.	1865
1884	D	Pennell's Fishing Gossip	1864
1359	C	Raikes's Private Correspondence with the Duke of Wellington	1861
1869	D	Raikes's Journal, from 1831 to 1847, 4 vols.	1857
1361	C	Shakespeare Characters, by Mrs. Cowden Clarke	1863
1844	D	The Bank of England, and the Organisation of Credit in England	1865
1845	D	The Critical Essays of a Country Parson	1865
200	B	The Fortnightly Review	1867
1872	D	Timbs's Nooks and Corners of English Life	1867
1346	C	„ Club Life in London, 2 vols.	1866
1815	D	Traits of American Humour	1866
1814	D	Trevelyan's Competition Wallah	1860

BOOKS FROM MUDIE'S.

The Institution Library is regularly supplied with a selection of Books of recent publication from Mudie's Central Library, New Oxford Street. The circulation of these Books is confined to Subscribers of 1s. 6d. per Quarter in addition to the ordinary Subscription.

THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS

ARE REGULARLY SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOM.

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review
Dublin Review.
Edinburgh Review.
Quarterly Review.
Westminster Review.

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round.
Argosy.
Art Journal.
Band of Hope Review.
Belgravia.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bookseller.
Boy's Own Magazine.
Boy's Journal.
Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
British Workman.
Cassell's Illustrated Paper.
Chambers' Journal.
Civil Engineer.
Cornhill Magazine.
Dublin University Magazine.
Frazer's Magazine.
Gentleman's Magazine.
Good Words.
Intellectual Observer.
Ladies' Treasury.
Leisure Hour.
London Society.
Macmillan's Magazine.
Musical Times.
Once a Week.
Practical Mechanics' Journal.
Publisher's Circular.
Routledge's Magazine for Boys.
St. James's Magazine.
St. Paul's Magazine.
Sixpenny Magazine.
Science Gossip.
Temple Bar.
Tinsley's Magazine.
Young English Woman.
Young Ladies' Journal.

WEEKLY.

All the Year Round.
Athenæum.
Builder.
Building News.
Chambers' Journal.
Cottage Gardener.
Economist.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Fun.
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated Times.
Mechanics' Magazine.
Notes and Queries.
Once a Week.
Punch.
Saturday Review.
Spectator.

THE NEWS ROOM,

Free to all Members of Institution, is regularly supplied with the following Newspapers:—

The Times.
The Daily News.
The Standard.
The Telegraph.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Manchester Guardian.
Manchester Examiner and Times.
Manchester Courier.
Liverpool Mercury.
Liverpool Courier.
Saturday Review.
Spectator.
Economist.
Railway News.
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated Times.
The Field.
North British Advertiser.
Punch.
Fun.
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THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 6th of October, 1868, Mr. JOHN PARRY in the Chair, the following REPORT was read and adopted:—

SINCE the date of the last Annual Report, the position of the Institution has undergone but little change. The Register shows a small increase in the number of members; in the income from subscriptions, too, a small increase is shown. The purchases of books for the Library have been on the usual liberal scale; the Reading and News Room has continued to be amply supplied with the best periodical and newspaper literature; the range of instruction afforded in the Evening Classes has been somewhat further extended; the attendance in the Classes has been fairly kept up, while the results of the Examinations held during the year compare satisfactorily with the results of previous years. A new and important feature has been added to the Institution in the Gymnasium, which was opened in the early part of the year, and has already proved very successful.

During the year, the number of members has increased from 507 to 517. Desirable as is a much larger increase than this, it need, perhaps, hardly be looked for until the trading community be relieved from the commercial depression which has so long prevailed, and which has so unfavourably affected this Institution, in common with other public Institutions of the town.

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There are now 8381 volumes in the Library, of which 280 volumes, all purchased by the Council, have been added during the year. The Library is also still supplied with books from Mudie's, the circulation of which is confined to special subscribers, as heretofore. A revised Catalogue of the contents of the Library, embodying the whole of the additions to the present time, is in the press and will shortly be ready. The contents of the Library, and the circulation of books in each class, are summarised in a statement given at the end of the present Report; where also will be found a list of the Reviews, Magazines, Newspapers, &c., supplied to the Reading and News Room.

Statements are also appended to this Report exhibiting the subjects in which Class instruction has been given during the year, the number of pupils on the Class registers, and the average attendance.

A summary of the results of the Class Examinations held during the year, and a list of the successful candidates and of the prizes and certificates awarded, are further appended to this Report.

While the results of the Examinations are in every instance creditable to the candidates concerned, the Council refer with special commendation to the honourable position won by Mr. T. J. WALLEY, at the Science Examination in May last. It will be seen that Mr. WALLEY passed 1st Class in Inorganic Chemistry, Geology, Animal Physiology, Acoustics, Light and Heat, Theoretical Mechanics, and Magnetism and Electricity; 2nd Class in Mathematics; 3rd Class in Metallurgy and Economic Botany; and 5th Class in Systematic Botany. Mr. WALLEY has also earned for himself a creditable position in the list of Queen's Medallists for the present year: a Silver Medal having been awarded to him for Inorganic Chemistry and a Bronze Medal for Geology. The competition for Queen's Medals, it may be explained, is a national one. At the Government Science Examinations, held annually in the month of May, four medals are offered for competition in each subject,—one gold, one silver, and two bronze. The competition is open to the whole of the registered students of Science Classes in the United Kingdom, and medals are awarded to those students who attain the highest degree of excellence beyond a given standard fixed by the Department.

The practical value of the instruction afforded in the School of Art held at the Institution, has been specially illustrated during the present year by the appointment of Mr. LOUIS GALLI, a former pupil in the school, to a National Scholarship in the Art Training School at South Kensington. Mr. GALLI entered the school at South Kensington with the view of fitting himself for the calling of an art workman in silver.

While in the school, he will receive from the Science and Art Department, for his maintenance, a weekly allowance of 20s., which may be increased if the studies he submits be approved; he will also, under the guidance of able masters, be afforded the amplest facilities for the study of the best models of art workmanship, both ancient and modern.

Another instance of the practical character of the instruction given in the Preston School has been afforded this year by Mr. G. A. WADE, the present Assistant Master of the School. Mr. WADE, who has received the whole of his training in the school, has this year received from the Science and Art Department a Certificate qualifying him as a Teacher of Art under the Department.

The Prizes and Certificates awarded to the successful candidates at the Examinations in 1867, were distributed by the Mayor, E. BIRLEY, Esq., President of the Institution, at a Public Meeting held for the purpose in the Theatre of the Institution on the 10th of October last. The meeting, which passed off with great spirit, was addressed by several of the leading gentlemen of the town, also by Dr. PARKHURST, the Secretary of the Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes, and by Mr. Lawton, the Visiting Agent of the Union.

In the early part of the year, a Literary and Debating Society was formed in connection with the Institution. The Society, which numbered about forty members and met weekly, sustained its proceedings with great animation through the winter months. At each meeting some one of the members read an original essay upon some question of general interest, and this was followed by a discussion on the subject of the essay. The essays thus produced were often of considerable merit; and in several instances were of sufficient public interest to be reported at length in the local newspapers.

The Council record their grateful acknowledgments to C. R. JACSON, Esq., to whose generous kindness the Institution is indebted for a donation of £20, which, though bestowed on his retirement from the office of President of the Institution last year—an office he filled with great benefit to the Institution—was not received in time to be acknowledged in the last Annual Report.

The thanks of the Council are also due to Mr. C. H. TAYLOR, of Bombay, and to the Rev. J. DYSON. To the former for the donation of a number of coloured drawings on talc, interesting as examples of Hindoo art, and as illustrations of Hindoo life and costume, and of some of the natural productions of India; to the latter for the gift of the model of an Indian bazaar.

A long-contemplated alteration has been made in the Theatre of the Institution during the year. The tiers of seats formerly fixed under the gallery have been taken away, the floor has been relaid, and the seats have been made moveable. By this alteration, excellent provision has been made for the purposes of the Gymnasium, while the Theatre has been rendered much more available for public uses—as for the purposes of tea-parties, balls, bazaars, &c.

Another portion of the building has also been adapted for public uses during the year, viz., the large room lately tenanted by the Trustees of Dr. SHEPHERD'S Library. The Trustees having vacated the room in the early part of the year, it has since been handsomely decorated, and converted into a most attractive assembly room.

These improvements in the building have necessitated considerable extra outlay; some extra outlay has also been incurred on account of furniture and repairs. As a consequence, the Treasurer's General Account exhibits a balance at the end of the yenr of £61 12s. 11d. to the debit. At the beginning of the year, there was a balance of £21 10s. 10d. to the credit. The excess of expenditure over income is thus £83 3s. 9d. This excess is accounted for, as already intimated, by the outlay on the improvements referred to, upon which the sum of £75 14s. 4d. has been expended; and by the expenditure upon furniture and repairs, amounting to £18 4s. 7d.

The sum of £900 remains at the credit of the Institution in account with the Local Board of Health.

Some small amounts have been paid to depositors in the late Penny Bank, during the year. A separate account of the Penny Bank Fund is appended to this Report, showing a balance of £35 8s. 7d., representing unclaimed deposits.

Fourteen meetings of the Council have been held during the year, the attendance at which has been as follows :—

C. R. Jacson, Esq.	0	Mr. James Kenyon	5
Mr. William Ascroft	3	„ W. F. Moore	8
„ Walter Simpson	0	„ J. J. Myres, sen.	8
„ J. S. Oliver	5	„ William Newsham	14
„ J. J. Myres, jun	6	„ John Parry	7
„ James Dunn	14	Rev. E. D. Rendell	7
„ Edward Ambler	4	Mr. Stephen Simpson	1
„ William Alston	10	„ W. W. Taylor	0
„ Thomas Brewer	6	Major Wilson	0
„ John Burton	0	Mr. G. B. Dalby	6
„ Thomas Duckett	10	„ Wm. Dobson	4
„ R. H. Elliott	3	„ E. Birley	0

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the circulation of works in each class during the year :—

	No. Issued.	No. in Library.
Arts and Sciences	1608	1634
History	691	767
Voyages and Travels	1240	633
Biography	1172	745
Poetry and the Drama	470	346
Tales and Novels	9327	1162
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines	3004	3094
	17,512	8381

Number of Pupils on the Class Registers, and average attendance :—

	No. on Register.	Average Attendance.
School of Art, Day Classes	64	34
„ Evening	100	30
Chemistry	30	23
Physiology	12	7
Mechanics	6	4
Mathematics	6	4
French—Elementary	12	7
„ Advanced	10	7
„ Ladies	4	4
Elementary—Males	58	35
„ Females	22	15
Geometrical Drawing, Mechanical and Machine Drawing, Building Construction	22	18
Singing	63	35
	409	224

Summary of the Results of the Examinations :—

	No. of Candidates who sat.	Passed.	Prizes.	Satisfactory Progress.	Certificates.
Examinations by the Science and Art Department :—					
School of Art, 2nd Grade	94	34	7	—	27
Drawings sent up for examination*	—	—	—	11	—
Science School	21	17	16	—	—
Society of Arts Examination	20	12	—	—	12
Union of Lancashire & Cheshire Institutes	79	14	—	—	14

* To South Kensington.

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RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1868.

At the National Competition for Queen's Medals, in May last, there were awarded to Mr. T. J. WALLEY a Silver Medal for Inorganic Chemistry and a Bronze Medal for Geology.

At the Class Examinations held during the year 1868, Prizes and Certificates were awarded to successful Students, as follows :—

NAME.	CLASS.	SUBJECT.	EXAMINATION.	PASSED	AWARD.
T. J. Walley	School of Science	Inorganic Chemistry	Science and Art Department	1st class	Book Prize
,,	,,	Animal Physiology	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Acoustics, Light, and Heat	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Magnetism and Electricity	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Theoretical Mechanics	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Geology	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Metallurgy	,,	3rd class	,,
,,	,,	Mathematics	,,	2nd class	,,
,,	,,	Economic Botany	,,	3rd class	,,
,,	,,	Systematic Botany	,,	5th class	,,
Wm. Crompton ..	,,	Inorganic Chemistry	,,	2nd class	,,
John Hague	,,	,,	,,	2nd class	,,
Jonathan Hague..	,,	,,	,,	3rd class	,,
,,	,,	Animal Physiology	,,	2nd class	,,
J. R. Rendell....	,,	Inorganic Chemistry	,,	2nd class	Microscope
,,	,,	Mathematics	,,	1st class	,,
E. B. Stephens ..	,,	,,	,,	4th class	
Fred. Dean.....	,,	Inorganic Chemistry	,,	3rd class	Book Prize
R. C. Rigby	,,	Animal Physiology	,,	2nd class	,,
G. A. Wade	,,	Geometry	,,	1st class	Microscope
,,	,,	Mechanical Drawing	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Building Construction	,,	,,	,,
Wm. Tullis.....	,,	Geometry	,,	3rd class	Book Prize
,,	,,	Mechanical Drawing	,,	4th class	,,
,,	,,	Building Construction	,,	3rd class	,,
F. A. Moore	,,	Geometry	,,	3rd class	,,
,,	,,	Mechanical Drawing	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Building Construction	,,	,,	,,
Thos. Hartley....	,,	Geometry	,,	4th class	,,
,,	,,	Mechanical Drawing	,,	,,	,,
,,	,,	Building Construction	,,	3rd class	,,
Wm. Gardner....	,,	Geometry	,,	4th class	,,
,,	,,	Mechanical Drawing	,,	3rd class	,,
,,	,,	Building Construction	,,	1st class	,,
Thos. Croft.....	,,	Mechanical Drawing	,,	3rd class	,,
,,	,,	Building Construction	,,	2nd class	
David Grant	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,

NAME.	CLASS.	SUBJECT.	EXAMINATION.	PASSED	AWARD.
J. W. Barrow ..	School of Science	Mechanical Drawing	Science and Art Department	3rd class	Book Prize
R. Pendlebury ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Anne Allison	School of Art	Freehand	Science and Art Dep. 2nd grade	Pass	Certificate
Sarah Anderson..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Helena J. Bell ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Michael Brennan*	,,	,,	,,	,,	Box of Colours
Robert Brown ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	Certificate
Henry Cooke	,,	Model	,,	,,	,,
Jno. F. Corner ..	,,	Perspective	,,	,,	Box of Crayons
Isabel Croft.....	,,	Model	,,	,,	Certificate
Henry Dodd	,,	Freehand and Model	,,	,,	,,
Wm. Gardner....	,,	Model and Mechanical	,,	,,	,,
Harry Garth	,,	Freehand	,,	,,	,,
David Grant	,,	Freehand and Model	,,	,,	Box of Colours
Thos. Hartley....	,,	Geometry	,,	,,	Certificate
Thos. C. Holland	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Albert J. Jones ..	,,	Freehand	,,	,,	,,
Annie G. Jones ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	Box of Colours
Thos. H. Kellett	,,	Mechanical	,,	,,	Certificate
Robt. Lund.....	,,	Freehand and Geometry	,,	,,	Book Prize
Thos. Marsden ..	,,	Geometry and Model	,,	,,	Certificate
Jno. M. Matheson	,,	Model	,,	,,	,,
Francis A. Moore	,,	Freehand and Mechanical	,,	,,	Box of Crayons
A. J. Newbound	,,	Freehand	,,	,,	Certificate
Walter Pomfret..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Elizth. A. Richards	,,	Model	,,	,,	,,
Chas. H. Threlfall	,,	Freehand	,,	,,	,,
Jane Tomlison ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
John W. Wade ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Richd. P. Walton	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Geo. Allan	National School, Walton-le-Dale	,,	,,	,,	Box of Instruments
John Nichol	,,	,,	,,	,,	Certificate
Geo. Nelson	St. Mark's School, Preston	,,	,,	,,	,,
John Singleton ..	St. Thomas's ,,	Model	,,	,,	,,
Richd. Spencer ..	St. James's ,,	Perspective	,,	,,	,,
Eliz. Hodgkinson	St. Paul's ,,	Freehand	,,	,,	,,
Michael Brennan	School of Art	.. .. ..	Inspection of Drawings at South Kensington	,,	Satisfactory Progress
Thos. Croft.....	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
Agnes M. Croft ..	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
Wm. Gardner....	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
Thos. Hartley....	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
Wm. Helm	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
Wm. H. Lowen ..	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
W. K. Lancaster	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
Thos. Marsden ..	,,	.. .. ..	,,	,,	,,
Edw. B. Stephens	School of Science	Latin and Roman History	Society of Arts	2nd class	Certificate
J. R. Rendell....	,,	Algebra and Chemistry	,,	3rd class	,,
Jonathan Hague..	,,	Animal Physiology	,,	,,	,,
Jno. W. Wade ..	School of Art	Freehand drawing	,,	1st class	,,
Richd. Spencer ..	,,	,,	,,	3rd class	,,
Henry Cooke	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Wm. Gardner....	,,	Freehand and Geometry	,,	,,	,,

* The work of this candidate was pronounced "excellent."

NAME.	CLASS.	SUBJECT.	EXAMINATION.	PASSED	AWARD.
G. A. Wade	School of Art	Geometry	Society of Arts	3rd class	Certificate
Sarah A. Turner..	Elementary Class	Domestic Economy	,,	,,	,,
John J. Heywood	,,	Arithmetic	,,	1st class	,,
Richd. Foster	,,	,,	,,	2nd class	,,
Benj. Richardson	,,	Arithmetic and Geography	,,	3rd class	,,
Jno. Sloane	,,	Arithmetic, Geography, and Grammar	Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes	Higher Grade	Certificate
Richd. Foster....	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
B. Richardson ..	,,	Arithmetic, Geography, & Gospel History	,,	,,	,,
Kate Allanson ..	,,	Sewing, Dictation, Arithmetic	,,	Lower Grade	,,
Frances Plumb ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Margaret Jump ..	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Thomas Bee	,,	Arithmetic, Geography and Gospel History	,,	,,	,,
J. Fielding	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Thomas Burt	,,	Arithmetic and Geography	,,	,,	,,
John Kay	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Charles Bond	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Henry Bond	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
J. Marsden	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
Wm. Breakell....	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,

After reading the Report, the following Resolutions were adopted:—

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. J. J. MYRES, Sen.:

That the Report and Treasurer's Account now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. MOORE:

That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. S. SIMPSON, seconded by Mr. ALSTON:

That Mr. George Wood be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

4.—Moved by the Rev. E. D. RENDELL, seconded by the CHAIRMAN:

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by Mr. OLIVER, seconded by Mr. DUCKETT:

That the Worshipful the Mayor, Miles Myres, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

The following gentlemen having been nominated according to Rule 6 to serve on the Council, the Chairman declared the same duly elected for the ensuing two years:—

W. P. Welch, J. J. Myres, jun., Walter Simpson, W. F. Moore, William Dobson, William Alston, J. J. Myres, sen., Rev. E. D. Rendell, William Newsham, Edward Ambler, and W. W. Taylor.

6.—Moved by Mr. W. P. WELCH, seconded by Mr. JOHN ALLEN:

That the thanks of the Meeting, be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Moved by Mr. J. J. MYRES, seconded by Mr. DOBSON.

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. John Parry for his services as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1868-9.

Trustees:

Mr. Richard Allen
„ Robert Ascroft
„ William Ascroft
„ John Bairstow
Lieut.-Col. Birchall
Mr. Thomas Brewer
„ William Dobson
„ Thomas Duckett
Captain German
Mr. John Goodair
Mr. John Horrocks
„ Joseph Isherwood
„ C. R. Jacson
„ J. J. Myres
„ Richard Newsham
Rev. E. D. Rendell
Dr. Spencer
Mr. John Stevenson
„ Thomas Walmsley
Major Wilson

President:

The Worshipful the Mayor, MILES MYRES, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. W. F. MOORE. Mr. JOHN PARRY.

Council:

To serve Two Years:

Mr. Edward Ambler
„ William Alston
„ William Dobson
„ W. F. Moore
„ J. J. Myres, sen.
„ J. J. Myres, jun.
„ William Newsham
Rev. E. D. Rendell
Mr. Walter Simpson
„ W. W. Taylor
„ W. P. Welch

To serve One Year:

Mr. William Ascroft
„ Thomas Brewer
„ John Burton
„ G. B. Dalby
„ James Dunn
„ Thomas Duckett
„ R. H. Elliott
„ C. R. Jacson
„ James Kenyon
„ John Parry
„ Stephen Simpson

Treasurer:

Mr. J. S. OLIVER.

Honorary Secretaries:

Mr. J. J. MYRES, jun. Mr. JAMES DUNN.

Subscribers of One Guinea Annually:

Rev. Canon Parr
Mr. W. Ascroft
„ J. S. Anderson
„ W. Alston
„ E. Ambler
„ Bairstow
„ E. H. Booth
„ Bond
„ Wm. Calrow
„ G. B. Dalby
„ William Dixon
Messrs. W. & J. Dobson
Mr. T. Edelston
Mr. E. Hermon
„ Horrocks
„ C. R. Jacson
„ G. Lawson
„ T. Mitchell
„ W. F. Moore
„ J. J. Myres
„ Miles Myres
„ Newsham
„ Oliver
„ Ormandy
„ Prescott
„ John Parry
Mr. Plant
„ G. Sharples
„ W. Simpson
„ C. Simpson
Dr. Spencer
Mr. Teale
„ R. P. Threlfall
„ Toulmin
„ T. Walmsley
„ C. Wilson
Major Wilson
Mr. W. P. Welch

MR. J. S. OLIVER, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1868.

General Fund Account.

Dr. the Treasurer.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz. :—		
39 Members at 21s.	40 19 0	
333 ,, 10s.	166 12 6	
145 ,, 8s.	57 19 2	
Subscriptions to Mudie's Library	13 7 6	
,, Club Room	0 12 0	
120 Members of Gymnasium, at 5s.	30 0 0	
		309 10 2
To Donations, viz. :—		
C. R. Jacson, Esq.	20 0 0	
Donation for a Prize for Drawing, from Major Wilson	0 10 0	
		20 10 0
To Class Fees, viz. :—		
School of Art	8 7 6	
Science Classes	16 3 6	
French and Elementary Classes	30 15 10	
		55 6 10
To Rents, viz. :—		
Dr. Shepherd's Library (half-yr.)	20 0 0	
Presbyterian Church	41 16 0	
Other Rents and use of Theatre	20 11 6	
		82 7 6
To Interest, viz. :—		
Interest from Corporation of Preston on £900, at 4½ per cent. less Income Tax	39 10 3	
On Banking Account	1 7 4	
		40 17 7
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz. :—		
Fines	1 6 9	
Catalogues	0 2 6	
Lectures and Entertainments	14 12 10	
Sale of Second-hand Newspapers	3 11 0	
		19 13 1
Total Income		528 5 2
To Balance, 30th Sep., 1867, per last Report		21 10 10
To Balance carried forward (due to Treasurer)		61 12 11
		£611 8 11

Contra Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
,, ,, Commission	13 19 0	
,, ,, for Assistance	14 8 0	
		108 7 0
,, Coals	14 5 6	
,, Gas	30 16 0	
,, Insurance	4 13 3	
,, Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	9 3 3	
,, Petty Expenses	12 11 11	
		71 9 11
,, Rates and Taxes		12 5 0
,, Painting, Papering, &c., Dr. Shepherd's Library Room	26 16 3	
,, Alterations in Theatre	48 18 1	
,, Sundry Repairs and Furniture	18 4 7	
		93 18 11
,, Expenses of Gymnasium, viz. :—		
Fittings and Apparatus	34 2 7	
other Expenses	6 5 6	
		40 8 1
,, New Books	46 10 3	
,, Magazines	32 6 7	
,, Newspapers	33 8 8	
,, Subscription to Mudie's Library and Carriage of Books	22 11 6	
,, Binding	19 16 6	
		154 13 5
,, Class Expenses (including Prizes):		
Science Classes	40 0 11	
French and Elementary Classes	68 9 10	
		108 10 9
,, Lecture and Entertainment Expenses		17 16 6
,, Subscription to Society of Arts, &c.		3 13 0
,, Banker's Commission		0 6 4
Total Expenditure		£611 8 11
By Balance brought forward		£61 12 11

Audited and found Correct, Oct. 5, 1868.
GEO. WOOD, Auditor.

Penny Bank Account.

For the Year ending September 30th, 1868.

Dr. the Treasurer.

	£ s. d.
To Balance per last Report, 30th Sep., 1867	35 14 0
	£35 14 0
To Balance brought forward	£35 8 7

Contra Cr.

	£ s. d.
By Deposit paid, viz. : No. 2894	0 5 5
By Balance carried forward	35 8 7
	£35 14 0

Audited and found Correct, Oct. 5, 1868.
GEO. WOOD, Auditor.

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THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS

ARE REGULARLY SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOM.

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review
Dublin Review.
Edinburgh Review.
Quarterly Review.
Westminster Review.

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round.
Argosy.
Art Journal.
Band of Hope Review.
Belgravia.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bookseller.
Boy's Own Magazine.
Boy's Journal.
Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
British Workman.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Canadian News (presented).
Cornhill Magazine.
Dublin University Magazine
Frazer's Magazine.
Gentleman's Magazine.
Good Words.
Herald of Peace (presented).
Ladies' Treasury.
Leisure Hour.
London Society.
Macmillan's Magazine.
Musical Times.
Once a Week.
Practical Mechanics' Journal.
Publisher's Circular.
Routledge's Magazine for Boys.
St. James's Magazine.
St. Paul's Magazine.
Science Gossip.
The Student.
Staunch Teetotaler (presented).
Temple Bar.
Tinsley's Magazine.
Young English Woman,
Young Ladies' Journal.

WEEKLY.

All the Year Round.
Athenæum.
Builder.
Building News.
Chambers' Journal.
Cottage Gardener.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Fun.
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated Times.
Judy.
Mechanics' Magazine.
Notes and Queries.
Once a Week.
Punch.

THE NEWS ROOM,

Free to all Members of the Institution, is regularly supplied with the following Newspapers :—

The Times.
The Daily News.
The Standard.
The Telegraph.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Manchester Guardian.
Manchester Examiner and Times.
Manchester Courier.
Liverpool Mercury.
Liverpool Courier.
Saturday Review.
Spectator.
Economist.
Railway News.
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated Times.
The Field.
North British Advertiser (presented).
Punch.
Fun.
The Preston Newspapers.

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THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 5th of October, 1869, Mr. Parry in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted.

THE statement which it is the duty of the Council to submit at this Meeting to the Members will contain, as usual, a review of the progress of the Institution since the time they last met the Subscribers in this place. Therein will be shown a state of things which, on the whole, may be fairly deemed satisfactory. For in no essential operation of the Institution can there be observed any falling off in the amount of that work which it was designed to perform; whilst, if the prolonged stagnation of trade be taken into account, its present position may be fairly considered as most encouraging. Nevertheless there is one feature of the Institution that has given to the Council some concern, namely, its financial aspect. It will be perceived from the Treasurer's Report that there has arisen in the year a deficit in the revenue as compared with the expenditure. Its amount, however, is not very great, and steps have already been taken for bringing, if possible, the outgo within the compass of the income. Members may therefore confidently rely upon the in-coming Council bestowing upon this subject their best consideration.

The Balance to the debit this year amounts to the sum of £126 2s. 4d. Last year the balance to the debit amounted to the sum of £61 12s. 11d., hence a loss on the year of £64 9s. 5d. A great portion however of this deficiency may be accounted for by causes of an accidental nature. For instance, the sum of £7 16s. 6d. set down to

the debit of the Annual Soiree has no set off on the credit side of the account. This occurred in consequence of the very sudden death of your late valuable Secretary, compelling the Council to abandon the holding of the Soiree, after having in preparation gone to the expense in question. There also occurs an unavoidable loss of £16 15s. 10d. on the Gymnasium, owing to a great falling off in the number of its members, as well as one of £36 16s. due to the preparing and printing of a new catalogue.

Also members must bear in mind that this is the first year in which an item of Revenue, once constituting no inconsiderable portion of the income of this Institution, now entirely disappears from the accounts, namely, the rent paid by the Trustees of Dr. Shepherd's Library for the use of room. It must likewise be remembered that the Council are now taxed by the local authorities, and have had to pay during the present year the sum of £12 12s. 0d. in aid of the rates of the town. This burden has only been imposed of late, but in the opinion of the Council it is one which no Educational Institution ought to be called upon to bear.

The increase in the number of members this year over that of last, amounts to 15; the numbers being respectively 532 and 517. In the total of subscriptions to the Institution there exists an increase of £5 16s. 5d. On the other hand the Revenue of the Gymnasium has declined from the sum of £30 last year, to the sum of £8 17s. 6d. this year, and the number of its members from 120 to 30.

In consequence of this diminution, the Council thought it desirable to terminate the connection subsisting between them and the Gymnasium. Independent of this reason, the course thus taken would have been necessary on other grounds; for the Council having resolved to revive what was once a favourite feature of the Institution, it became in a measure indispensable to the carrying of that resolution into effect that the Theatre should again be disengaged. These, then, form the chief reasons which have influenced the action of the Council in the matter of the Gymnasium, and which they trust will prove satisfactory to the members.

That branch of the Institution, concerning which the Council have just expressed their intention of resuscitating, will subsist in its revived form as a Lecture and Entertainment Department. It was formerly a highly valued adjunct of the Institution, and your Council think it will again, when re-organized, become as highly prized as before.

The course of procedure in this Department during the season will consist in giving an alternated series of Musical Entertainments, Exhibitions of Oxy-hydrogen Lantern, Popular Lectures, and Readings of a high order of merit. These will be held on the Tuesday night of each week, the first of which will fall on Tuesday next.

In connection with the Institution there has been held during the year just terminated a Society, which met weekly for the discussion of Literary and other subjects. It is the intention of those who have taken an interest therein to continue if possible the existence of that Society over the winter.

There are now in the Library 8,701 volumes, of which 320 have been added during the past year, all purchased by the Council, excepting some 11 volumes, the gift of various donors. The number purchased appears to be a larger one than that in any single year previous, a strong proof of the anxiety of the Council to add to the value of the Library, and to remove all grounds of just complaints as to its not keeping pace with the wants of the members. At the end of the report, the contents of the Library will be summarised in a tabular statement, exhibiting the number of volumes in each class, along with the additions made during the term over which this report extends.

Appended hereto will also be found a list of Reviews, Magazines, Newspapers, &c., that are supplied to the Reading room of the Library.

Books are supplied to the Library from Mudie as heretofore, the circulation of which is confined to special subscribers, statements are also added to the end of the Report, showing the subjects in which class instruction has been given during the past year, the number of pupils in each class, with the average attendance as well. A tabular statement is also given of the results of the Class Examination held in the spring of the year. The Council deem that those results will compare favourably with those arrived at in other years.

In referring to this Examination, the Council are of opinion that they ought to make special mention of the high position Mr. Walley attained therein. In consequence he has been awarded a Royal Exhibition of the value of £50 per annum, to be held by him for the term of three years, along with free admission into the School of Mines, London. Mr. Walley, in the above examination, passed in no less than 16 different subjects, in some of which he took a very high rank. But the Council are sorry to learn that the labour he has gone through has told

seriously upon his health, and will prevent him, for some time at least, from enjoying this reward of his industry and talents. Since the reading of the report, the Council have received intelligence of Mr. WALLEY'S death, and therefore desire to record here their sincere regret at his early demise.

In connection with the subject of awards, it may be mentioned here, that in the School of Art, three of Mr. GILBERT'S pupils have been made for the current year Free Students thereof, by grant from the Art Department. This award is due to a successful Exhibition of works executed by them, and forwarded to the National Competion at South Kensington for inspection. Their names will be found in the appendix.

During the year one Soiree has been held, at which the Annual Distribution of Prizes took place, the Chair on the occasion being occupied by MILES MYRES, Esq., the President of the Institution.

Donations this year have been very small compared with what was given in the previous year. The Council have only to record one gift in money, that of 10 shillings from J. Pyke, Esq., against the sum of £20 10s., the amount received last year from this source. They have, however, to register the receipt of a sum of £3 10s., the nett proceeds of a Concert held in the Theatre of the Institution, and given by Mr. ALLEN, and the Singing Class of which he was instructor, to whom the thanks of the Council are due, and are hereby given for the Entertainment in question. The thanks of the Council have been given to the following gentlemen for works that have been added to the Library, namely: to Sir G. RAMSEY, for the gift of 5 vols. of his published works, to Mr. LIVESEY for 5 vols., and to Mr. S. M. MAYNARD for 1 volume.

Sixteen meetings of the Council have been held during the year, the attendance at which has been as follows:—

C. R. Jacson, Esq.	1	Mr. W. P. Welch	15
Mr. William Ascroft	0	„ James Kenyon	6
„ Walter Simpson	0	„ W. F. Moore	14
„ J. S. Oliver	4	„ J. J. Myres, sen	9
„ J. J. Myres, jun	6	„ William Newsham	14
„ James Dunn	5	„ John Parry	9
„ Edward Ambler	3	Rev. E. D. Rendell	10
„ William Alston	10	Mr. Stephen Simpson	0
„ Thomas Brewer	0	„ G. B. Dalby	7
„ John Burton	1	„ William Dobson	1
„ Thomas Duckett	13	„ Robert Pateson	5
„ R. H. Elliott	3	Miles Myres, Esq	0
„ T. Fletcher	4		

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year :—

	Last year's Total	Added	This year's Total
Arts and Sciences	1634	39	1673
History	767	19	786
Voyages and Travels	633	22	655
Biography	745	13	758
Poetry and the Drama	346	8	354
Tales and Novels	1162	98	1260
Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines	3094	121	3215
	8381	320	8701

Number of Pupils on the Class Registers, and average attendance :—

	No on Register	Average Attendance
School of Art, Day Classes	67	45
„ Evening	85	59
School of Science :—		
Chemistry Inorganic	35	16
Physiology	12	7
Mechanics	8	6
Mathematics	8	5
Geometrical Drawing Mechanical „ Architectural „	34	16
Acoustics, Light and Heat	13	10
Geology	10	8
Magnetism and Electricity	11	9
Chemistry Organic	5	3
French Classes :—		
Gentlemen	11	9
Ladies	8	6
Elementary Classes :—		
Males	100	40
Females	20	14
	427	253

Summary of the Results of the Examinations :—

	No of Candidates who Sat	Passed	Prizes	Certificates	
Art Department :—					
2nd Grade	67	24	4	23	
Drawings Examined	—	22	5	3	Free Students.
Science Department :—					
May Examinations	55	31	10	27	
Society of Arts :—					
Examinations	22	12	—	12	
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	50	12	—	12	

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS IN 1869.

At the National Competition for Royal Exhibitions and Free Admission to the Royal School of Mines, London, in May last, Mr. T. J. WALLEY was one out of the three successful Candidates for these awards.

At the National Competition for Queen's Medals, there was awarded to Mr. D. GRANT a Silver Medal for Architectural Drawing.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.—GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
T. J. Walley	Acoustics, Light and Heat	1st class in Honours	as above
,,	Magnetism and Electricity	,,	,,
,,	Inorganic Chemistry	2nd class in Honours	,,
,,	Physical Geography	,,	,,
,,	Vegetable Anatomy and Physiology	2nd class in advanced stage	,,
,,	Elementary Mathematics	,,	,,
,,	Animal Physiology	,,	,,
,,	Theoretical Mechanics	,,	,,
,,	Navigation	1st class in Elementary Stage	,,
,,	Geometrical Drawing	,,	,,
,,	Metallurgy	2nd class in do.	,,
,,	Organic Chemistry	2nd class in Elementary	,,
,,	Systematic Botany	3rd class Elementary	,,
,,	Nautical Astronomy	,,	,,
,,	Zoology	,,	,,
,,	Mineralogy	,,	,,
,,	Steam	,,	,,
William Hurst.....	Acoustics, Light and Heat	1st class Elementary	Prize
,,	Machine Drawing	,,	
,,	Building Construction	,,	
,,	Geometrical Drawing	3rd class Elementary	Certificate
,,	Theoretical Mechanics	,,	
John Hague.....	Acoustics, Light, Heat	1st class Elementary	Prize
,,	Geology	,,	
,,	Inorganic Chemistry	2nd class Advanced	Certificate
David Grant	Building Construction	1st class Advanced	Silver Medal
,,	Acoustics, Light, Heat	2nd class Elementary	Certificate
G. A. Wade.....	Geometrical Drawing	1st class Advanced	,,
Joseph Cryer	Geology	1st class Elementary	Prize
,,	Physiology	2nd class ,,	Certificate
J. A. Ferguson ...	Magnetism and Electricity	1st class ,,	Prize
,,	Geology	2nd class ,,	Certificate
,,	Physiology	2nd class ,,	,,
W. Tullis.....	Geometrical Drawing	1st class Advanced	Prize
,,	Machine Drawing	2nd class ,,	Certificate
,,	Building Construction	2nd class ,,	
Henry Bond	Magnetism and Electricity	1st class Elementary	Prize
,,	Acoustics, Light and Heat	3rd class ,,	Certificate
,,	Inorganic Chemistry	3rd class ,,	
J. H. Stones	Machine Drawing	1st class ,,	Prize
George Hindle ...	Machine Drawing	1st class ,,	Prize
J. F. Corner	Geometrical Drawing	1st class ,,	Prize
F. A. Moore.....	Machine Drawing	2nd class Advanced	Certificate

NAME.	SUBJECT.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
J. S. Walton	Geometrical Drawing	2nd class Elementary	Certificate
„	Machine Drawing	„	„
„	Building Construction	„	„
Thomas Croft.....	Machine Drawing	2nd class Advanced	„
„	Building Construction	„	„
„	Geometrical Drawing	3rd class Elementary	„
W. Roskell	Geometrical Drawing	2nd class „	„
„	Building Construction	3rd class „	„
Jonathan Hague...	Animal Physiology	2nd class Advanced	„
„	Acoustics, Light and Heat	2nd class Elementary	„
„	Geology	„	„
J. H. Pateson.....	Magnetism and Electricity	3rd class „	„
Fred. Cartwright...	„	3rd class „	„
Thomas Syms.....	Elementary Mathematics	2nd class „	„
„	Animal Physiology	3rd class „	„
J. W. Wade	Geology	3rd class „	„
„	Building Construction	2nd class „	„
R. C. Rigby.....	Acoustics, Light and Heat	2nd class „	„
J. A. Rigby.....	Inorganic Chemistry	2nd class „	„
„	Theoretical Mechanics	2nd class „	„
J. J. Isherwood ...	Acoustics, Light and Heat	3rd class Elementary	„
„	Magnetism and Electricity	„	„
„	Inorganic Chemistry	„	„
A. H. Denham ...	Geology	„	„
„	Acoustics, Light and Heat	„	„
R. Higson	Acoustics, Light and Heat	„	„
R. Walton	Inorganic Chemistry	„	„
G. Stones	„	„	„
T. B. Birchall.....	„	„	„
J. Brown	„	„	„
J. Turner.....	„	„	„

THE SCHOOL OF ART.—Government Examination.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Sarah Anderson...	Model Drawing	Pass	Certificate
Wm. Bilsborough..	Freehand Drawing	„	„
Agnes E. Bond ...	„	„	„
Michael Brennan..	Model Drawing	„	„
Edw. J. Cartmell	Freehand Drawing	„	„
Henry Cook.....	Geometry	Excellent	Full certificate
„	Perspective	„	2 Book prizes
John F. Corner ...	Geometry	„	Book prize and full Certificate
Ellen Crookall.....	Freehand Drawing	Pass	Certificate
William Eckersley	„	„	„
John H. Ferguson	„	„	„
Thomas Marsden..	Perspective	„	Full certificate
Francis A. Moore..	Geometry	„	Certificate
Eliza. E. Oakey ...	Geometry	Excellent	Book prize
Laura S. Salts.....	Freehand	Pass	Certificate
Marg. M. Threlfall	Freehand	„	„
Richd. P. Walton..	Model Drawing	„	„
J. W. P. Woollman	Freehand	„	„

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NAME.	SUBJECT.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
J. W. P. Woolman	Model	Pass	Certificate
George Allen	Geometry	"	"
James Berry	Perspective	"	"
Richard Butcher...	Geometry	"	"
John W. Nichol...	Geometry	"	"
Wm. Hy. Smith...	Freehand	"	"

EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS, SOUTH KENSINGTON,

From the School of Art.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Wm. Bilsborough..	Drawings	Satisfactory Progress	
Richard Butcher...	"	"	
William Eckersley	"	"	
John H. Foster ...	"	"	
George Hindle	"	"	Free Student
Wm. R. Lancaster	"	"	
John Ledall	"	"	
James Rigby	"	"	
Richard Spencer...	"	"	
John Woolman ...	"	"	
Wm. Hy. Lowen...	"	"	
Michael Brennan..	"	"	Free Student
Geo. A. Wade.....	"	"	
George Hindle ...	"	Honourable Mention	Book Prize
Richard Spencer...	"	"	Photographs
Ann Allinson	"	"	Book Prize
Michael Brennan..	"	"	Photographs
Geo. A. Wade.....	"	"	Book Prize
Henry Barnes.....	"	"	Free Student

SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATION.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Henry Barnes.....	Freehand Drawing	3rd class	Certificate
Henry Bond	Magnetism and Electricity	3rd class	"
J. J. Bramwell ...	Arithmetic	2nd class	"
Michael Brennan...	Freehand Drawing	3rd class	"
Joseph Cryer	Animal Physiology	2nd class	"
John A. Ferguson	"	2nd class	"
Francis A. Moore	Freehand Drawing	3rd class	"
Richard Spencer...	"	3rd class	"
Thomas Syms.....	Animal Physiology	1st class	"
	Arithmetic	2nd class	"
Geo. A. Wade	Practical Geometry	3rd class	"
John Woollman...	Freehand Drawing	3rd class	"

UNION OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE INSTITUTES EXAMINATION.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
J. J. Heywood.....	Geography, Arithmetic, and Gospel History	Higher Grade	Certificate
John Marsden.....	Arithmetic, Grammar, and Geography	„	„
J. J. Bramwell ...	Arithmetic, Grammar	„	„
C. T. Phillipson...	Arithmetic, Grammar	„	„
R. Robinson	Arithmetic. Geography, and Gospel History	Lower Grade	„
J. Gardner	Arithmetic, Geography, and Gospel History	„	„
Edward Robinson	Arithmetic, Geography, and Gospel History	„	„
W. R. Brandwood	Arithmetic, Geography, and Gospel History	„	„
J. H. W. Keen ...	Arithmetic, Geography	„	„
Robert Bond	Arithmetic, Gospel History	„	„
„	Phonography	Honorary	„
Robt. R. Ambler...	English Composition		„

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Resolutions for the Forty-first Annual Meeting, October 5th, 1869.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. HOOLE:

That the Report and Treasurer's Account now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. DALBY:

That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. WELCH, seconded by Mr. KENYON:

That Miles Myres, Esq., be appointed Trustee, in place of the late John Bairstow, Esq., and that Edward Hermon, Esq., M.P., be appointed Trustee in place of the late John Horrocks, Esq.

4.—Moved by Mr. MOORE, seconded by Mr. AMBLER:

That Mr. Thomas Mitchell be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

5.—Moved by Mr. RENDELL, seconded by Mr. DENHAM:

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. DUCKETT, seconded by Mr. AMBLER:

That the Worshipful the Mayor, J. J. Myres, Esq., be elected President for the ensuing year.

7.—Moved by Mr. MAYNARD, seconded by Mr. BRANDRETH:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

8.—Moved by Mr. ALSTON, seconded by Mr. MOORE:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Miles Myres, Esq., for his services as President of the Institution during the past year.

9.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. DALBY:

That this Meeting desires to record its deep sense of the loss this Institution has suffered, in the lamented death of its late zealous and indefatigable Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. Dunn.

10.—Moved by Mr. MOORE, seconded by Dr. ALLEN:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Parry, for his services as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1869-70.

Trustees:

Mr. Richard Allen
„ Robert Ascroft
„ William Ascroft
Lieut.-Col. Birchall
Mr. Thomas Brewer
„ William Dobson
„ Thomas Duckett
Captain German
Mr. John Goodair
„ E. Hermon, M.P.
Mr. Joseph Isherwood
„ C. R. Jacson
„ J. J. Myres
„ Miles Myres
„ Richard Newsham
Rev. E. D. Rendell
Dr. Spencer
Mr. John Stevenson
„ Thomas Walmsley
Major Wilson

President:

The Worshipful the Mayor, J. J. MYRES, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. G. B. DALBY. Mr. W. F. MOORE.

Council:

To serve Two Years:
Mr. William Ascroft
„ Richard Allen
„ G. B. Dalby
„ Thomas Duckett
„ R. H. Elliott
„ Thomas Fletcher
„ C. R. Jacson
„ James Kenyon
Rev. R. J. Orr
Mr. John Parry
„ Robert Pateson

To serve One Year.
Mr. Edward Ambler
„ William Alston
„ William Dobson
„ W. F. Moore
„ J. J. Myres, sen.
„ J. J. Myres, jun.
„ Miles Myres
„ William Newsham
Rev. E. D. Rendell
Mr. Walter Simpson
„ W. P. Welch

Treasurer:

MR. J. S. OLIVER.

Secretary:

MR. WILLIAM NEWSHAM.

Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards Annually:

Rev. Canon Parr
Mrs. John Horrocks
Mr. Richard Allen
„ W. Alston
„ J. S. Anderson
„ W. Ascroft
„ E. Ambler
„ E. H. Booth
„ W. Calrow
„ W. Charnley
„ G. B. Dalby
„ F. Daggers
Messrs. W. & J. Dobson
Mr. J. C. Eccles
„ T. Edelston
Mr. Gornall
„ Hermon, M.P.
„ C. R. Jacson
„ G. Lawson
„ E. Makinson
„ T. Mitchell
„ W. F. Moore
„ Myres, sen.
„ Myres, jun.
„ M. Myres
„ Newsham
„ Oliver
„ Ormandy
„ H. Oakey
„ Prescott
Mr. John Parry
„ W. J. Plant
„ G. Sharples
„ W. Simpson
„ C. Simpson
Dr. Spencer
Mr. Teale
„ W. T. Taylor
„ R. P. Threlfall
„ Toulmin
„ Walmsley
„ C. Wilson
Major Wilson
Mr. W. P. Welch

The Treasurer in Account with the

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1869.

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Member's Subscriptions, viz.:—		
1 Member at 42s. per annum...	2 2 0	
42 „ 21s.....	44 2 0	
308 „ 10s.....154	5 2	
181 „ 8s.....	72 12 0	
Subscriptions to Mudie's Library	11 11 6	
„ Gymnasium ...	8 17 6	
		293 10 2
To Donation, per Mr. Pyke		0 10 0
To Class Fees, viz.:—		
School of Art.....	7 6 6	
Science Classes	17 2 0	
French and Elementary Classes	15 7 6	
		39 16 0
To Rents, viz.:—		
Presbyterian Church	42 11 0	
Other Rents and use of Theatre	8 12 0	
Mr. Ridings	0 1 0	
		51 4 0
To Interest, viz :—		
On £900 from Corporation of Preston, at 4½ per cent., less Income Tax.....		39 11 0
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz :—		
Fines.....	1 3 8	
Catalogues	5 14 0	
Lost Books.....	0 10 6	
Admission to Lectures.....	1 2 0	
Proceeds of Mr. Allen's Concert	3 10 0	
Tickets for Soiree—Distribution of Prizes	5 14 0	
Sale of Second-hand Newspapers	4 17 10	
Balance of Exhibition account (1865)	2 0 6	
		24 12 6
To Total Income.....		449 3 8
To Balance due to Treasurer		126 2 4
		£575 6 0

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
„ „ Commission	14 4 6	
„ „ for Assistance	14 8 0	
		108 12 6
By Coals	11 17 3	
„ Gas.....	32 13 3	
„ Insurance..... ...	4 13 3	
„ Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	10 6 1	
„ Petty Expenses	10 19 3	
		70 9 1
„ Rates and Taxes		12 12 0
„ Sundry Repairs, and Furniture		24 7 7
„ Gymnasium Expenses Appartus	5 9 8	
„ „ Working Expenses...	20 3 8	
		25 13 4
„ New Books	37 7 4	
„ Magazines	30 15 7	
„ Newspapers..... ...	31 12 1	
„ Subscriptions to Mudie's Library and Carriage of Books	22 13 0	
„ Binding	19 9 8	
		141 17 8
„ Class Expenses, viz :—		
Science Classes	27 17 11	
French and Elementary Classes.....	34 12 5	
		62 10 4
„ Lecture and Soiree Expenses		20 4 0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses, viz :—		
Subscription to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
Banker's Interest and Commission.....	2 14 7	
		4 16 7
„ Cost of New Catalogues		42 10 0
Total Expenditure.....		513 13 1
Balance per last Report, Sept. 30, 1868		61 12 11
		£575 6 0

Audited and found correct, October 4th, 1969.

THOMAS MITCHELL.
GEORGE WOOD.
WILLIAM NEWSHAM.

J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

In the Penny Bank Account there have been no transactions, the balance being as per last Report, £35 8s. 7d.

Books added to the Library during the year ending Sept., 1869.

ARTS, SCIENCE, AND PHILOSOPHY.

1461 C Anstead, T. D. Physical Geography 1868
1460 C Besant, W. H. A Treatise on Hydromechanics 1867
218 B Cassell, John. Art Treasures Exhibition 1858
1493 C Cousin, Victor. Course of the History of Modern Philosophy, 2 vols. 1852
1469 C Darwin, Charles. The Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication, 2 vols. 1868
1492 C De Morgan, A. Formal Logic ; or, The Calculus of Inference Necessary and Probable 1847
220 B Duffin, Felix. A Treatise on Perspective 1852
*67 A Fenton, Roger. Photographs of Incidents, &c., during the War in the Crimea, 4 vols 1852
1989 D Ferrier, J. F. Lectures on Greek Philosophy, and other Philosophical Remains, 2 vols. 1866
1459 C Fresenius, C. R. Quantitative Chemical Analysis 1865
1440 C Ganot. Elementary Treatise on Physics, Experimental and Applied 1868
2032 D Gooding, Ralph. A Manual of Domestic Medicine 1867
2031 D Houghton, Rev. S. A Manual of Geology 1866
150 E Do. do. A Manual of Astronomy ... ...
203 B Hudson, W. Practical Plane and Solid Geometry 1868
138 E Huxley, T. H. Lessons in Elementary Physiology 1869
2025 D Kant, Immanuel. Critique of Pure Reason 1860
221 B Layard, A. H. An Account of the Brancacci Chapel, Florence 1868
1496 C Lindley, Professor. Descriptive Botany 1860
1500 C Ramsay, G. Principles of Psychology 1857
1501 C Do. Analysis and Theory of the Emotions, with Dissertations on Sublimity and the Ludicrous 1848
1502 C Do. An Introduction to Mental Philosophy 1853
2034 D Do. Instinct and Reason 1862
219 B Ruskin, John. The Seven Lamps of Architecture 1855
216 B The Chromolithograph ... ...
1462 C Todhunter, J. A Treatise on Analytical Statics 1866
1463 C Do. A Treatise on the Differential Calculus ... 1864
1468 C Do. A Treatise on the Integral Calculus 1868
1489 C Tyndall, John. Lectures on Sound 1867
1490 C Westmacott, Richard. Hand-book of Sculpture 1864
1980 D Winslow, Forbes, M.D. Light ; its Influence on Life and Health 1867
2023 D Winter, S. H. Elementary Geometrical Drawing 1861

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1466 C Adams, A. L. Wanderings of a Naturalist in India, the Western Himalayas, and Cashmere 1867
2013 D Beauclerk, Lady Di, A Summer and Winter in Norway ... 1868
1470 C Boner, Charles. Transylvania ; its Products and People ... 1865
1480 C Dicey, Edward. A Month in Russia during the Marriage of Czarevitch 1867
2024 D Dulken, H. W. The World's Explorers 1868
1472 C Eden, The Hon. Emily. Up the Country—Upper Provinces of India, 2 vols 1866

1988 D Edwards, W. Reminiscences of a Bengal Civilian 1866
1443 C Hayes, Dr. I. I. The Open Polar Sea 1867
1987 D Jerrold, W. B. On the Boulevards ; or Memorable Men and Things drawn on the spot, 1853—1866 ; together with Trips to Normandy and Brittany, 2 vols 1867
1445 C Lorne, Marquis of. A Trip to the Tropics 1867
1454 C Michie, Alexander. The Siberian Overland Route from Pekin to Petersburgh 1864
1451 C Musgrave, Rev. George. Nooks and Corners of Old France, 2 vols 1867
1455 C Pritchard, W.P. Polynesian Reminiscences 1866
1465 C Richardson, Sir John. Artic Searching Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin, 2 vols... 1851
1992 D Shepherd, C. W. Journal of a Tour in the North West Peninsula of Iceland 1867
2002 D Taylor, Bayard. Colorado. A Summer Trip 1867
1986 D Wingfield, The Hon Lewis. Under the Palms in Algeria and Tunis, 2 vols 1868

HISTORY.

1475 C Dixon, Hepworth. Her Majesty's Tower 1869
1442 C Hozier, H. M. The Seven Weeks War, 2 vols 1867
221 B Layard, A. H. An Account of the Brancacci Chapel, Florence 1868
1448 C Lytton, Sir H. B. Historical Characters, 2 vols 1868
1481 C Sayer, Frederick. The History of Gibraltar 1865
1447 C Slade, Rear Admiral Sir A. Turkey and the Crimean War... 1867
1458 C Smith, Philip. An Ancient History from the earliest records to the Fall of the Western Empire, 3 vols 1868
1994 D Smith, Goldwin. Three English Statesmen ; A Course of Lectures on the Political History of England 1867
1446 C Stanley, Dean. Historical Memorials of Westminster Abbey 1868
1450 C Trollope, T. A. A History of the Commonwealth of Florence, 4 vols 1865
1471 C Vizetelly, Henry. The Story of the Diamond Necklace, 2 vols 1867
1444 C White, Henry. The Massacre of St. Bartholomew 1868

BIOGRAPHY.

1449 C Bourne, H. R. F. English Merchants : Memoirs in Illustration of the Progress of British Commerce 1866
2018 D Brownlow, Countess. Slight Reminiscences of a Septuagenarian 1868
1453 C Duncombe, P. S. Life and Correspondence, by his Son, T. H. Duncombe. 2 vols 1868
1452 C Francis, Sir Philip. Memoirs of, by Joseph Pakes and Hennan Merivale, 2 vols 1867
1448 C Lytton, Sir H. B. Historical Characters, 2 vols 1868
1487 C Redding, Cyrus. Past Celebreties whom I have known, 2 vols 1866
1467 C Shelley and his Writings, by C. S Middleton. 2 vols... ... 1858
1993 D Valazquez and his Works, by W. Stirling 1855

POETRY.

1985 D Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. Poetical Works, 5 vols ... 1868
2009 D Leatham, W. H. A Selection from the Lesser Poems ... 1855
11 D Tennyson, Alfred. Idylls of the King 1859
1978 D The Camp fire, by. H. A. L. "The Old Shekarry" 1868

TALES AND NOVELS.

1973 D Braddon, Miss. Lady Lisle 1867
1441 C Brooks, Shirley. Sooner or Later, 2 vols 1868
2015 D Clarke, Charles. Charlie Thornhill 1868
2000 D Cudjo's Cave... 1868
1474 C Denise 1864
1995 D Fitzgerald, Percy. The Second Mrs. Tillotson, 3 vols ... 1866
2012 D Do. do Never Forgotten 1867
2032 D Fullom, S. W. Time Will Tell, 3 vols 1868
1982 D Gray, Ressell. Never—For Ever, 3 vols 1867
2020 D Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Twice Told Tales 1866
2021 D Do. do. House with the Seven Gables, and the Scarlet Letter 1866
1482 C Hunt, Robert. Popular Romances of the West of England 2 vols 1865
355 D Kingsley, Henry. Recollections of Geoffry Hamlyn, 3 vols... 1859
2019 D Lawrence, G. A. Breakspeare ; or, the Fortunes of a Free Lance, 3 vols 1868
2026 D Lee, Holme. Basil Godfrey's Caprice, 3 vols 1868
1997 D Le Fanu, J. S. Guy Deverell 1866
2016 D Lover, Samuel. He would be a Gentleman 1867
1495 C Lytton, Sir E. B. My Novel, 4 vols 1853
2008 D Mabel's Progress, 3 vols 1867
2027 D Mac.Donald, George. The Sea Board Parish, 3 vols 1868
2014 D Melville, G. J. W. Tilbury Nogo 1868
1981 D Melville, G. J. W. The White Rose, 3 vols 1868
1983 D Muloch, Miss. The Ogilvies 1868
2007 D Oliphant, Mrs. Brownlows, 3 vols 1868
2017 D Do. The Orphans, and Caleb Field... 1865
1473 C On the Edge of the Storm... 1869
2022 D Reade, Charles. Foul Play, 3 vols 1868
2010 D Do. Griffith Gaunt 1867
1447 D Reid, Captain Mayne. The Scalp Hunters 1851
1484 C Richardson, Samuel. Clarissa, 3 vols 1868
2005 D Robinson, W. F. Anne Judge Spinster, 3 vols 1867
2006 D Ross, C. H. The Pretty Widow 1868
1975 D Russell, W. H. The Adventures of Dr. Brady, 3 vols... ... 1868
1456 C Sartoris, Adelaide. A Week in a French Country House ... 1867
2001 D The Three Scouts... 1868
1996 D Thomas, Annie. High Stakes, 3 vols 1868
1494 C Trollope, Mrs. The Widow Married, 3 vols 1840
1991 D Do. Fashionable Life, 3 vols... 1856
1423 D Trollope, Anthony, Framley Parsonage, 3 vols 1861
1491 C Do. He knew he was right, 2 vols 1869
1999 D Do. Miss Mackenzie, 2 vols 1865
2011 D Do. Tales of All Countries 1867
1974 D Trollope, T. A. Gemma, 3 vols... 1866
1976 D Wood, Mrs. Henry. A Life's Secret, 2 vols 1867
2004 D Do. Red Court Farm, 3 vols 1868
1984 D Yates, Edmund. The Forlorn Hope 1868
1990 D Do. The Rock Ahead, 3 vols 1868
1997 D Yonge, Miss. The Danvers Papers 1867

MICELLANEOUS LITERATURE.

1464 C Blake, William. A Critical Essay by A. C. Swinburne ... 1868
1485 C Buckingham, Duke of. Memoirs of the Courts and Cabinets of William IV. and Victoria, 2 vols 1861

1478	C	Chevalier, Michel. On the Probable Fall in the Value of Gold...	1859
1476	C	Dixon, Hepworth. Spiritual Wives, 2 vols	1868
1498	C	Doran, Dr. Saints and Sinners, 2 vols	1868
1457	C	Froude, J. A. Short Studies on Great Subjects, 2 vols ...	1867
1477	C	Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Passage from the American Note Book, 2 vols	1868
1479	C	Herschell. Sir J. F. W., Bart. Essays from the Edinburgh and Quarterly Review, with Addresses and other Pieces ...	1857
1483	C	Jesse, G. R. Researches into the History of the British Dog, 2 vols	1866
1979	D	Laing, John. The Theory of Business	1867
1488	C	Livesey, Joseph. The Staunch Teetotaler	1868
222	B	do. The Struggle	1841 to 1845
1499	C	do. The Moral Reformer, 3 vols... ...	1831–2–3
2030	D	Mill, J. S. The Subjection of Women	1869
1385	D	Muloch, Miss. A Woman's Thoughts about Women	1858
2033	D	Ramsay, G. The Moralist and Political, or Many Things in Few Words	1865
217	B	The Contemporary Review	
1486	C	The Broadway	
1497	C	The Official Cambist...	
1998	D	The Gentle Philosopher; or Home Thoughts for Home Thinkers	
2029	D	Xenophon. The Anabasis...	1867

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THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 4th of October, 1870, J. J. MYRES, ESQ., President, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted.

OF the events evolved in the progress made by this Institution since the date of the last Report, but few of them have been of any very noteworthy character, none scarcely of sufficient importance for the pen of the Historian to dilate upon with much interest. On the whole, however, the nature of that progress has been satisfactory to the Council, who, with all due submission, deem its present position such, that Members will have no reason for serious complaint with its management.

Among these events, the most prominent has been the building of a House for the Librarian, upon the vacant plot of land adjoining and belonging to the Institution in Regent Street. This land had long lain useless, whilst the possibility of its ever being required for the enlargement of the Institute, had also year by year grown less probable. Some arragement had also of late become desirable by which the person in charge of the Institution, should be resident near his duties, for these often required from him, in addition to his regular hours, an almost constant attention. This arose, from the fact of the Council letting off the Theatre and the large Room formerly containing Dr. Shepherd's Library, for various purposes; hence these rooms are often occupied until late in the evenings, and latterly both of them regularly

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on the Sundays as well. Influenced by these and other reasons, the Council were induced to build this Residence for the Librarian. The Building which is of a most substantial character,—the Contract amounting to the sum of £330—will shortly be completed. It may be necessary to add that a moderate rent will be charged to the Librarian, to recover some of the Interest, lost by the use thus made of a portion of your funds.

Another change may be briefly noticed; namely, the enlargement of the Reading Room, by connecting it with the adjoining Room by doorway between the two; the space thus added serving for the newspaper department, an enlargement which the Council have reason to believe has proved highly satisfactory to the frequenters of the room.

It will be in the recollection of many here, that a course of Entertainments and Lectures was inaugurated at the commencement of the year now terminating. This course did not prove as successful as the Council anticipated, excepting the musical portion, which received a very fair amount of support. But the Council wish to record their thanks to all who took a part in carrying out that project, as many of whom rendered services which were entirely gratuitous, others only received honorory fees in remuneration thereof.

THE CLASSES.

The attendance in the Evening Classes during the past Winter was not so numerous as might have been expected from the advantages offered, or as it was in the previous Winter. But this falling off, so far as the Science Classes were concerned, might in a great degree be ascribed to the loss sustained by the Council of two of their valuable teachers, namely, the late Mr. Walley, and Mr. C. Spriggs, a loss which they have been unable to replace.

The Prizes and Certificates awarded to successful Candidates at the Examinations in 1869, were distributed by J. J. Myres, Esq., the President, at a Public Meeting held for the purpose, in the Theatre of the Institution on the 10th of November last. Amongst others, the Meeting was addressed by Mr. Lawton, the Visiting Agent of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes, who brought under notice, the desirability of making the Institution a centre for holding

Saturday Morning Science Classes, for the convenience of School-Masters, Pupil Teachers, &c., of this Town and District, and the surrounding ones, in training for Science Teachers. Since then, the Council have considered the matter, but have not seen their way towards the establishing of such Classes at present. The expense would be considerable, and the Council did not feel justified in thus encroaching upon the funds of the Institution. It is, however, deserving of further consideration, whether or not a fund separate from the general one, might not be provided for Class purposes. One of moderate proportion would aid materially in working the classes, as the present means are too limited to carry them on in an efficient manner.

Early in the present year, an Exhibition of the value of £25 was placed at the disposal of the Council, to be given to some Student connected with the Institute. The sole condition annexed to its acceptance, was that the recipient should endeavour to qualify himself to take a Whitworth Scholarship in the following May. These Scholarships are of the annual value of £100, are tenable for three years, and acquired by passing in certain subjects at the Science Examination, and after that at a further Examination, testing the capability of the Candidate in the use of Joiner's or Mechanic's tools. This preparatory Exhibition was awarded to David Grant, Architect, who had distinguished himself at the Examination of the previous year, obtaining therein a Silver Medal. Mr. Grant, however, was not sufficiently successful in the May Examination to obtain the £100 Scholarship, a result, in a measure due to the short time given for preparation. He however distinguished himself again in the subject of Building Construction, as he was one of the six, the only six, who, in the United Kingdom, passed first class in the advanced stage of that subject. At the Science Examination also, A. Bamber, J. A. Ferguson, J. J. Heywood, and J. J. Isherwood, all did well, receiving each a prize, on account of their success.

The attendance at the School of Art during the past year, has been good, as well as at the Examination in March last. The following Students passed as excellent, receiving prizes, namely, R. Aspinwall, W. Gardner, J. J. Heywood, Laura S. Salts, T. Smalley, J. H. Stones, and J. H. Ferguson. At the Inspection of Drawings, South

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Kensington, M. Brennand was made by grant from the Department, Free Student of the Art School, for the ensuing year; J. Tyson, Sr. and Ellen Crookall, received prizes, and J. Tyson, Sr., Honourable Mention. Works of J. Tyson, Sr., and H. Barnes were selected for the National Competition. At that Competition, J. Tyson, Sr. again took a prize.

Full tabular statements will be appended to this Report, showing the Subjects in which Class Instruction have been given during the past year, with the detailed results of the different Examinations, and other matters.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library now numbers 8,989 Volumes, of which, 269 have been purchased by the Council in the year now terminating; 7 have been the gift of the Science and Art Department, 9 the gift of Mr. Charnock, and 1 the gift of Mr. W. P. Welch. Those purchased have been selected with the greatest care, from the works of our most esteemed authors.

In the incoming year, Members may confidently rely upon the Council continuing their efforts, to make this branch of the Institution as attractive and efficient as possible, by a constant and copious supply of popular and standard works.

Appended hereto will be found classified statements of the contents of the Library, with this year's additions; also a list of the numerous Reviews, Magazines, Newspapers, &c., that are supplied to the Reading Room of the Library.

THE FINANCES.

The Council has heard with great pleasure the Financial Statement of their Treasurer, a pleasure in which no doubt the Members generally will share. That statement shows the Balance due to the Treasurer to have been reduced during the year by the sum of £27 12s. 5d. In the previous year, that is in 1869, the balance due to the Treasurer was increased by the sum £64 9s. 5d., whilst in 1868, the loss on the year amounted to the sum of £83 3s. 9d., so that the year just elapsing when compared with 1869, shows really an improvement to the extent

of £92 1s. 8d.; compared with 1868, a difference in its favour of £110 16s. 2d. It is only fair to add that there occurs in the accounts of the present year, two items, amounting together to the sum of £26 13s. 6d., which are not ordinary revenue, being the products of Sales of Gymnasium Fittings, and of a Piano belonging to the Institution. But were these two items omitted, there would still be no loss to the Institution on the year, notwithstanding the slight extraneous aid received in shape of donations during the time. The receipts from the latter source amount only to the sum of £1 3s. 6d., and have been given by anonymous donors.

Your Council are, however, sorry to observe a decrease of £34 16s. 6d. in the amount of Subscriptions, and 78 in the number of Members, the falling off having chiefly taken place amongst the Juniors. Members therefore number a total of 454 on the year, the last year being 532.

Seventeen Meetings of the Council have been held, the attendance at which has been as follows:—

J. J. Myres, Esq.	7	Mr. R. H. Elliott	2
Mr. G. B. Dalby	9	„ T. Fletcher	5
„ W. F. Moore	8	„ C. R. Jacson	0
„ J. S. Oliver	4	„ J. Kenyon	11
„ W. Newsham	17	„ J. J. Myres, Jr.	6
„ W. Ashcroft	1	Rev. B. J. Orr	13
„ E. Ambler	10	Mr. J. Parry	14
„ W. Alston	8	„ R. Pateson	4
„ R. Allen	12	Rev. E. D. Rendell	4
„ J. Allen	10	Mr. W. Simpson	0
„ W. Dobson	0	„ W. P. Welch	14
„ T. Duckett	12		

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year:—

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences	1673	23	1696
History	786	24	810
Voyages and Travels	653	19	674
Biography	758	15	773
Poetry and Drama	354	21	375
Tales and Novels	1260	70	1330
Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines	3215	114	3329
	8701	286	8987

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Number of Pupils on the Class Registers, and average attendance:—

	No. on Register.	Average Attendance.
School of Art, Day Classes	80	55
„ Evening	101	60
School of Science:—		
Chemistry Inorganic	14	8
Physiology	9	5
Mathematics	7	4
Zoology	6	3
Geometrical Drawing / Mechanical „ / Architectural „	15	9
French Class	9	5
Elementary Classes:—		
Males	60	23
Females	16	11
	315	183

Summary of the Results of the different Examinations:—

	No. of Candidates who Sat.	Passed.	Prizes.	Certificates.	Free Students.
Art Department:—					
2nd Grade	94	32	6	26	—
Drawings Inspected	—	11	2	9	1
Reserved for National Competition	—	2	1	—	—
Science Department:—					
May Examinations	66	42	6	—	—
Society of Arts:—					
Examinations	7	3	—	3	—
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	20	6	—	6	—

Detailed Results of Examination in 1870.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.—Government Examination.

Subject 1.—*Geometrical Drawing.*

NAME.	STATUS.
John James Heywood	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.
John Slater Walton	,, ,,
David Grant	Advanced Stage, 2nd class

Subject 2.—*Machine Drawing.*

Arthur Bamber	Advance Stage, 1st class.
David Grant	,, ,,
Charles B. Hanson	,, 2nd class.
James H. Stones	,, ,,
William Tullis	,, ,,
John S. Walton	,, ,,
John J. Heywood	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.

Subject 3.—*Building Construction.*

David Grant	Advanced Stage, 1st class.
Charles Hanson	,, 2nd class.

Subject 4 *and* 5.—*Mathematics, Stages* 1, 2, *and* 3.

William F. Balcombe	Second Stage, 2nd class.
James Davies	First Stage ,,
Robert A. Watson	,, ,,
Arthur Bamber	,, ,,
David Grant	,, ,,
John J. Heywood	,, 1st class.

Subject 6.—*Theoretical Mechanics.*

John Joseph Heywood	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.
David Grant	,, ,,

Subject 7.—*Applied Mechanics.*

Arthur Bamber	Elementary Stage, 1st class.
David Grant	,, ,,
John Joseph Heywood	,, ,,

Subject 9.—*Magnetism and Electricity.*

John J. Isherwood	Elementary Stage, 1st class.

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Subject 10.—*Inorganic Chemistry.*

NAME.	STATUS.
Frederic M. Dean	Advanced Stage, 2nd class.
George Stones	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.
Fred. R. Clift	,, ,,
Henry Bond	,, ,,
Walter P. Hayhurst	,, ,,

Subject 12.—*Geology.*

John Joseph Heywood	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.
James Leech	,, ,,

Subject 14.—*Animal Physiology.*

John Brown	Elementary Stage, 1st class.
John J. Isherwood	,, 2nd class.
John A. Ferguson	,, ,,
Henry Bond	,, ,,
George Stones	,, ,,

Subject 15.—*Zoology.*

John A. Ferguson	Elementary Stage, 1st class.

Subject 23.—*Physical Geography.*

F. H. W. Benison	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.
John J. Dawson	,, ,,
Robt. A. Watson	,, ,,
J. V. T. G. Fah	,, ,,

THE SCHOOL OF ART.—Government Examination.

Subject.—Freehand Drawing

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Reginald Aspinwall	Excellent.	Prize.
William Gardiner	,,	,,
Margaret A. Garth	Passed.	
Thomas Garth	,,	
Fanny Margaret Ketton	,,	
Richard Lazenby	,,	
John Leedale	,,	
Charles F. Power	,,	
Charles F. Porter	,,	
Jane E. Porter	,,	
James Reid	,,	
James H. Stones	Excellent.	Prize.
John Tomlinson	Passed.	
James B. Whiteside	,,	
Frederic Yates	,,	
Pupil Teachers :—		
Richard Butcher	,,	
Kate Christian	,,	
George N. Fish	,,	
Teacher :—		
Josiah Ogden	,,	

Subject.—Geometry.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
John Joseph Heywood	Excellent.	Prize.
George Riley	Passed.	
Laura S. Salts	Excellent.	,,
Thomas Smalley	,,	,,
John H. Ferguson	,,	,,

Subject.—Model Drawing.

George Allan	Passed.	
Anne Allison	,,	
Reginald Aspinwall	,,	
Ellen Crookall	,,	
William Eckersley	,,	
William Gardner	Excellent.	Prize.
Mary W. Moore	Passed.	
James H. Stones	Excellent.	,,
Ellen Tomlinson	Passed.	
Jane Tomlinson	,,	

Subject.—Perspective.

Eliza. Edith Oakey	Passed.	

EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

Reginald Aspinwall	Satisfactory Progress.	
William Billsborough	,,	
Robert Dewhurst	,,	
William Eckersley	,,	
John Ferguson	,,	
J. Turner	,,	

Advanced Section.

Michael Brennan	Satisfactory Progress.	Free Student.
John Woolman	,,	
J. Tyson, Sr.	Hon. Mention and Selected for the National Competition.	Prize.
Henry Barnes	Selected for the National Competition.	
Ellen Crookall	Satisfactory Progress.	,,

NATIONAL COMPETITION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

J. Tyson, Senior, Prize.

SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATION.

Subject.—Theory of Music.

James R. Rendell, First-class, Certificate.

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Subject.—Musical Composition.

James R. Rendell, Third-class, Certificate.

Subject.—Mensuration and English History.

John J. Heywood, Third-class, Certificate.

UNION OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE INSTITUTES EXAMINATION.

Subject.—Arithmetic, Geography, and Gospel History.

George Devenport, Lower Grade, Certificate.

Subject.—Arithmetic and Geography.

James E. Diggle, Lower Grade, Certifidate; Jabez Gaunt, Lower Grade, Certificate.

Subject.—Arithmetic, Algebra, and Euclid.

John J. Heywood, First-class, Honorary Certificate.

Subject.—Phonography.

James H. Stones, First-class, Honorary Certificate; Thomas Nichols, First-class Honorary Certificate.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1870.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz:						
1 Member at 42s. per annum	2	2	0			
40 ,, 21s. ,,	42	0	0			
289 ,, 10s. ,,	144	9	8			
124 ,, 8s. ,,	49	13	0			
Subscriptions to British and Foreign Library Company	9	13	6			
				247	18	2
To Donations				1	3	6
To Class Fees, viz:—						
School of Art	7	14	3			
Examination Fees	0	7	0			
				8	1	3
To Sundry Rents	73	0	9			
Mr. Riding's acknowledgment	0	1	0			
				73	1	9
To Interest from Corporation of Preston				38	17	8
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz:—						
Fines	1	3	9			
Catalogues	3	10	6			
Damaged Book	0	2	0			
Lectures and Entertainments	21	8	9			
Sale of Newspapers	4	16	0			
,, Gymnastic Apparatus	15	10	0			
,, Pianoforte	11	3	6			
				57	14	6
To Total Receipts				426	16	10
To Balance due to Treasurer				98	10	1
				£525	6	11

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
By Librarian's Salary	80	0	0			
,, Commission	12	7	9			
,, for Assistance	14	8	0			
				106	15	9
By Coals	10	11	7			
Gas	33	14	8			
Insurance	3	9	0			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	9	17	8			
Petty Expenses	9	8	9			
				67	1	8
Rates and Taxes				13	13	0
Sundry Repairs and Furniture				25	6	9
New and Second-hand Books	41	5	7			
Magazines	34	11	10			
Newspapers	32	2	2			
Subscriptions to British and Foreign Library Co.	21	12	6			
Binding	18	13	1			
				148	5	2
Class Expenses	5	9	3			
Lecture and Entertainment Expenses	24	13	1			
				30	2	4
By Miscellaneous Expenses, viz:—						
Subscription to Society of Arts	2	2	0			
Subscription to Union of Institutions	1	0	0			
Banker's Interest and Commission	4	17	11			
				7	19	11
Total Expenditure				399	4	7
Balance per last Report, Sept. 30, 1869				126	2	4
				£525	6	11

Audited and found correct, 30th September, 1870.

THOMAS MITCHELL.
WILLIAM NEWSHAM.

J. S. OLIVER, TREASURER.

In the Penny Bank Account there have been no transactions, and the balance remains the same as per last year's Report, viz.:—£35 8s. 7d.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. DUCKETT:

That the Report and Treasurer's Account now read be received and adopted and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretary.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. AMBLER:

That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. PARRY, seconded by Mr. MOORE:

That Mr. Leech be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

4.—Moved by Mr. WELCH, seconded by Mr. ALSTON:

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be oppointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing yea

5.—Moved by Mr. MYRES, seconded by Mr. ORR:

That John Rawcliffe, Esq., be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. E. L. BARNES:

That the thanks of the Mee ing be given to the Counci Secretary Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Moved by Mr. AMBLER, seconded by Mr. MOORE

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to John James Myres, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1870-71.

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BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30TH, 1870.

ARTS, SCIENCE, AND PHILOSOPHY.

1536	C	Bain, Alexander, LL.D, Logic Deductive and Inductive, 2 vols ..	1870
223	B	Bemrose, W. Fret-Cutting and Perforated Carving with Practical Instructions	1869
159	E	Colenso (Bishop) Geometrical Problems	1846
1505	C	Combe, George. Moral Philosophy, or the Duties of Man	1859
156	E	Dawes, R., M.A. Suggestive Hints towards Improved Secular Education	1859
2083	D	Faraday, M. Lectures on the Chemical History of a Candle ..	1865
2061	D	Harcourt and Madan. Exercises in Practical Chemistry	1869
2065	D	Humber, W. A Handy Book for the Calculation of Strains in Girders	1868
1520	C	Hutton, Charles. A Course of Mathematics, 3 vols	1824
1508	C	Huxley, T. H. An Introduction to the Classification of Animals ..	1869
1535	C	Maynard, H. N. The Viaduct Works Handbook	1868
1507	C	Mill, J. S. Dissertations and Discussions, 3 vols	1859-67
2078	D	Newman, J. H., D.D. An Essay in Aid of a Grammar of Assent ..	1870
1539	C	Portlock, J. E. Report on the Geology of the County of Londonderry &c.	1843
2051	D	Rankine, W. J. M. A Manual of Machinery and Millwork	1869
2085	D	Reid, H. A Practical Treatise on Concrete, and how to make it ..	1869
2091	D	Ruskin, John. The Queen of the Air	1869
	*	Selby. Plates to Selby's British Ornithology, (Land Birds), folio ..	
326	D	Spurzheim, G. A Sketch of the Natural Laws of Man	1825
2101	D	The Engineer's Guide to the Royal and Mercantile Navies	1866
2035	D	Watson, E. P. A Manual of the Hand Lathe..	1869

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1506	C	Agassiz, Louis. A Journey in Brazil	1868
2076	D	A Volume of Guide Books.	..Various
2077	D	do. do.	..Various
1512	C	Baker, Sir S. W. The Nile Tributaries of Abyssinia	1867
1511	C	Bonney. T. G. The Alpine Regions of Switzerland	1868
1532	C	Burritt, Elihu. Walks in the Black Country, and its Green Border Land	1868
1514	C	Burton, Capt. R. F. The Highlands of Brazil, 2 vols	1869
1510	C	Cotton, Lieut.-General, Sir S. Nine Years in the North-West Frontier of India	1868
1534	C	Dilke, Sir C. W., Bart. Greater Britain: A Record of Travel in English-Speaking Countries during 1866-7	1869
2050	D	Gautier, Theophile. Constantinople of To-Day	1864
1521	C	Glover, Stephen. Guide to Buxton, Chatsworth, &c...	1830
1542	C	Hall, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. A Week at Killarney	1850
1526	C	Howitt, William. The Rural Life of England	1840
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THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 3rd of October, 1871, G. B. DALBY, Esq., Vice-President of the Institution, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted.

The Council are for the forty-third time called upon to meet the Subscribers, and report upon the position and prospects of the Institute.

THE GENERAL PURPOSE DEPARTMENT.

Since the last annual meeting, the Building has been, at a considerable expense, put into a complete state of repair. The interior has been thoroughly cleaned, and all portions which required such restoration have been papered, whitewashed, or painted. The Heating apparatus has likewise undergone extensive repairs; and alterations have been made therein, for the better warming of the Theatre and School of Art, by excluding the hot water from the one which is temporarily not in use, and concentrating it in the other when occupied. Improvements have also been made in the lighting of the Reading Room and Library, by increasing the number of gas pendents, rendering them much more cheerful and lightsome.

THE LIBRARY.

During the past year the Council have used their best endeavours to sustain the acknowledged reputation of the Library, as being one of the best provincial libraries in the kingdom. They have added thereto a numerous supply of fresh books: the present contents having been increased to a total of 9,319 volumes, by the addition of 330 new volumes. This addition is the largest ever made in a single year. Of the number thus added, 32 volumes were given by Mr. W. P. Welch, 3 by Mr. Ashfield, 3 by Mr. W. Livesey, and a number by Mr. Charnock. The rest, purchased by the Council, have been selected chiefly from the best modern authors. The names of Andersen, Darwin, Hepworth Dixon, Froude, Erckman-Chatrin, Huxley, Helps, Holme Lee, Sir W. Hamilton, Morris, Herbert Spencer, Roscoe, Tyndall, Trollope, &c., &c., will be a sufficient guarantee for the fact, and at the same time, of their merit also. Early on in the year the Council were induced for the purpose of making the advantages of membership better known in the town and neighbourhood, to draw up a circular, setting forth the varied privileges of the Institute; and containing besides, a catalogue of the principal works purchased for the use of the Library during the last ten years. It was extensively distributed at the time, and its mission, the Council trusts, has not been altogether fruitless.

THE CLASSES.

In reporting on the classes, the School of Art first claims our consideration. In order to understand its present position, and show how results compare with former years, it will be necessary to enter a little into statistics. The number on the Register for the last five years and a half, are found to be as follows—For the year ending

Christmas,	1866	Day Students,	45	Evening Students,	51.
„	1867	„	64	„	100.
„	1868	„	67	„	85.
„	1869	„	80	„	101.

The Department in this year introduced a change in the schools, rendering the Art year terminable in July, instead of Christmas.

July,	1870	Day Students,	86	Evening Students,	64
„	1871	„	89	„	61

In the Second Grade Examination, the results for the last five years are respectively exhibited in the following tabular statement:—

1866-7	Results	7	Prizes	28	Passes.	
1867-8	,,	7	,,	34	,,	
1868-9	,,	3	,,	26	,,	1 Full Certificate.
1869-70	,,	6	,,	32	,,	
1870-71	,,	12	,,	44	,,	3 Full Certificates.

At the Inspection of Drawings, South Kensington, the results for the same series of years are as follows:—

1866-7 Results 6 prizes 14 satisfactory progresses 20 passes.

1867-8 ,, — ,, 11 ,, ,,
and 3 works selected for National Competition.

1868-9 Results 5 prizes 13 satisfactory progresses 22 passes.
and 3 free studentships.

1869-70 Results 3 prizes 7 satisfactory progresses 11 passes.
1 free studentship, and 2 works selected for National Competition.

1870-71 Results 1 prize — satisfactory progresses 11 passes.
1 drawing selected for National Competition.

From the foregoing figures, it is evident: first, that the second grade examination of the year just expired has proved the most successful in the whole series. Secondly, that at the inspection of drawings, there has been year by year a gradual decline, especially in the number of those reported as having made satisfactory progress; the past year being an entire blank in that respect. Thirdly, that with regard to the number on the Register, the Day Classes have year by year shown an increase of students. Fourthly, that the Night Classes have fluctuated in a somewhat remarkable manner; the number, during the two last years, falling considerably below the average.

In order to adhere strictly to the conditions under which the Art Department render their assistance to the School, the Council have resolved, that, for the current year and in future, the Art Night Classes shall have, three nights per week, lessons from the Head Master, instead of having, as of late, but two nights per week. This change they conceive, cannot fail but to exercise a beneficial influence upon the school.

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It is worthy of record here that Thomas F. Hinde, a student of the school, has had awarded him the Second Prize in Mechanics, for a Drawing and Specification of a complete Smith's Hearth. This Prize, being the sum of £2, given by the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes, for success in their special examination.

Also, that W. B. Burton, Mary W. Moore, Eliza E. Oakey, are recipients of Full Certificates in the Second Grade Examination; and Ann Allison, Helena J. Bell, W. B. Burton, R. T. Ditchfield, Thomas F. Hind, Harry Jacques, Mary W. Moore, Eliza E. Oakey, James Seed, James H. Stones, Nathaniel G. Fish, and Richard Fallowfield, receive each a prize in the said Examination. A work of Mary W. Moore was also selected for the National Competition. Michael Brennan receives a Free Studentship; R. Aspinwall a Prize for success in the Inspection of Drawings.

With regard to the Science Classes, the Council are sorry to observe that they scarcely seem so popular as formerly, or as similar classes appear to be in other towns. The number of students on the Register for the past year being 35, and the result of the examination, 1 prize, and 15 certificates; Thomas F. Hind being the recipient of the prize. In justice to these classes, the fact must be taken into consideration, of the Science Department having, in order to diminish the amount of their expenditure, raised the standard entitling the pupil to pass, and the master to payment on results. This the Department have done with the avowed intention of throwing the burden of the classes more upon local aid for support. That local aid having not been forthcoming, the result has been, that these classes have suffered by this action of the Department.

With regard to the Elementary Classes, the terms of admission for the current year have been made more favourable to the student; the fee being reduced, and the number of nights per week devoted to instruction, increased from two to three.

For the special encouragement of the Science and the Elementary Classes, it is proposed that there shall be annually distributed, a certain number of book prizes among such students as have merited the same by regularity of attendance, and success in their respective examination.

For the benefit of the Art School, and Science Classes, Mr. W. Atherton has intimated to the Council his desire to give the sum of £5, to be distributed in book prizes, after competition amongst the students

There has been recently established in connection with the Institute, a Society entitled the Avenham Literary Society, holding weekly meetings for the purpose of Readings, Essays, and Debates. Its nights of assembling are Mondays, and its success so far has been satisfactory. All other information relative to the classes, will be found in the appendix.

THE FINANCES.

In conclusion, the Council wish to offer a few words of comment with respect to the Treasurer's Financial Statement. It appears therefrom, that the balance due to him has been increased since the last Annual Meeting, from the sum of £98 10s. 1d., to that of £113 19s. 1d. This shows the excess of expenditure over income during the time, to be £15 9s. 0d. Compared with the year 1869, the debt due to the Treasurer, exhibits however, a decrease of £11 13s. 3d. And recollecting that the large sum of £66 13s. 9d. has in the past year been spent in necessary repairs, alterations, and cleaning, the Council do not expect any serious fault will be found with them for the deficiency. Further, the revenue shows a slight decrease in the amount from subscriptions, and an increase of £38 12s. 9d. in the amount from rent.

The number of members in the past year amounts to 439, against 454 in the previous year, exhibiting a slight falling off.

After paying the cost of erecting the Librarian's House in Regent Street, the sum of £569 12s. 0d. remains to the credit of the Institution in account with the Local Board of Health, bearing interest after the rate of 4 per cent.

In addition to the donation of books already mentioned, the Council have to acknowledge the following gifts:—A handsome donation of the amount of £10, in aid of the funds of the Institution, from John Rawcliffe, Esq., the President of the past year: a Picture from Mr. Charnock, representing "A View of Preston in 1728," and now to be seen in the reading room: and a number of Casts, given to the Institute by Miss ffarington, for the use of the School of Art.

Eighteen Meetings of the Council have been held, the attendance at which has been as follows :—

John Rawcliffe, Esq.	2	Mr. R. H. Elliott	4
Mr. E. Ambler	10	,, T. Fletcher	3
,, G. B. Dalby	7	,, C. R. Jacson	0
,, J. S. Oliver	6	,, W. F. Moore	9
,, W. Newsham	18	,, J. J. Myres, Sen.	9
,, W. Ascroft	7	,, J. J. Myres, Jun.	4
,, W. Alston	9	Rev. R. J. Orr	15
,, R. Allen	9	Mr. J. Parry	13
,, J. Allen	14	,, R. Pateson	5
,, E. L. Barnes	13	Rev. E. D. Rendell	5
,, J. Burton	9	Mr. W. P. Welch	14
,, T. Duckett	8		

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year :—

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences	1696	49	1745
History	810	10	820
Voyages and Travels	674	13	687
Biography	773	41	814
Poetry and Drama	375	16	391
Tales and Novels	1330	124	1454
Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines	3329	77	3406
	8987	330	9317

Number of Pupils on the Class Registers, and average attendance :—

	No. on Register.	Average Attendance.
School of Art, Day Classes	89	47
,, Night ,,	61	32
School of Science	35	24
Elementary Classes :—		
Male	45	19
Female	30	15
French Class	6	4

Summary of the Results of the different Examinations :—

	Sat.	Passed.	Prizes.	Cards.	Full Certificates.	Free Students.
Art Department :—						
2nd Grade Examination	70	44	12	32	3	—
Inspection of Drawings	—	—	1	—	—	1
and 1 Work selected for National Competition.						
Science Examination	26	15	1	15	—	—
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	26	11	1	11	—	—

DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1871.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING,

P. signifies Pass, and E. *Excellent.*

NAME.	Free Hand.	Geometry.	Perspective	Model.	Prizes.	Full Certificate.
Anne Allison		E.			Book.	
Helena J. Bell				E.	,,	
Sarah E. Bond	P.				Card.	
Margaret A. Burrows	P.				,,	
William B. Burton	E.	E.	P.	P.	Colours.	Certificate.
Richard T. Ditchfield		E.			Book.	
Marion Gillett	P.		P.		Card.	
Thomas F. Hind	E.	P.		E.	Books.	
Robert Hindle	P.				Card.	
Harry Jacques	E.				Instruments.	
Robert Lund				P.	Card.	
Mary W. Moore		E.	E.		Books.	Certificate.
Eliza E. Oakey				E.	,,	Certificate.
Richard D. Parkinson	P.				Card.	
Francis Pilkington	P.				,,	
Jane E. Porter				P.	,,	
Charles F. Power				P.	,,	
James Seed		E.			Books.	
James H. Stones		E.			,,	
James Swarbrick		P.			Card.	
Jane Tomlison		P.			,,	
John Tomlison				P.	,,	
George Toulmin	P.				,,	
John E. Turner	P.				,,	
John W. P. Woolman			P.		,,	
Frederic Yates				P.	,,	
Pupil Teachers :—						
John H. Ferguson			P.		,,	
Nathaniel G. Fish		P.	E.	P.	Instruments.	
John W. Nichol				P.	Card.	
James Pimley				P.	,,	
Sara A. Wheeler	P.				,,	
Teachers :—						
John Dyson				P.	,,	
Richard Fallowfield				E.	Books.	
John Gardner	P.				Card.	
Josiah Ogden		P.			,,	

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INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Reginald Aspinwall		Book Prize.
William Eckersley	Pass	
N. G. Fish	,,	
J. J. Heywood	,,	
T. F. Hind	,,	
Harry Jacques	,,	
H. Gilbert	,,	

Advanced Section.

Michael Brennan	Free Studentship.	
Mary W. Moore	A Work selected for National Competition.	
Eliza E. Oakey	Passed.	
John Woolman	,,	

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.—GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION.

Subject 1.—Geometrical Drawing.

NAME.	STATUS.
John J. Heywood	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.
Thomas Smalley	,, ,,

Subject 2.—Machine Drawing.

Thomas F. Hindj	Elementary Stage, 1st Class.	Prize.
Harry M. Geldart	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.	
John J. Heywood	Advanced Stage, 2nd class.	
James H. Stones	,, ,,	

Subject 4 and 5.—Mathematics.

John E. Turner	First Stage, 2nd class.
John W. Parry	,, ,,
John Brown	,, ,,

Subject 6.—Theoretical Mechanics.

John J. Heywood, Elementary Stage, 2nd class.

Subject 7.—Applied Mechanics.

John J. Heywood, Advanced Stage, 2nd class.

Subject 7.—Acoustics, Light, and Heat.

John J. Heywood, Elementary Stage, 2nd class.

Subject 10.—Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.
Thomas B. Birchall	Elementary Stage, 2nd class.
John J. Heywood	,, ,,
John Brown	,, ,,

Inorganic Chemistry, Laboratory Practice.

Thomas B. Birchall, Elementary Stage, 2nd class.

UNION OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE INSTITUTES EXAMINATION.

Subject.—Machine Drawing.

Thomas F. Hind, £2 Prize; Robert Lund, Certificate.

Subject.—Phonography.

James H. Stones, Certificate.

Subject.—Machine Calculation.

William Henry Brandreth, First-class Certificate.

Subjects.—Arithmetic, Euclid, Algebra, Grammar, and English Composition.

John J. Heywood, Merit Certificate.

Subjects.—Arithmetic and Geography.

Thomas M. Heywood, Higher Grade Certificate; and Thomas T. Marsden, T. S. Jenson, Thomas Eccles, Thomas Coupe, William J. Boyd, Lower Grade Certificates.

SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATION.

Subject.—Mensuration.

John J. Heywood, Second Class Certificate.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1871.

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz :		
1 Member at 42s. per annum	2 2 0	
43 ,, 21s. ,,	45 3 0	
278 ,, 10s. ,,	139 0 4	
117 ,, 8s. ,,	47 0 8	
Subscriptions to British and Foreign Library Company	7 4 0	
		240 10 0
To Donation per John Rawcliffe, Esq.		10 0 0
To Class Fees, viz :—		
School of Art	7 15 0	
Science and Elementary classes	14 3 6	
		21 18 6
To sundry Rents	111 14 6	
Mr. Riding's acknowledgement		
		111 14 6
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Catalogues	2 9 6	
Damaged Books	0 6 0	
Sale of Newspapers	4 14 7	
Balance from Building Amount	2 12 7	
		11 2 11
Total Income		421 6 2
To Balance due to Treasurer		113 19 1
		£535 5 3

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
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Insurance	3 9 0	
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Rates and Taxes	12 6 5	
Petty Expenses	13 16 4	
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Magazines	33 3 7	
Newspapers	30 7 9	
Annual Subscription to British and Foreign Library Company	21 0 0	
Binding	19 0 9	
		147 12 1
By Class Expenses		21 13 10
By Subscription to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
Subscription to Union of Institutes	0 10 0	
		2 12 0
By Banker's Interest and Commission		3 1 11
Total Expenditure		436 15 2
By Balance per last Report, Sep. 30, 1870		98 10 1
		£535 5 3

PENNY BANK ACCOUNT.

Dr.

	£ s. d.
To Balance per last Report, Sep. 30, 1870	35 8 7
	£35 8 7

Cr.

	£ s. d.
By Repayments to Depositors in 1870-71	0 13 3
Balance due by Treasurer	34 15 4
	£35 8 7

J. S. OLIVER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct, 29th September, 1871,

JAMES LEECH.
WILLIAM NEWSHAM.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. MYRES :

That the Report and Treasurer's Account now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. MYRES :

That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. MOORE, seconded by Mr. PARRY :

That Mr. Thomas Mitchell be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

4.—Moved by Mr. BURTON, seconded by the Rev. R. J. ORR :

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. MYRES :

That Edward Hermon, Esq., M.P., be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. W. B. ROPER, seconded by D. GRANT :

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. OLIVER :

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to John Rawcliffe, Esq., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year.

8.—Moved by Mr. MYRES, seconded by Mr. BURTON :

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Dalby for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

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1558	C	Bacon. Essays, with Annotations by Richard Whately, D.D. ..	1860
2201	D	Catlin, George. The Lifted and Subsided Rocks of America... ..	1870
2206	D	Cook, Dutton. Art in England, Notes and Studies.	1869
1612	C	Corfield, W. H. A Digest of Facts relating to the Treatment and Utilisation of Sewage	1871
1576	C	Darwin, Charles. The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex, 2 vols.	1871
197	E	Davidson, E. A. Drawing for Mechanics and Engineers	1871
224	B	Donaldson, J. British Agriculture.	1860
1595	C	Eastlake, Sir C. L. Contributions to the Literature of the Fine Arts ..	1870
1580	C	Ellis, Alexander J. On Early English Pronunciation, with special reference to Shakespere and Chaucer.	1869
1607	C	Figuier, Louis. Primitive Man.	1870
1609	C	Figuier, Louis. Mammalia. Their various Orders and Habits ..	1870
1565	C	Fry, D. P. On the Improvement of English Orthography.	1870
1606	C	Gilbart, J. W. The Principles and Practice of Banking.	1871
1604	C	Guillemin, Aémdée. The Heavens: An Illustrated Handbook of Popular Astronomy. Revised by R. A. Proctor.	1871
1581	C	Hamilton, Sir W. Discussions on Philosophy and Literature ..	1852
1582	C	Hamilton, Sir W. Lectures on Metaphysics, 2 vols.	1859
2143	D	Horses and Hounds. A Practical Treatise on their Management, by "Scrutator."	1865
1613	C	Huxley, T. H. Lay Sermons, Addresses, and Reviews	1871
380	E	Kingsley, Rev. C. Glaucus, or the Wonders of the Shore	1855
69	A	Music. Miscellaneous.	
1586	C	Paley, F. A. A Manual of Gothic Mouldings	1847
1564	C	Philological Society's Transactions for 1867 and 1868-9, 2 vols.	
1592	C	Proctor, H. R. The Sun: Ruler, Fire, Light, and Life of the Planetary System	1871
1585	C	Roscoe, H. E. Spectrum Analysis.	1870
1605	C	Richardson, C. J. The Englishman's House from a Cottage to a Mansion	1870
1603	C	Staveley, E. F. A Familiar Description of British Insects.	1871
1593	C	Tyndall, John. Fragments of Science for Unscientific People. ..	1871
2165	D	Wright, Thomas. Dictionary of Obsolete and Provincial English, 2 vols.	1869

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1554	C	Burton, R. F. Letters from the Battle Fields of Paraguay	1870
1578	C	Dixon, W. H. Free Russia, 2 vols.	1870
1569	C	Freshfield, D. W. Travels in the Central Caucasus and Bashan ..	1869
1553	C	Hartwig, Dr. G. The Polar World.	
2207	D	Kennan, George. Tent Life in Siberia.	1871
1570	C	Lowth, G. T. The Wanderer in Western France	1863
2109	D	Macgregor, J. The Voyage alone in the Yawl "Rob Roy."	1868
1567	C	Mackenzie, G. Muir, and A. P. Irby. Travels in the Slavonic Provinces of Turkey-in-Europe	1866

1268 C Pollington, Viscount. Half Round the Old World. Being some account of a Tour in Russia, the Caucasus, Persia, and Turkey, 1865-66. .. 1867
1551 C Russell, W. H. A Diary in the East during the Tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales, 2 vols. 1869
268 E Twain, Mark. The Innocents Abroad... 1871
260 E ,, The New Pilgrim's Progress. 1871
1552 C Whymper, Frederick. Travels and Adventures in the Territory of Alaska 1868

HISTORY.

2202 D Bryce, James. The Holy Roman Empire. 1871
1571 C Fishwick, Henry. The History of the Parochial Chapelry of Goosnargh 1871
1587 C Mary Queen of Scots and Her Accusers, by J. Hosack 1869
1589 C Mercer, General Cavalié. Journal of the Waterloo Campaign, 2 vols. .. 1870
1608 C Oliphant, Mrs. Historical Sketches of the Reign of George the Second, 2 vols. 1869
2129 D Paradol Prevost. Elizabeth et Henri IV., 1595-98. 1862
1572 C Parkman, Francis. The Discovery of the Great West; an Historical Narrative 1869
1584 C Wright, Thomas. Caricature History of the Georges. 1867

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2132 D Adam, Adolphe. Derniers Souvenirs d'un Musicien. 1859
1545 C Alfred the Great, by Thomas Hughes. .. ..
1583 C Andersen, Hans Christian. The Story of My Life. 1871
1600 C Audubon, J. J. The Life and Adventures of, by Robert Buchanan. .. 1869
1555 C Austen, Jane. A Memoir of, by J. E. Austen-Leigh 1870
1557 C Aytoun, W. E. Memoir of, by Theodore Martin. 1867
1596 C Barrington, Sir Jonah. Personal Sketches of His Own Times, 2 vols. .. 1859
1547 C Bell, Sir Charles. Letters. 1870
1599 C Béranger. Memoirs of, written by Himself 1858
1563 C Bremer, Fredrika. Life, Letters, &c. 1868
1601 C Brewster, Sir David. The Home Life of, by His Daughter, Mrs. Gordon. 1869
1598 C Coleridge, Hartley. The Worthies of Lancashire and Yorkshire. .. 1836
2112 D Columbus, The Life of, chiefly by Arthur Helps. 1869
1556 C D'Azeglio, Massimo. Recollections of, by Count Maffei, 2 vols. .. 1868
2104 D Dickens, Charles. The Story of His Life. 1870
1591 C Faraday, Michael, Life and Letters of, by Dr. Bence Jones, 2 vols. .. 1870
1590 C Gibson, John. Life of. Edited by Lady Eastlake. 1870
1602 C Hume, David. Life and Correspondence, by John Hill Burton, 2 vols. .. 1846
2205 D Hutton, R. H. Studies in Parliament. A series of sketches of leading politicians 1866
1597 C Kean, Edmund. The Life of, by F. W. Hawkins, 2 vols. 1869
1562 C Louis Philippe. The Last Days of the Reign of, by M. Guizot. .. 1867
2203 D Martineau, Harriet. Biographical Sketches. 1869
2149 D Parkes, Bessie Rayner. Vignetts. Twelve Biographical Sketches. .. 1868
1594 C Petrie, George. The Life and Labours in Art and Archeology, by William Stokes. 1866
1548 C Pitt, William. Life of, by Earl Stanhope, 4 vols. 1861
1550 C Robinson, Henry Crabb. Diary, Reminiscences, and Correspondence. Edited by Thomas Sadler, 3 vols. 1869
1566 C Rossini. The Life of, by H. Sutherland Edwards. 1869
1573 C Savonarola, Girolamo. The History and Times of, by Pasquale Villari, 2 vols. 1863
2141 D Saint-Beuve, C. A. Portraits of Celebrated Women. 1868
1561 C Salm-Salm. Felix. My Diary in Mexico in 1867, including the last days of the Emperor Maximilian, 2 vols. 1868

POETRY AND THE DRAMA.

2208 D Buchanan, Robert. Undertones. 1865
1588 C Courthorpe, W. J. The Paradise of Birds, an old Extravaganza in a Modern Dress 1870
2200 D Goethe. Faust. Translated by Theodore Martin. .. ..

2134 D	Hugo, Victor.	Odes et Ballades.	1861
2166 D	Lytton, Lord.	Walpole, or every man has his price.	1869
2173 D	Massinger, Philip.	Plays. Edited by Lieut.-Col. F. Cunningham. ..	1870
2133 D	Ponsard, F.	Etudes Antiques.	1858
2164 D	Pope, Alexander.	Poetical Works, 3 vols.	1870
2209 D	Prior, Matthew.	Poetical Works, 2 vols.	1871
207 E	White, Henry Kirke.	Poetical Works.	1871
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2188 D	Balzac, H. de.	Le lys dans la Vallée.	1864
2190 D	„ „	Modeste Mignon.	1868
2191 D	„ „	Histoire des Treize	1868
2192 D	„ „	Le Curé de Village	1866
173 E	„ „	Le Médecin de Campagne	1868
180 E	„ „	Une Ténébreuse Affaire	1866
2150 D	Björnson, B.	Arne, a Sketch of Norwegian Country Life.	1806
2161 D	Blackmore, R. D.	Lorna Doone: A Romance of Exmoor.	1870
2187 D	„	Cradock Nowell, 3 vols.	1866
2145 D	Black, Robert.	The Blackbird of Baden	1869
2212 D	Braddon, Miss.	Fenton's Quest.	1871
2213 D	Browne, Charles F.	(Artemus Ward.) Complete Works.	1871
2144 D	Capes, J. M.	The Mosaic-Worker's Daughter, 3 vols.	1868
2137 D	Clarke, C. C.	Crumbs from a Sportsman's Table.	
2151 D	Dumas, Alexander.	Le Chevalier D'Harmental, 2 vols.	1850
2135 D	„ „	Fils. Antonine.	1668
2174 D	Dasent, G. W.	Annals of an Eventful Life, 3 vols.	1870
2157 D	Edwards, Amelia B.	Debenham's Vow, 3 vols.	1870
2106 D	Erckmann-Chatrian.	The Conscript.	1870
2105 D	„ „	The Blockade.	1870
2107 D	„ „	Waterloo.	1870
2169 D	„ „	The Great Invasion of 1813-14; or, after Leipzig ..	1871
2126 D	„ „	Confidences d'un Joueur de Clarinette	
2127 D	„ „	La Maison Forestière	
2128 D	„ „	Histoire d'un Paysan L'an I. de la République, 1793	1869
2193 D	Feuillet, Octave.	Monsieur de Camors.	1867
2210 D	German Popular Stories.	.. ..	1868
2160 D	Gilbert, William.	Doctor Austin's Guest	1867
2111 D	Grant, James.	First Love and Last Love.	1870
2138 D	„ „	Second to None. A Military Romance.	
2162 D	Grey, Mrs.	The Gambler's Wife.	
2177 D	Hagar.	By the Author of "St. Olaves," 3 vols.	1870
281 E	Harte, Bret.	The Luck of Roaring Camp.	1871
2154 D	Hatton, Joseph.	The Tallants of Barton, 3 vols.	1867
2158 D	„ „	Christopher Kenrick, 2 vols.	1869
2180 D	Hawthorne, Nathaniel.	The Scarlet Letter.	1871
1546 C	Helps, Arthur.	Realmah, 2 vols.	1868
1560 C	„ „	Casimer Maremma, 2 vols.	1870
1574 C	Hugo, Victor.	By Order of the King, 3 vols.	1870
2119 D	James, G. P. R.	Morley Ernstein.	1863
2120 D	„ „	Heidelberg.	1865
2121 D	„ „	Mary of Burgundy	1864
2122 D	„ „	The Jacquerie.	1864
2123 D	„ „	Richelieu.	1863
2124 D	„ „	The Huguenot.	1864
2125 D	„ „	Henry of Guise.	1865
2175 D	Jabez Oliphant; or, The Modern Prince, 3 vols.		1870
2178 D	Jenkins, Edward.	Ginx's Baby.	1871
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2131 D	Lamartine, A. de.	Le Tailleur de Pierres de Saint-Point Récit Villageois	1862
2159 D	Lee, Holme.	Warp and Woof.	1870

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2110	D	Lee, Holme. For Richer for Poorer, 3 vols.	1870
2168	D	„ „ Maude Talbot.	1864
2183	D	Lettice Lisle.	1870
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2140	D	„ „ Kate Coventry.	1865
2199	D	Mulock, Miss. A Brave Lady, 3 vols.	1870
1559	C	Ponsard, François. Galilée Drame en Trois Actes en Vers.	1867
2170	D	Reade, Charles. Put Yourself in His Place.	1871
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2172	D	Riddell, Mrs. Maxwell Drewitt.	1869
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2152	D	Ross, C. H. The Great Mr. Gun.	
2130	D	Sand, George. Les Maitres Mosaïstes...	1864
195	E	Sketchley, Arthur. The Brown Papers.	1870
2148	D	Smith, Alexander. Alfred Hagarth's Household.	
2194	D	Souvestre, Emile. Les Anges du Foyer.	1868
2195	D	„ Les Clairières.	1870
2146	D	Stretton, Hesba. Paul's Courtship, 3 vols.	1870
1575	C	Thackeray, Miss. To Esther, and other Tales.	1869
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2196	D	Tourguéneff, J. Mémoires d'un Seigneur Russe, 2 vols.	1869
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2108	D	Trollope, T. A. The Garstangs of Garstang Grange, 3 vols.	1869
1579	C	Trollope, Anthony. The Vicar of Bullhampton.	1870
2185	D	„ „ Sir Harry Hotspur of Humblethwaite.	1871
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1610	D	„ „ Ralph the Heir.	1871
2186	D	Vigny, Count Alfred de. Cinq-Mars; or the Conspiracy.	1864
2136	D	Wood, Mrs. Henry. Roland Yorke, 3 vols.	1869

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226	B	Brayley, E. W. The Graphic and Historical Illustrator.	1834
2179	D	Debrett. Illustrated House of Commons and the Judicial Bench. ..	1871
2171	D	Dickens, Charles. Speeches, Literary and Social.	1871
2163	D	Dupanloup, Bishop. Studious Women.	1869
190	E	Emerson, R. W. Society and Solitude.	1870
1611	C	Froude, J. A. Calvinism: An Address delivered at St. Andrews. ..	1871
2142	D	Souvestre, Emile. The Pleasures of Old Age.	1868
70	A	The League Newspaper, 3 vols.	1843
225	B	The Academy for 1870, and continued.	
1577	C	Timbs, John. English Eccentrics and Eccentricities, 2 vols.	1866
1549	C	Woman's Work and Woman's Culture. A Series of Essays. Edited by Josephine E. Butler.	1869

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THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members held in the Assembly Room of the Institution, on the 1st of October, 1872, W. P. WELCH, Esq., Vice-President of the Institution, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted :—

The Council of the Institution are glad to announce that a large addition has been made within the past year to the list of Members. The increase amounts to 56, raising the total number of Subscribers to 495. But whilst this and other signs of increasing prosperity (such as the fact that not until the present year have the guinea subscriptions reached 50), give good cause for rejoicing, it is to be lamented that the places of no less than three Trustees have been made vacant by death. In mentioning the names of those who have been removed, viz.—Dr. Spencer, Thomas Walmsley, and John Stevenson, Esqrs., the Council feel assured that it will be at once recalled to mind how great a loss the Institution, in common with the Town, has suffered. The duty of appointing successors to occupy the responsible position held by these gentlemen, now devolves upon the Annual Meeting.

THE LIBRARY.

It has always been a matter of importance with the Council to make as valuable and generally useful a collection of books as the means at

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their disposal allowed. During the past year the Library has been augmented by 304 volumes; 289 of which were purchased. A classified list will be found appended, showing that abundant provision continues to be made for mental recreation, as well as instruction. The Loan of 60 volumes per month is now secured from Mudie's Library. This, while it enables Subscribers to see at once books fresh from the press, gives them also the opportunity of judging for themselves what books to recommend for purchase. The recent additions to the Library have necessitated more room; and a new Book-case, with space for 750 octavo sized volumes, was procured. From various donors the receipt of 15 works is acknowledged with thanks by the Council—from Mr. De Rance 1 vol.; Mr. Charnock 5 vols.; Mr. Welch 8 vols.; Mr. Minshull 1 vol. The Library is now open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

THE READING ROOM.

This has been maintained in its usual good condition, furnishing access to the best periodical literature of the day. All the first class papers and magazines of a sufficiently general interest are placed upon its tables; and the advantages it confers are as much sought for as ever. To increase these, a change in the time of opening (from 9 o'clock to 8-30) has been ordered, so that persons on their way to business can see the morning papers. No addition was thus made to the Librarian's labours. He was relieved from attending the Library at 9 o'clock as formerly, since there was little or no need of his services till an hour later. This change has proved very satisfactory.

THE SCHOOL OF ART.

A very promising state can be reported of this ally. The room has been much improved and better lighted; and the School seems destined to realize every reasonable expectation. A loan of articles from the Department at South Kensington and new copies furnish the students with increased advantages.

The Council terminated their connection with Mr. Gilbert at the close of the session; and endeavours were made to have his place supplied without delay: Mr. Cattley, a gentleman with many advantages

in his favour, was appointed; and the Council congratulated themselves that their labours in securing a resident teacher were happily terminated. But Mr. Cattley's career was cut short by death. This unexpected calamity became a cause of their obtaining as Head Master Mr. L. Galli, who now holds that important post. He has come specially recommended, or rather *returned*, as in this school the first stages of his training were partly passed; and here he gained a National Scholarship some years ago. The Institution thus reaps the fruits of its labours. He has been at work a short time, and the following statistics may be quoted :—

Attendance at the Art Classes :—

	Aug., 1871.	Aug., 1872.
Morning Class (Ladies and Gentlemen)	22	9
Ladies' Afternoon Class	27	28
Evening Male Class	27	40
Class for Design	...	4
	76	81

The decrease in the morning Class arises chiefly from the fact that a number of boys from one school no longer come here to take lessons. A new Class, that for Design, has been started; Mr. Rowbotham kindly keeps it supplied with plants, foliage, &c., under sanction of the authorities. The Council believe that Mr. Galli will do all that lies in his power to render the School successful.

The Examination Return for the past year compares favourably with the average that has been reached by the School:—10 prizes, 4 full certificates, and 25 passes having been obtained. At the Inspection of Drawings one work was recommended for National Competition, that of Mary Gillett, and 6 prizes as well as 8 passes were granted. Still more satisfactory returns are hoped for under the new management.

SCIENCE CLASSES.

If that success, which would be generally predicted from the high importance of scientific studies and the wide-spread desire there exists for them, does not attend the classes which meet at the Institution, it is

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because there is in Preston no great demand for such instruction and most school masters do something to afford this kind of teaching in addition to to the ordinary business of the school. There is nothing special to be said of the past year. Mr. Cope, whose place Mr. Sutcliffe will take, expects that the movements now in vogue amongst workpeople, viz: short time and early closing, will be instrumental in securing a better attendance in the future.

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION.

In managing this department some trouble also is met by the Council. There is apparently good reason to continue these classes; and yet continual difficulty in securing good attendance and making it worth the Instructor's while to labour. The teachers engaged last year have both left, and Mr. Wolstenholme's place has not yet been filled. An engagement has been made with Miss Eastham to undertake a female class. Were Compulsory Education in force in the town, the Council would be tempted to devote their whole attention to higher education; but under existing circumstances they think every means should be taken to give those who suffer from neglected training the means of remedying their deficiences.

PRIZES.

The President has most generously put the handsome sum of £25 at the disposal of the Council, to supplement the rewards obtained under the Science and Art Department. They trust that a zeal and diligence on the part of Students worthy the encouragement given will be exhibited.

In the Science and Elementary Classes, Examinations have been held to award the Book Prizes which it was determined last year to allot. These will be presented to the successful competitors at the Annual Distribution, and at the same time Mr. Atherton's donation of £5, mentioned in the last report, will be disposed of in accordance with his wishes.

FINANCE.

It will be seen from the Treasurer's Report that there exists a very favourable condition of affairs. The regular Income (Subscriptions and Fees) has increased, whilst the usual expenses have remained much the same, or been in some cases lessened. An exception is presented by the Class expenses which have been raised this year by about £11. The large

balance which was due to the Treasurer has been considerably reduced, by lessening the sum at Interest with the Corporation to £500. This expedient seemed to present the best course of procedure; and the Council trust that next year the Institution will clear itself of the remainder, viz.—£33 5s. 1d. due.

In conclusion, it is to be notified that the Literary Society, started some short time ago, has opened proceedings again; and that a series of Popular Entertainments will probably be arranged for the winter.

Nineteen Meetings of the Council have been held, the attendance at which has been as follows:—

Mr. E Ambler	13	Mr. R. H. Elliott	4
„ W. P. Welch	5	„ Thos. Fletcher	6
„ J. S. Oliver	6	„ C. R. Jacson	0
„ J. J. Myres, Junr.	6	„ J. Kenyon	0
„ W Newsham	9	„ W. F. Moore	11
„ W. Ascroft	0	„ J. J. Myres, Senr.	9
„ W. Alston	12	Rev. R. J. Orr	8
„ John Allen	9	Mr. John Parry	16
„ E. L. Barnes	14	„ R. Pateson	1
„ John Burton	9	„ John Rawcliffe	0
„ G. B. Dalby	8	Rev. E. D. Rendell	5
„ Thos. Duckett	10		

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year	439
„ this year	495
Increase	56
Number of Books in Library last year	9,317
„ „ this year	9,621
Increase	304

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year:—

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences	1745	31	1776
History	820	15	835
Voyages and Travels	687	27	714
Biography	814	19	833
Poetry and Drama	391	9	400
Tales and Novels	1454	95	1549
Miscellaneous Literature including Magazines	3406	108	3514
	9317	304	9621

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DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1872.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. *signifies Pass, and* E. *Excellent.*

Name.	Free Hand.	Geometry.	Perspective	Model.	Prizes.	Full Certificate.
Allison, Robert		P.				
Allison, Ann			E.		Box of Instruments.	Certificate.
Beaumont, C. A.	E.				Box of Instruments.	
Bleasdale, Henry		P.				
Brown, John		E.			Burchett's Perspective.	
Campbell, James	E.				Box of Instruments.	
Dalby, Alice	P.					
Dawson, Ridley	P.	E.			Burchett's Perspective.	
Drennan, J. C.	P.					
Haslam, M.	P.					
Heywood, J. J.	P.					
Holden, Charles	P.					
Irvin, S. E.	P.					
Jenson, T. S.	E.				Box of Colours.	
Lund, Robert			E.		Box of Colours.	Certificate.
McLean, Angus	P.			P.		
Marsden, T. T.	P.					
Pollard, E. S.	P.					
Power, C. F.		P.				
Riley, George			P.			
Sellers, Burdett		E.			Burchett's Geometry.	
Thomas, G. E.	P.					
Tomlison, John		P.	P.			Certificate.
Tomlison, Ellen		P.	P.			Certificate.
Toulmin, George		E.			Burchett's Perspective.	
Waterhouse, James	P.					
Pupil Teachers :—						
Camem, Sarah A.	P.					
Nichol, J. W.			P.			
Park, J. H.	P.					
Tyson, Alice S.	P.			P.		
Wild, Alfred	E.				Box of Instruments.	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Allison, Ann	Pass.	12 Photographs, (Raphael.)
Aspinwall, R.	,,	Do. (Turner.)
Dawson, Ridley	,,	
Marsden, Thomas	,,	Lives of Angelo and Raphael.
Mc. Lean, Angus	,,	Painting Popularly Explained.
Moore, M. W.	,,	
Oakey, Edith	,,	

Advanced Section.

Burton, W. B.	Passed.	Scott's Half-hour Lectures on Art.
Gillett, M.	,,	Timb's Anecdotes of Painters.
Do.		Recommended for National Competition.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry.

Burton, W. B., Elementary Second Class.

Machine Construction and Drawing.

NAME.	STATUS.
Hayes, Peter H. P.	Elementary 1st Class.
Hind, Thomas F.	Advanced 2nd Class.
Lund, Robert	Elementary 1st Class. Prize, Mahan's Civil Engineering.

Building Construction.

Burton, W. B., Elementary 2nd Class.

Mathematics—Stages 1, 2, *and* 3.

NAME.	STATUS.
Brown, John	1st Stage, 1st Class. Prize, Page's Handbook of Geological Terms.
Heywood, J. J.	1st Stage, 1st Class. Prize, Dana's Text-Book of Geology.

Theoretical Mechanics.

Heywood, J. J., Advanced 2nd Class.

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Applied Mechanics

NAME.	STATUS.
Hayes, Peter H. P.	Elementary 2nd Class.
Heywood, J. J.	Advanced Do.

Acoustics, Light, and Heat.

Heywood, J. J., Elementary 1st Class. Prize, Armour's Power of Motion.

Magnetism and Electricity.

Heywood, J. J., Elementary 2nd Class.

Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.
Birchall, T. B.	Elementary 2nd Class.
Brown, John	Do.
Edington, James E.	Do.
Heywood, J. J.	Do.
Ridge, W. H.	Do.
Riley, George	Do.
Seed, Richard	Do.

Animal Physiology.

Jackson, Levi, Elementary 2nd Class.

Metallurgy.

Heywood, J. J., Elementary 2nd Class.

Steam.

NAME.	STATUS.
Hayes, Peter H. P.	Elementary 2nd Class.
Heywood, J. J.	Do.

Physical Geography.

Brown, John	Elementary 2nd Class.
Heywood, J. J.	Do.

UNION OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE INSTITUTES EXAMINATION.

Machine Calculations.

Heywood, J. J., First Class Certificate.

Arithmetic and Geography—Higher Grade.

James Cornell, T. S. Hargreaves, and Charles Rimmer.

Lower Grade—Arithmetic.

Elizabeth Jane Peake and Grace Pilkington.

Arithmetic and Geography.

James Kitchen, James Booth, E. H. Potter, James Holmes, Walter Lee, William Sumner, William Brown, William Thompson, Thomas Sumner.

In Addition to the above, a Book Prize was presented to each holder of a Certificate, purchased by a donation made for that purpose by Mr. William Atherton.

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THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1872.

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz :—		
1 Member at 42s. per annum	2 2 0	
50 ,, 21s. ,,	52 10 0	
300 ,, 10s. ,,	150 7 6	
144 ,, 8s. ,,	56 16 7	
Subscriptions to Mudie's Library	6 6 0	
		268 2 1
To Donation per Mr. W. Atherton		5 0 0
To Class Fees, viz:—		
School of Art	11 0 0	
Do. repayment of sundry expenses	4 1 0	
Science and Elementary Classes	15 14 6	
		30 15 6
To Sundry Rents and Hire of Rooms	92 11 11	
Mr. Cockshott's acknowledgement	0 1 0	
		92 12 11
To Interest from Corporation of Preston		21 12 7
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz :—		
Fines	0 19 1	
Catalogues	2 10 0	
Lost Book	0 4 6	
Sale of Newspapers	3 9 6	
		7 3 1
Total Income from ordinary sources		425 6 2
To amount withdrawn from Investment with Corporation		69 12 0
Total Receipts		494 18 2
To Balance due to the Treasurer 30th Sept. 1872		33 5 1
		£528 3 3

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
,, for Assistance	14 8 0	
,, Commission	17 6 6	
		111 14 6
By Coals	14 14 6	
Gas	32 3 4	
Insurance	3 9 0	
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	9 12 1	
Rates and Taxes	13 5 5	
Petty Expenses	11 11 1	
Repairs, New Book Case, &c.	28 14 8	
		113 10 1
By New and Second-hand Books	40 17 7	
Magazines	33 12 8	
Newspapers	31 18 0	
Subscription to Mudie's Library	21 10 6	
Binding	17 19 6	
		145 18 3
By Class Expenses		36 10 8
By Subscription to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
Do. to Union of Institutes	1 0 0	
		3 2 0
By Bank Interest and Commission		3 8 8
Total Expenditure		414 4 2
By Balance due to Treasurer at 30th Sept. 1871		113 19 1
		£528 3 3

NOTE.—There has been no transaction in the Penny Bank Account, and the balance remains as before, viz :—£34 15s. 4d.

The sum of £69 12s. 0d. (as shewn above) has been withdrawn from the investment with the Corporation, leaving the amount £500 0s. 0d.

J. S. OLIVER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct,

THOMAS MITCHELL,
E. LAWSON BARNES,
JAMES LEECH,
} AUDITORS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. MYRES, Junior:

That the Report and Treasurer's Account now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. BARNES:

That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by MR. PARRY, seconded by MR. MOORE:

That Messrs. Wade, Windus, and Dransfield, be appointed scrutiners of the voting papers.

4.—Moved by MR. ALSTON, seconded by Rev. R. J. ORR:

That Mr. James Leech be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

5.—Moved by MR. DUCKETT, seconded by MR. MYRES, Senior:

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. MYRES, Senior:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Edward Hermon, Esq, M.P., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year, and that he be re-elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

7.—Moved by MR. FLETCHER, seconded by MR. PARRY:

That J. J. Myres Junior, William Pollard, and J. F. Leese, Esqs., be appointed Trustees, in place of the late Thomas Walmsley, John Stevenson, and Lawrence Spencer, Esquires.

8.—Moved by MR. MOORE, seconded by MR. MARSHALL:

That in Rule 8 the word "honorary" be placed before the word "Secretaries," and that in Rule 12 the word "Secretaries" be placed before the word "Librarians."

9.—Moved by MR. MARSHALL, seconded by MR. TAYLOR:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year

10.—Moved by MR. OLIVER, seconded by MR. E. L. BARNES:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. W. P. Welch, for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1872-3.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen
„ Robert Ascroft
„ William Ascroft
Lieut-Col. Birchall
Mr. Thomas Brewer
„ William Dobson
„ Thomas Duckett
Major German
Mr John Goodair
„ E. Hermon, M.P.
Mr. Joseph Isherwood
„ C. R. Jacson
„ J. F. Leese
„ J. J. Myres, sen.
„ J. J. Myres, jun.
„ Miles Myres
„ Richard Newsham
„ W. Pollard
Rev. E. D. Rendell
Major Wilson

PRESIDENT:

EDWARD HERMON, Esq, M.P.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

REV. R J. ORR. MR. W. P. WELCH.

COUNCIL:

To Serve Two Years.

Mr. E. Ambler
„ W. Alston
„ E. L. Barnes
„ John Burton
„ F. Cotman
„ W. C. Downie
„ J. J. Myres, sen.
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„ W. P. Welch

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„ G. B. Dalby
„ Thomas Duckett
„ R. H. Elliott
„ ~~Thomas Fletcher~~
„ C. R. Jacson
„ J. J. Myres, ~~sen.~~
~~Rev. R. J. Orr.~~
Mr. John Parry
„ ~~Walter Simpson~~

TREASURER:

MR. J. S. OLIVER.

AUDITORS:

MR. JAMES LEECH. MR. THOMAS MITCHELL.

HONORARY SECRETARIES:

MR. G. B. DALBY. MR. E. L. BARNES.

Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards Annually.

Mr. Richard Allen
„ W. Alston
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„ James Andrew
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„ John Atherton
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„ E. H. Booth
„ W. Calrow
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„ F. Cotman
„ G. B. Dalby
„ F. Daggers
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„ R. Newsham
Mr. Oliver
Rev. R. J. Orr
Mr. H. Oakey
„ S. Park
„ John Parry
„ W. J. Plant
„ W. Pollard
„ G. Sharples
„ W. Simpson
„ C. G. Spencer
„ J. Satterthwaite
„ Teale
„ R. P. Threlfall
„ Toulmin
„ W. P. Welch
„ C. Wilson
Major Wilson

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1872.

ARTS, SCIENCE, AND PHILOSOPHY.

2232	D	Abbott and Seeley. English Lessons for English People	1871
1619	C	Bates. The Naturalist on the River Amazons	1864
1629	C	Bentham. Theory of Legislation	1871
228	B	Cherubini. A Treatise on Counterpoint and Fugue	1854
2295	D	Fraser, Rev. W. R. The Sea-side Naturalist	1868
2303	D	Ganot. Natural Philosophy. Transalated by Atkinson	1872
2286	D	Gray. The Earth's Antiquity in Harmony with the Mosaic Record of Creation	1851
2230	D	Johnson. How Crops Grow	1869
1639	C	Kughler. Hand-book of Painting. Enlarged by Waagen	1860
296	E	Leslie. An Elementary Manual of Music	1871
231	B	Lewins. A Rhyming Dictionary of the English Language (1570). Edited by H. B. Wheatley	1867
1616	C	Mackintosh. The Scenery of England and Wales	1869
2261	D	Mill. Considerations on Representative Government	1865
2215	D	Mivart On the Genesis of Species	1871
227	B	Nature for 1869 and continued	
1650	C	Proctor. Essays on Astronomy	1872
2283	D	„ A New Star Atlas	1872
270	E	Ramsay. The Old Glaciers of Switzerland and North Wales	
2214	D	Robison and Thredgold. Rudimentary Treatise on Joinery and Carpentry, 2 vols.	1859
2273	D	Royle and Headland. A Manual of Meteria Medica	1868
230	B	Skeat, Rev. W. W. A Moeso-Gothic Glossary	1868
1617	C	Sommerville. On Molecular and Microscopic Science, 2 vols	1869
1621	C	Spencer. Essays: Scientific, Political, and Speculative, 2 vols.	1869
234	B	The Architect for 1872, and Continued	
236	B	The Garden for 1872 and continued	
2237	D	Watson, Rev. J. S. The Reasoning Power of Animals	1867
1644	C	Wedgwood. A Dictionary of English Etymology	1872
293	E	Wittstein. Pharmaceutical Chemistry	1853

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1649	C	Andersen. In Spain	1864
2224	D	Baker, Lady. Station Life in New Zealand	1871
1619	C	Bates. The Naturalist on the River Amazons	1164
1651	C	Beauvoir, Marquis de. Voyage Round the World, 2 vols	1870
2228	D	Buchanan. Camp Life as seen by a Civilian	1871
2300	D	Colonial Adventures by a University Man	1871
2280	D	Egerton. Journal of a Winter s Tour in India, 2 vols.	1852
1620	C	Galatea, Cruise of. By the Rev. J. Milner and O. W. Brierley	1869
2229	D	Gillmore. All Round the World	1871

1646 C Mc. Leod. Madagascar and its People 1865
1615 C Marryat. A Residence in Jutland, the Danish Isles, and Copenhagen, 2 vols.... 1860
1627 C Musgrove, Rev. G A Ramble in Brittany, 2 vols. 1870
1636 C Palliser. Brittany and its Byeways 1869
1653 C Semmes, Admiral. Memoirs of Service Afloat 1869
2239 D Taine. Italy (Naples and Rome)..... 1867
1648 C Taylor. Travels in Greece 1859
2242 D ,, Northern Travels 1858
1628 C Thornbury. A Tour Round England, 2 vols. 1870
1614 C Tristram. The Great Sahara: Wanderings South of the Atlas Mountains..... 1860
1631 C Wallace. The Malay Archipelago, 2 vols. 1869

HISTORY.

2255 D Argyll, Duke of Iona... 1870
2285 D Baines. History, Directory, and Gazetter of Yorkshire, 2 vols. 1822
2297 D Charles I., Historical Notices of the Reign of, by Nehemiah Wallington 1869
1652 C Hardwick. Traditions, Superstitions, and Folk Lore 1872
2296 D Liverpool, Recollections of 1863
1618 C Lubbock. The Origin of Civilization 1870
1658 C Newbigging. History of the Forest of Rossendale... 1868
2281 D Outram and Havelock's Persian Campaign, by Capt. G. H. Hunt 1858
1647 C Taylor. A Popular History of British India 1842
226 E Thornber. An Historical and Descriptive account of Blackpool 1837
2292 D Thornbury. Shakspere's England, 2 vols. 1856
2223 D Timbs. Abbeys, Castles, and Ancient Halls of England and Wales, 2 vols. 1867

BIOGRAPHY.

2294 D Balfour. Working Women of this Century ....
1637 C Barham, Rev. R H., Life and Letters, by his Son, 2 vols... 1870
2264 D Besson. A Sketch of the Life of a Dominican Artist 1870
1638 C Byron, Lord, My Recollections of, by the Countess Guiccioli 1869
2290 D Chambers, Robert, Memoirs of, with Autobiographic Reminiscences of W. Chambers 1872
1640 C Clayton. Queens of Song. 2 vols. 1863
229 B Holbein. Some Account of the Life and Works of, by R. N. Wornum 1867
1656 C Hunt. The History of the Private and Political Life of, by Robert Huish, 2 vols. 1836
2291 D Jameson, Mrs. Characteristics of Women 1870
1643 C Latimer. A Biography, by the Rev. R. Demaus 1871
2259 D Mytton, John. Life of, by Nimrod 1870
1645 C Napier, Admiral Sir Charles Life and Correspondence, by Major General Elers Napier, 2 vols. 1862
1657 C Orsini. Memoirs and Adventures..... 1857
2244 D Purvis. Life and Adventures of, by J. P. Robson 1854
1642 C Tyndall. A Biography, by the Rev. R. Demaus... 1871

POETRY AND THE DRAMA.

338 E Akenside. Poetical Works 1872
2263 D Beattie. Do. 1872
1630 C Chatterton. Do. 2 vols. 1871
2262 D Churchill. Do. 2 vols. 1872
2238 D Disraeli, the Right Hon. B. The Revolutionary Epick..... 1864
2221 D Goldsmith. Complete Works 1867
294 E Parnell. Poetical Works 1872
209 F Spencer. Do. 5 vols. 1872
2241 D Taylor. The Poet's Journal..... 1863

TALES AND NOVELS.

2254	D	Ainsworth. Myddleton Pomfret, 3 vols.	1868
1632	C	Do. Old Saint Pauls ..	1871
1641	C	Andersen. Stories for the Household	1870
2272	D	Anteros	1871
2289	D	A Perfect Treasure, by the Author of "Lost Sir Massingberd" ...	1872
1625	C	"Ask Mamma;" or, the Richest Commoner in England ...	1858
2270	D	Black. The Monarch of Mincing Lane, 3 vols.	1871
2274	D	,, Kilmeny, 3 vols.	1870
2301	D	,, A Daughter of Heth	1872
2288	D	Breaking a Butterfly, by the Author of "Guy Livingstone"	1871
2265	D	Brookfield. Influence ...	1871
2257	D	Collins. Man and Wife, 3 vols.	1870
2282	D	Concience. Le Fleau du Village	1865
1654	C	Davenant. Hubert Ellis, a Story of King Richard's Days	1866
232	B	Dickens. Oliver Twist	1872
233	B	,, Master Chuzzlewit	1872
2250	D	Edwards. Kitty, 3 vols.	1869
2245	D	,, My Brother's Wife	1855
2268	D	,, Steven Lawrence, Yeoman, 3 vols	1868
2258	D	Elliott. Middlemarch, 4 vols.	1872
2234	D	Episodes of an Obscure Life ...	1871
2287	D	Erckmann-Chatrian. The Forest House	1871
2251	D	Francillon. Earls Dene, 3 vols.	1871
2252	D	Friswell. One of Two, 3 vols.	1870
2248	D	Gilbert. Martha, 3 vols.	1871
2249	D	,, The Landlord of the "Sun," 3 vols.	1871
2277	D	Grant. Lucy Arden	1861
2253	D	Hall. The Fight of Faith, 2 vols.	1869
1624	C	Handley Cross; or, Mr. Jorrocks's Hunt	1854
1635	C	Kingsley, H. The Lost Child	1871
2266	D	,, Old Margaret, 2 vols.	1872
2275	D	,, Silcote of Silcotes	1869
2284	D	,, The Boy in Grey	1871
2271	D	Le Fanu. Checkmate, 3 vols.	1871
2276	D	Lever. The Adventures of Arthur O'Leary	1863
2236	D	Macleod, Rev. Norman. The Gold Thread.	1868
2240	D	Mademoiselle Mori: A Tale of Modern Rome.	1860
1622	C	Mr. Facey Romford's Hounds.	1865
1625	C	Mr. Sponge's Sporting Tour ...	1852
2218	D	Mulock. The Unkind Word; and other Stories, 2 vols.	1870
2217	D	Mudie. St. Michael's Priory, 2 vols.	1871
2218	D	My Little Lady, 3 vols. ...	1871
2256	D	Oliphant. John, a Love Story	1870
2219	D	,, The Three Brothers, 3 vols.	1870
2247	D	Parr. Dorothy Fox	1871
1633	C	"Plain, or Ringlets?"...	1860
1660	C	Reid. The Headless Horseman	1872
2235	D	Sand. Le Marquis De Villemer	1868
2243	D	,, La Mare Au Diable.....	1869
2279	D	The Savage Club Papers, Edited by Andrew Halliday	1868
2225	D	Thornbury. Old Stories Re-Told	1870
2278	D	Trollope, Mrs. The Ward	1859
2269	D	Vera, by the Author of "The Hotel du petit St. Jean." ...	1871
292	E	Waugh. Tufts of Heather	1862
2299	D	Wood. Dene Hollow, 3 vols....	1871

MISCELLANEOUS.

2293	D	Adams. Round about our Coal Fires. A Book of Games	1860
2267	D	Arnold. Friendship's Garland	1871

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2226	D	Baring Gould. The Book of Were-Wolves	1865
2228	D	Buchanan. Camp Life, as seen by a Civilian	1871
2227	D	Everett. On the Cam. Lectures on the University of Cambridge	1869
2221	D	Goldsmith. Complete Works.	1867
1655	C	Greenwood. The True History of a Little Ragamuffin	
2302	D	,, Unsentimental Journeys.	1872
2231	D	Gun, Rod, and Saddle. by Ubique	1869
2233	D	Heine. Pictures of Travel. Translated by C. G. Leland	1866
1659	C	Knight Pictorial Half-Hours, 2 vols.	
2246	D	Powell. Bacchus Dethroned	1871
2222	D	Sterne. Complete Works	1867
70	A	The League Newspaper, 3 vols.	1843-1846
2298	D	Trollope. British Sports and Pastimes	
2260	D	Rod Fishing.	1860

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THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Assembly Room of the Institution, on the 7th of October, 1873, J. S. OLIVER, Esq., in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted:

The Council of the Institution have the pleasure to ask you to receive their forty-fifth Annual Report.

Though history but repeats itself, it is nevertheless due to you that you should be presented with the leading features of the history of your Institution every year, so that you may judge whether those to whom you have entrusted its management are deserving of the confidence you have placed in them.

The Council have no misgivings in submitting to you this report, since, although there is a slight falling-off in the financial position of the Institution, this is fully explained to you in that section.

The Council are glad to be able to state that they have secured 19 additional guinea subscribers since the last report, and although the number of minors on the register is something less than last year, this is attributable to the want of an elementary male class last winter, in consequence of no eligible teacher having been forthcoming.

The Council regret that, through change of residence, they have lost the services of your two Vice-Presidents, the Rev. R. J. ORR and Mr. W. P. WELCH, from whom they had for many years received very valuable assistance and advice.

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THE LIBRARY.

The Council have given their careful attention to this very important part of the Institution, and although the number of volumes added by purchase is only 269 this year against 289 last, yet by a reference to the Treasurer's Report you will see that almost the same amount of money has been expended on this department as last year, which is explained by the fact that, although due provision has been made to meet the demands for fiction and light literature, a growing taste for books of a higher standard has necessitated the purchase of many high priced publications, and the Council felt justified in meeting and fostering this taste.

The number of volumes presented to the Institution is 220 this year against 15 last. The donors being T. R. Knowles, Esq., 208; and Messrs. W. Charnock, 8; Jas. Marshall, 1; Hy. Oakey, 1; W. P. Welch, 1; C. Wilson, 1.

In addition to the books thus becoming the property of the Institution, a constant supply of the newest publications is received from Mudie's for the use of the guinea subscribers, which enables those members to have access to the most recent works on various branches of science and literature.

READING ROOM.

The Council have not found it necessary to make any alteration in this department since last year, and in the absence of any recommendations or complaints have assumed that their present provision has been considered sufficient.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

This School in point of efficiency has been proved by the examination to have been very successful. Last Session, under Mr. Sutcliffe, ten first-class and six second-class Certificates were obtained; and it is confidently hoped that the number of Students will be increased this Winter.

A portion of the fund placed at the disposal of the Council by Mr. HERMON, has been applied to the purchase of five sets of apparatus, which the Council hope will have a beneficial effect in enabling the pupils to test by actual experiments the truth of the scientific theories taught them.

The Council have this year had the gratification of seeing fruits from instruction received in their classes. Mr. J. J. HEYWOOD, who for several years has been a student under their teachers, has this year obtained a £50 Scholarship at South Kensington, for proficiency in Mechanics; in the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes Examination, Machine Construction, 1st Prize, £3; Astronomy, 2nd Prize, £2; in the Society of Arts Technical Education Examination, in Carriage Construction, 2nd Prize, £2; also, nine Certificates in the Science and Art Department Examination.

SCHOOL OF ART.

The Artizan Evening Classes of this School, to which the Department give their more particular encouragement, are making very satisfactory progress, as shown by the following figures:

August, 1871.	August, 1872.	August, 1875.
27	40	60

And the departmental grant indicates an increased efficiency in the students.

The Council are glad to be able to report to you that Miss EDITH OAKEY, a morning class student, has obtained the Queen's Prize in the National Competition for Designs for the backs of Playing Cards; and the drawings of the Misses ALLISON, MOORE, and OAKEY have been retained by the Department for exhibition at South Kensington.

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION.

The Council last winter were able to secure the services of a teacher for the female elementary class only, and this class was fairly attended. They have, however, besides being successful in retaining

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Miss EASTHAM for the coming session, also induced Mr. WILKINSON to undertake a male class, to be restricted to pupils of 15 years of age and upwards. The result of which their successors will be enabled to make known in the next report, as the necessary steps are being taken to place the class under Government inspection. In addition to these classes, there are also French and German classes in connection with the Institution.

PRIZES.

The Prizes awarded by the Science and Art Department, together with a valuable addition made to each through the generosity of the President, have been distributed by the Right Honourable Col. J. WILSON PATTEN, M.P., and it is the hope of the Council that this manifestation of interest in the classes may stimulate the Science and Art students to increased diligence during the present session.

FINANCE.

At the conclusion of the last report on this department, a wish was expressed that the balance of £33 5s. 1d. then standing to the credit of the Treasurer might be paid off, previous to the close of the financial year. This balance has on the contrary been increased to £70 4s. 3d. The explanation of this is: 1st.—That a debt of £38 16s. 10d. owing on account of the School of Art has now been paid. 2nd.—That the improvements in the receipts and expenditure under several heads has been absorbed by the increase in the price of Coals. 3rd.—By expenditure to promote the comforts of the members, and a necessary outlay just paid for whitening the assembly room and staircase ceilings, and coloring the staircase walls, which had remained undone since the erection of the building.

The Council desire to call the attention of members to the Chess Club, which has been recently formed in connection with the Institution, the meetings being held every Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Fourteen meetings of the Council have been held, the attendance at which has been as follows:

Rev. R. J. Orr	5	Mr. Fletcher	1
Mr. Oliver	3	,, Jacson	0
,, Dalby	8	,, Myres, senr.	7
,, Barnes	12	,, Myres, junr.	0
,, Ascroft	0	,, Moore	9
,, Ambler	6	,, Parry	11
,, Alston	6	Rev. E. D. Rendell	2
,, Carter	6	Mr. Roper	7
,, Cotman	2	,, Simpson	0
,, Duckett	9	,, John Burton	4
,, Downie	14	,, Mason (elected Feb. 11, 1873)	4
,, Elliott	3		

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year	495
,, this year	490
Decrease	5
Number of Books in Library last year	9621
,, ,, this year	9985
Increase	364

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year:

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences	1776	34	1810
History	835	18	853
Voyages and Travels	714	17	731
Biography	833	15	848
Poetry and Drama	400	12	412
Tales and Novels	1549	108	1657
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines	3514	160	3674
	9621	364	9985

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Detailed Results of the Examinations in 1873.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. *signifies Pass, and* E. *Excellent.*

Name.	Free Hand.	Geometry.	Perspective	Model.	Prizes.
Alison, Robert	P.				
Bakewell, Jane E.	P.				
Bell, Rhoda C.	P.				
Buck, Walter	P.				
Carr, Jane E.	E.				Box of Instruments.
Chaloner, Charles	P.				
Christian, John G.	P.				
Dalby, Alice				P.	
Dawson, Joseph L.	P.				
Dawson, Ridley				P.	
Eckersley, William		P.			
Hughes, Henry	P.				
Hunter, Robert	P.				
Jacques, Harry P.		P.			
Kent, James M.	P.				
Knowles, Mary	P.				
Mc.Kittrick, Edwin	P.				
Moscrop, Esther	P.				
Myres, Frances K.	P.				
Newbound, Edward T.	P.	P.			
Ogden, Thomas R.		P.			
Park, John H.				P.	
Reed, William J.	P.				
Rigby, John	P.				
Rogerson, Ignatius	E.				Box of Colours.
Rowbotham, Frank L.	P.			E.	Box of Colours.
Scott, Edward T.		P.			
Sephton, James	P.				
Smith, Benjamin G.	P.			P.	
Stocks, William	E.				Wornum's Analysis of Ornament. Lindley's Botany.
Taylor, James	P.				

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.	
Rowbotham, F.	P.	
Wade, James	P.	
Wade, John	P.	

Advanced Section.

Moore, Mary Wilson	P.	
Oakey, Edith	P.	

Works Selected for National Competition.

Moore, Mary Wilson	23c	
Oakey, Edith	23c (2)	
Allison, Ann.....	13A	

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been awarded.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Burton, W. B.	5B	Painting Popularly Explained.
Moore, Mary W.	23c	Scott's Half-hour Lectures on Art.
Allison, Ann	13A	Fuseli's Lectures on Painting.

Nine Works, by W. B. Burton, passed in February, for the First Group Master's Certificate.

Oakey, Edith.—Designs for Backs of Playing Cards.—Book Prize, Wornum's Epochs of Painting.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry.

Heywood, John James, advanced First Class. Prize, Woolley's Geometery, and Molesworth's Engineering Formula.

Machine Construction and Drawing.

Heywood, John James, Honours, Second Class.

Mathematics—Stages 1, 2, *and* 3.

NAME.	STATUS.
Brown, John	Second Stage, First Class.
Heywood, John James	Second Stage, First Class.

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Theoretical Mechanics.

Heywood, John James, Elementary Stage, First Class.

Acoustics, Light, and Heat.

NAME.	STATUS.
Chadderton, William	Elementary Second Class.
Elliott, Joseph W.	Do.
Morton, William	Do.
Ridge, Walter H.	Do.
Seed, Richard	Do.
Heywood, John James	Advanced Second Class.

Magnetism and Electricity.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Chadderton, William	Elementary 1st Class	Laboratory Teaching, C. L. Bloxam.
Elliott, Joseph W.	Do.	Inorganic Chemistry, Frankland Wild Flowers, Mrs. Lancaster Familiar Lectures on Scientific Subjects, Herschell
Heywood, J. J.	Advanced 2nd Class	
Massey, John	Elementary 2nd Class	
Morton, William	Elementary 1st Class	Familiar Lectures on Scientific Subjects, Herschell
Ridge, Walter H.	Elementary 1st Class	Inorganic Chemistry, Frankland A Manual of Botanic Terms, Cooke
Seed, Richard	Elementary 1st Class	Elementary Physiology, Haxley Inorganic Chemistry, Buckmaster Organic Chemistry, Frankland Physical Geography of the Globe, Herschell

Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.	
Chadderton, Willian	Elementary 1st Class & Labaratory Practice	
Elliott, Joseph W.	Do.	Do.
Massey, John	2nd Class	Do.
Morton, William	1st Class	Do.
Ridge, Walter W.	Do.	Do.
Seed, Richard	Do.	Do.

Geology.

Firth, Daniel, Advanced Second Class.

Steam.

Heywood, J. J., Advanced Second Class.

Physical Geography.

Bonney, Henry, Elementary Second Class.
Smith, Benjamin G., Advanced Do.

At the Special Examination in Geometrical Drawing, held at South Kensington, in June, W. B. Burton obtained a First Class Certificate.

UNION OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE INSTITUTES EXAMINATION.

Machine Calculation.

Heywood, John James, First Prize, £3.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.

Carriage Construction.

Heywood, J. J., Second Prize, £2.

The following Students were also awarded prizes from funds supplied by EDWARD HERMON, Esq., M.P.

Edith Oakey .....Doré's Illustrations to Tennyson's Elaine.
Ann Allison .....English Painters of the present day; and Barnard's Foreground Drawing for Flower Painting.
Mary W. Moore.....Dresser on Design; and Homely Scenes of Great Painters.
W. B. Burton.....Noble Thought in Noble Language; and the Poetry of Nature, illustrated by Harrison Weir.
Jane E. Carr .....Burchett's Linear Perspective.
John H. Park..... Do.
W. Stocks ..... Do.
Ignatius Rogerson..... Do.
F. L. Rowbotham ..... Do.
J. W. Elliott .....Clark's Electrical Measurements; and Darwin's Origin of Species.
W. H. Ridge .....Cole's Manual of Dental Mechanics; and British Pharmacopœia.
J. Seed .....Franckland's Inorganic Chemistry; Huxley's Lay Sermon's; Lawson's Manual of Physiology.
W. Morton.....Clark's Electrical Measurements; and Balfour's Treatise on Heat.
W. Chadderton .....Pepper's Cyclopedic Science; and Bernay's Science of Home Life.
J. J. Heywood .....Wood's Algebra, Key and Companion.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1873.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz:—						
1 Member at 42s. per annum	2	2	0			
68 " 21s. "	71	8	0			
303 " 10s. "	151	10	0			
118 " 8s. "	47	8	4			
Subscription to Mudie's Library	1	19	0			
				274	7	4
To Donation per E. Hermon, Esq., M.P.				25	0	0
To Class Fees, viz:—						
School of Art	6	11	0			
Elementary Classes	1	11	0			
				8	2	0
To Sundry Rents and Hire of Rooms	95	1	0			
Mr. Cockshott's acknowledgement	0	1	0			
				95	2	0
To Interest from Corporation of Preston				19	13	11
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz:—						
Fines	1	1	10			
Catalogues	3	2	6			
Lost Books	0	2	0			
Sale of Newspapers	4	3	7			
				8	9	11
Total Income				430	15	2
To Balance now due to Treasurer				70	4	3
				£500	19	5

CR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Librarian's Salary	80	0	0			
Do. Assistance	14	8	0			
Do. Commission	17	15	0			
				112	3	0
By Coals	25	12	6			
Gas	31	9	2			
Insurance	3	9	0			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	15	7	3			
Rates and Taxes	11	17	2			
Petty Expenses	11	19	1			
Repairs and Furniture	51	11	2			
				151	5	6
By Books, New and Second-hand	39	5	5			
Magazines	31	18	11			
Newspapers	30	12	2			
Subscription to Mudie's Library	31	1	5			
Binding	16	7	10			
				149	5	9
By Class Expenses				12	3	8
By Expenditure on School of Art				38	16	10
By Subscription to Society of Arts	2	2	0			
Do. to Union of Institutes	1	0	0			
				3	2	0
By Bank Interest and Commission				0	17	7
Total Expenditure				467	14	4
By Balance due to Treasurer at 30th Sep., 1872				33	5	1
				£500	19	5

NOTE.—There have been no transactions in the Penny Bank Account, and the balance remains as before, viz.:—£34 15s. 5d.

There have been no withdrawals from the amount invested with the Corporation of Preston, and it remains as at 30th September, 1872, viz., £500.

J. S. OLIVER, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct, 2nd October, 1873,

E. LAWSON BARNES,
JAMES LEECH, } AUDITORS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. CRITCHLEY:

That the Report and Treasurer's Account now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. J. GREEN:

That the Council do pay to the Treasurer for the past year, from the funds first accruing, the balance due to him.

3.—Moved by Mr. R. ALLEN, seconded by Mr. W. ALSTON:

That Mr. THOMAS MITCHELL be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

4.—Moved by Mr. J. PARRY, seconded by Mr. W. ALSTON:

That Mr. J. S. OLIVER be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. E. L. BARNES:

That the thanks of the meeting be given to EDWARD HERMON, Esq., M.P., for his valuable services as President of the Institution during the past year.

6.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. W. F. MOORE:

That T. B. ADDISON, Esq., be appointed President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

7.—Moved by Mr. J. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. J. W. ELLIOTT:

That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

8.—Moved by Mr. W. C. DOWNIE, seconded by Mr. ALLEN:

That the thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. J. S. OLIVER, for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1873-4.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen
,, Robert Ascroft
,, William Ascroft
Lieut-Col. Birchall
Mr. Thomas Brewer
,, William Dobson
,, Thomas Duckett
Major German
Mr. John Goodair
,, E. Hermon, M.P.
Mr. Joseph Isherwood
,, C. R. Jacson
,, J. F. Leese
,, J. J. Myres, sen.
,, J. J. Myres, jun.
,, Miles Myres
,, Richard Newsham
,, W. Pollard
Rev. E. D. Rendell
Major Wilson

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T. B. ADDISON, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

MR. THOMAS DUCKETT. MR. RICHARD ALLEN.

COUNCIL.

To Serve Two Years.
Mr. William Ascroft
,, J. W. Carter
,, G. B. Dalby
,, Thos. Duckett
,, R. H. Elliott
,, W. Holland
,, John Leach
,, Thos. Mason
,, J. J. Myres, jun.
,, John Parry
,, R. Richardson

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,, F. Cotman
,, W. C. Downie
,, J. J. Myres, sen.
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MR. J. S. OLIVER.

AUDITORS:

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MR. CHARLES CROFT.

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,, Atherton
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,, John Taylor
,, G. Teale
,, R. P. Threlfall
,, G. Toulmin
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Miss Watson
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,, Winstanley
,, C. Wilson
Major Wilson

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

During the Year ending September 30, 1873.

ARTS, SCIENCE, AND PHILOSOPHY.

5	D	Burke. On the Sublime and Beautiful	1757
65	C	Curtis. Botany, 6 vols., incomplete	
1675	C	Darwin. The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals	1872
345	E	Davidson. The elements of Building Construction	1869
352	E	,, Drawing for Carpenters and Joiners	1870
395	E	,, Drawing for Machinists and Engineers	1870
377	E	,, Linear Drawing	1868
2325	D	Hull. The Coal Fields of Great Britain	1861
2336	D	Hole. A Book about Roses	1872
1689	C	Imray. The Steam Engine and its applications	1860
326	E	Jevons. Elementary Lessons in Logic	1871
2337	D	Kingsley, C. Town Geology	1872
2345	D	Knight. Knowledge is Power	1866
332	E	Lockyer. Elementary Lessons in Astronomy	1871
2328	D	Maxton. The Workman's Manual of Engineering Drawing	1871
2348	D	Ormathwaite. Astronomy and Geology compared	1872
1664	C	Pepper. Cyclopædic Science simplified	
1685	C	Proctor. Light Science for Leisure Hours	1871
2362	D	Quatrefages. Metamorphosis of Man and the lower Animals	1864
1684	C	Reclus. The Earth, a descriptive History of the phenomena of the Life of the Globe, 2 vols	1871
2378	D	Robinson. Hardy Flowers	1871
394	E	Ryan. Systematic Drawing and Shading	
73	C	Sinclair. Code of Health, 4 vols	1807
71	A	The Gardeners' Chronicle for 1872	
2379	D	Tyndall. Six Lectures on Light	1873
2358	D	,, The Forms of Water in Clouds and Rivers, Ice and Glaciers	1872

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

99	C	Anacharsis the Younger, Travels of	1800
2361	D	Buchanan. The Land of Lorne, 2 vols.	1871
2347	D	Butler. The Great Lone Land	1873
2372	D	Chambers. Wintering at Mentone	1870
1669	C	Dixon. The Switzers	1872
2346	D	King. Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada	1872
2349	D	Musgrave. A Pilgrimage into Dauphine, 2 vols.	1857
1676	C	Muster. At Home with the Patagonians	1871
1663	C	Stern. Wanderings among the Falashes in Abyssinia	1862
1677	C	South Sea Bubbles, by the Earl and the Doctor	1872
1687	C	Stanley. How I found Livingstone	1872
2350	D	Smiles. A Boy's Voyage Round the World	1871
1662	C	Thornbury. Turkish Life and Character, 2 vols	1860
1683	C	Zincke. Egypt of the Pharaohs and of the Kedive	1871

HISTORY.

24	E	Appleton. Reminiscences of the Battle Fields of Sedan, &c.	1871
1670	C	Belcher, Lady. The Mutineers of the Bounty	1870
224	C	Dyer. History of the University and Colleges of Cambridge, 2 vols.	1814
1673	C	Eckardt. Modern Russia	1870
2323	D	Freeman. The Growth of the English Constitution	1872
1682	C	,, Historical Essays, 2 vols.	1872
1686	C	,, History of the Norman Conquest, 4 vols.	1870, 1873
2330	D	Hargrove. The History of Knaresbrough	1809
236	C	Holyrood House, Historical Description of	1818
1666	C	Howitt. The Northern Heights of London	1869
2327	D	La Morte D'Arthur, the History of King Arthur, by Sir Thomas Mallory	1868
1688	C	Taine. History of English Literature, 2 vols.	1871

BIOGRAPHY.

1679	C	Anne of Austria, the Regency of, by Martha W. Freer, 2 vols.	1866
1667	C	Beugnot, Count, Life and Adventures of, by Charlotte M. Yonge, 2 vols.	1871
1680	C	Bewick, Life and Letters of, Edited by Thomas Landseer, 2 vols.	1871
1681	C	Brougham, Life of, by Lord Campbell	1869
2343	D	Francis of Assisi, by Mrs. Oliphant	
2342	D	Hamilton, Alex. Life and Times	1864
1674	C	Holland, Sir Henry. Recollections of Past Life	1872
1678	C	Kemble Family, An Account of, by P. Fitzgerald, 2 vols.	
1681	C	Lyndhurst. Life of, by Lord Campbell	1869
2357	D	M'Donald, Flora. The Autobiography of	1870
2344	D	Taylor, Jeremy. Biography of, by R. A. Wilmott	1848

POETRY AND THE DRAMA.

2363	D	Browning. Balaustion's Adventures	1871
250	E	Chaucer. Poetical Works, 4 vols.	1872
2331	D	Goethe. Dramatic Works	1872
322	E	Swift. Poetical Works, 3 vols.	1872
396	E	Milton. Poetical Works, 3 vols.	1872

TALES AND NOVELS.

2374	D	Ainsworth. Boscobel, 3 vols.	1872
2339	D	Aston Royal, 3 vols.	1872
2340	D	Blackmore. Clara Vaughan	1872
2353	D	Brougham. Albert Lunel, 3 vols.	1844
2370	D	Chambers. Ailie Gilroy	1872
2356	D	Collins. Poor Miss Finch	1873
237	B	Dickens. David Copperfield	1872
238	B	,, Bleak House	1873
240	B	,, Little Dorrit	1873
2314	D	Edwards. The Sylvestres, 3 vols.	1871
2311	D	,, Ought we to visit her? 3 vols.	1871
1671	C	Erckmann-Chatrian. The Story of the Plébiscite	1872
2367	D	,, The Outbreak of the Great French Revolution, 3 vols.	1871
2375	D	Gilbert. Clara Levesque, 3 vols.	1872
2305	D	Grant. Under the Red Dragon, 3 vols.	1872
2306	D	Gray. John Haller's Neice	1868
2368	D	Hoey. A Golden Sorrow, 3 vols.	1872
2318	D	Jenkins. Lord Bantam, 2 vols.	1872

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2304	D	Kingsley, Hy. Hornby Mills and other Tales, 2 vols.	1872
2319	D	,, The Harveys, 2 vols.	1872
2320	D	Lee. Her Title of Honour	1871
2338	D	,, The Beautiful Miss Barrington, 3 vols.	1871
2307	D	Le Fanu. The Rose and the Key, 3 vols.	1871
2351	D	Lever. Lord Kilgobbin, 3 vols.	1872
2329	D	Macdonald. Wilfred Cumbermede	1872
2315	D	Masterman. Half a dozen Daughters, 2 vols.	1871
2364	D	Mayo. Never Again	1873
2309	D	Melville. Contraband, 2 vols.	1871
2321	D	Meredith. Farina, a Legend of Cologne	1868
2353	D	Mulock. Hannah, 2 vols.	1872
2313	D	Oliphant. Squire Arden, 3 vols.	1871
2332	D	,, Ombra, 3 vols.	1872
2352	D	,, The Minister's Wife, 3 vols.	1809
2317	D	Parr. How it all Happened, 2 vols.	1871
2310	D	Reade. A Terrible Temptation, 3 vols.	1871
2360	D	Rameses; an Egyptian Tale	1824
2333	D	Riddell. A Life's Assize, 3 vols.	1871
2316	D	Robinson. True to Herself. 3 vols.	1870
2341	D	Stretton. David Lloyd's Last Will, 3 vols.	1869
2359	D	The Lollards	1822
1661	D	Trollope. The Golden Lion of Granpere	1872
2373	D	,, The Eustace Diamonds	1873
2322	D	,, Mrs. The Old and the New, 3 vols.	1849
2312	D	Wood. Bessy Rane, 3 vols.	1870
2308	D	Yates. Wrecked in Port, 3 vols.	1869
2371	D	,, Nobody's Fortune, 3 vols.	1872
2374	D	,, Castaway, 3 vols.	1872
2375	D	,, Dr. Wainwright's Patients, 3 vols.	1871

MISCELLANEOUS.

1691	C	A Collection of Papers, Squibs and Songs at the Preston Election of	1796
2365	D	About. The Fellah	1870
2354	D	Baring-Gould. Curious Myths of the Middle Ages	1873
1668	C	Brassey. On Work and Wages	1872
2335	D	Greg. The Enigmas of Life	1872
2366	D	Harland and Wilkinson. Lancashire Legends	1873
2334	D	Lytton. The Coming Race	1872
1672	C	Morley. Voltaire	1872
239	B	Plimsoll. Our Seamen. An Appeal	1873
2326	D	Smiles. Character	1872
2369	D	Taine. Notes on England	1872

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Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

AT the Annual Meeting of the Members held in the Assembly Room of the Institution, on the 6th of October, 1874, G. B. Dalby, Esq., Vice-President of the Institution, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted:—

The Council of this Institution in bringing before you their Forty-sixth Annual Report must at the outset record how deeply sensible they are of the loss the town has sustained through the death of T. B. Addison, Esq., the venerable President of your Institution. Mr. Addison was intimately associated with this Institution from its commencement, and for the first eleven years of its useful career occupied that position over the Council to which you again elected him at the last annual meeting. His unfailing interest and untiring zeal in all matters connected with the social advancement of his fellow-townsmen will cause his memory to be cherished for many years to come.

The Council have also to regret the loss of three of the Trustees of this Institution—John Goodair, Joseph Isherwood, and Miles Myres, Esquires—whose deaths have caused vacancies for which you will be asked to-night to provide.

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The Library has, during the past year, been supplemented by 216 volumes purchased and eight presented—the donors being Sir J. Kay-Shuttleworth 1, Messrs. W. Charnock 4, Joseph Livesey 1, J. Mac-Minnies 1, and Henry Oakey 1, to whom the best thanks of the Council are due.

The Council in January last arranged for an increased supply of books from Mudie's which has been the means of bringing many new members to the Institution, and has enabled the Council to defer the purchase of high-priced publications until they can be bought at reduced prices. No change has been found necessary in the supply of periodicals and papers to the Reading Room.

The Classes in connection with the Schools of Science and Art have been attended with very satisfactory results. The prizes awarded by the Department, South Kensington, together with the Hermon Prizes, will be distributed on the 13th inst., by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, when it is hoped an impetus will be given to the extention of these really useful schools.

The Council have not felt justified in making arrangements for the delivery of any Lectures during the coming Winter, owing to the meagre support given to the last experimental course. It is hoped that more members will avail themselves of the Chess Club formed in connection with this Institution, under the presidency of a gentleman of well-earned reputation.

The Council have received from the Executors of the late Thomas Norris, Esq., £200, bequeathed to the Institution by that gentleman, less £20 legacy duty. This has enabled them to pay off the debt of £70 4s. 3d. owing to your Treasurer at the close of last year, also a debt of £23 5s. 6d. owing to the Treasurer of the School of Art for many years. They have also increased the comfort of the School of Art students by additional heating apparatus at a cost of £24, and cleaned and redecorated the Theatre of the Institution ot a cost of £23 14s. 6d. These amounts, together with the loss on the Lectures and the balance of £23 14s. 4d. now

in the hands of the Treasurer, absorb this bequest. The regular expenditure of the year has been met by the ordinary receipts. The Council trust that a continuance, if not an increase, of public support will be accorded to this Institution, so that its useful educational work may be carried on with vigor and efficiency.

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year	490
,, this year	516
Increase.....	26
Number of Books in the Library, last year	9985
,, this year	10209
Increase.....	224

Classified statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year.

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences	1810	11	1821
History	853	8	861
Voyages and Travels ...	731	8	739
Biography	848	24	872
Poetry and Drama	412	4	416
Tales and Novels.....	1657	74	1731
Miscellaneous Literature including Magazines...	3674	95	3769
	9985	224	10209

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DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1874.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. *signifies Pass, and* E. *Excellent.*

Name.	Free Hand.	Geometry.	Perspective	Model.	Prizes
Bell, Rhoda C.				P.	
Blacoe, Thos. Alfred	E.				Burchett's Geometry.
Bolton, Annie	P.				
Buck, Albert Edward				E.	Wornum's Analysis of Colour and Lindley's Botany.
Buck, Walter				P.	
Cardwell, John G.	P.	P.			
Chadwick, Andrew	P.				
Christian, John G.		P.			
Dalby, Mary E.	P.			P.	
Dawson, Joseph L.		P.		P.	
Dawson, Ridley			E.		Box of Instruments
France, John James	P.				
Gillibrand, Adam	P.	P.			
Heathcote, W. H.	P.	E.			Burchett's Perspective.
Hughes, Henry				P.	
Hughes, Mary Theresa	P.				
Johnson, John	P.	E.			Stanley Treatise on Drawing Instrument
Knowles, Mary				P.	
Lamb, Thomas	P.				
Livesey, Kate	P.				
Miller, John Francis	P.				
Newbound, Edward T.				P.	
Park, Thomas	P.				
Park, John H.		E.			Burchett's Perspective.
Penny, Fanny W.	P.				
Rogerson, Ignatius				P.	
Roper, Robert	P.				
Reid, William				P.	
Renwick, John		P.			
Sephton, Richard	P.				
Shepperd, P. H. S.				P.	
Stevenson, George		P.	P.		
Wade, James	P.				
Williamson, Joseph F	P.				
Wilson, Samuel	P.				
Wild, Alfred				P.	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.	
Banister, William	P.	
Cardwell, J. J	P.	
Christian, J. G	P.	
Dawson, J. L	P.	
Gillibrand, Adam	P.	
Johnson, John	P.	
Knowles, Mary	P.	
Rogerson, Ignatius	P.	
Sharples, Thomas	P.	
Wade, John R	P.	
Wade, J. E	P.	

Advanced Section.

Allison, Ann	P.	
Moore, Mary W	P.	
Oakey, Edith E	P.	

Works Selected for National Competition.

Allison, Ann	8c (1)	
Moore, Mary W	c 2323d (2)	
Oakey, Edith E	23c (3)	

Students to whom Third Grade Queens Prizes have been awarded.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZES.
Allison, Ann		Tyrwhitt's Pictorial Art.
Moore, Mary W		12 Photographs from Wedgwood Memorial.
Oakey, Edith E		Benson's Principles of the Science of Colour.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry.

Foster, James Y.....Elementary—First Class.

Machine Construction and Drawing.

Foster, James Y.....Elementary—First Class.

Mathematics—Stages 1, 2, *and* 3.

Elliott, Joseph.....First Stage—Second Class.

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Magnetism and Electricity.

Name.	Status.	Prize.
Chadderton William	Advanced 2nd Class.	
Elliott, Joseph W.....	do. do.	
Morgan, Isaac.....	Elementary 1st Class.	Ganot's Physics.

Acoustics Light and Heat.

Name.	Status.
Chadderton, W.....	E. 1st—Miller's Crystallography.
Elliott, J. W.....	E. 1st—Tyndall on Light.
Morton, W.....	E. 1st—Ganot's Physics.

Inorganic Chemistry.

Morgan, Isaac.....Elementary—2nd Class.

The following Students were also awarded prizes from funds supplied by EDWARD HERMON, Esq., M.P.

Ann Allison .....Salver with Arms of the Swiss Cantons in the border.
Ann Allison .....Salver with Equestrian Portraits of German Emperors in Medallions.
Mary W. Moore.....Perfume Burner, from a Design by Roucan of Paris.
Edith E. Oakey.....Salver with Arms of the Swiss Cantons in the border.
Edith E. Oakey.....Salver with Medallions of the History of Adam and Eve.
W. Chadderton.....Tyndall's Researches in Diamagnetism and Magne-Crystallic Action.
J. W. Elliott.....Tyndall's Researches in Diamagnetism and Magne-Crystallic Action.
W. Morton .....Sound by Tyndall.
W. Morton.....Conservation of Energy by Balfour Stewart.
I. Morgan..... Do.
I. Morgan .....First Lesson in Theoretical Mechanics by Twisden.
J. Y. Foster .....Herschell's Lectures on Scientific Subjects.
J. Y. Foster .....Tyndall's Lectures on Sound.
J. Johnson .....Linton's Scenery of Greece.
T. A. Blacow.....Recollections of a Rambler.
A. E. Buck .....Pictures of English Literature.
R. Dawson.. .....One Hundred Drawings by Thomas.
J. H. Park.....Millais' Collected Illustrations.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE INSTITUTION FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1874.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz:—		
1 Member at 42s. per annum	2 2 0	
92 „ 21s. „	96 12 0	
289 „ 10s. „	143 7 9	
134 „ 8s. „	53 10 8	
		295 12 5
To Legacy from the late Thomas Norris, Esq., Less Legacy Duty at 10 per cent		180 0 0
To Class Fees, viz:—		
School of Art	11 6 9	
Elementary Classes	15 19 6	
		27 6 3
To Sundry Rents and Hire of Rooms	87 8 0	
Mr. Cockshott's acknowledgment	0 1 0	
		87 9 0
To Interest from the Corporation of Preston		19 15 7
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz:—		
Fines	0 17 2	
Catalogues	2 10 0	
Lost Books, &c.	0 10 2	
Sale of Newspapers	5 11 7	
		9 8 11
To Tickets and Admissions to Lectures		12 14 9
To Bank Interest		1 7 6
Total Income		£633 14 5
To Balance Brought Forward		23 14 4

CR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
Do. Assistance	14 8 0	
Do. Commission	18 9 0	
		112 17 0
By Coals	19 7 5	
Gas	29 6 11	
Insurance	3 9 0	
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	10 19 7	
Rates and Taxes	18 15 6	
Petty Expenses	12 9 11	
Repairs and Furniture	50 16 1	
		145 4 5
By Books, New and Second-hand	31 9 4	
Magazines	29 7 7	
Newspapers	31 16 3	
Subscription to Mudie's Library	42 18 1	
Binding	21 15 8	
		157 6 11
By Class Expenses		25 11 8
By Expenditure of School of Art	36 14 4	
Additional Heating Apparatus for do	24 0 0	
		60 14 4
By Prizes to pupils (from Mr. Hermons prize fund)		12 16 8
By Expenses of Lectures		21 6 1
By Subscriptions to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
Do. Union of Institutions	1 10 0	
		3 12 0
By Bank Commission		0 6 9
Total Expenditure		539 15 10
By Balance due to Treasurer at 30th September, 1873		70 4 3
By. Do. carried forward		23 14 4
		£633 14 5

J. S. OLIVER, TREASURER.

Examined, and found correct, 5th October, 1874. THOMAS MITCHELL, E. LAWSON BARNES, } AUDITORS.

NOTE.—*There has been no transactions in the Penny Bank Account, and the balance remains as before, viz:—£34 15s. 4d. There have been no withdrawals from the amount invested with the Corporation of Preston, the Amount is £500 as per last Account.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Moved by the CHAIRMAN seconded by Mr. J. W. ELLIOTT :

   That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries,

2. Moved by Mr. RD. ALLEN, seconded by Mr. J. S. OLIVER :

   That Messrs. CRITCHLEY, CLEMENT, and GREEN, be appointed Scrutineers of the Voting Papers.

3. Moved by Mr. ROPER, seconded by Mr. DOWNIE :

   That Mr. J. S. OLIVER be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

4. Moved by Mr. OLIVER, seconded by Mr. PARRY :

   That the Worshipful the Mayor, JOHN JAMES MYRES, Esq., be appointed President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5. Moved by Mr. PARRY, seconded by Mr. LEACH :

   That W. B. ROPER, ROBT. BENSON, and HENRY HAWKINS, Esqrs., be appointed Trustees in the place of JOHN GOODAIR, MILES MYRES, and JOSEPH ISHERWOOD, Esqrs., deceased.

6. Moved by Mr. ALSTON, seconded by Mr. HOLLAND :

   That Mr. JAMES LEECH be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years

7. Moved by Mr. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. J. W. ELLIOTT :

   That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries Treasurer, and Auditors for their valuable services during the past year.

8. Moved by Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. AMBLER :

   That the thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. G. B. DALBY for his valuable services as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1874-5.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen.
„ Robert Ascroft.
„ William Ascroft.
Lieut-Col. Birchall.
Mr. Thomas Brewer.
„ William Dobson.
„ Thomas Duckett.
Major German.
Mr. W. B. Roper.
„ E. Hermon, M.P.

Mr. Robert Benson.
„ C. R. Jacson.
„ J. F. Leese.
„ J. J. Myres,
„ J. J. Myres, jun.
„ Henry Hawkins.
„ Richard Newsham.
„ W. Pollard.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.
Mr. T. Wilson.

PRESIDENT:

JOHN JAMES MYRES, ESQUIRE.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

MR. RICHARD ALLEN MR. THOMAS DUCKETT.

COUNCIL.

To Serve Two Years.
Mr. Richard Allen.
„ Edward Ambler.
„ E. L. Barnes.
„ John Burton.
„ John Croft.
„ W. C. Downie.
„ J. J. Myres.
„ W. F. Moore.
„ Henry Oakey.
„ W. B. Roper.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.

To Serve One Year
Mr. J. W. Carter.
„ G. B. Dalby.
„ Thomas Duckett.
„ R. H. Elliott.
„ W. Holland.
Rev. John Julian.
Mr. John Leach.
„ Thomas Mason.
„ John Parry.
„ R. Richardson.
„ Henry Walmsley.

TREASURER:

MR. J. S. OLIVER.

AUDITORS:

MR. JAMES LEECH. MR. THOMAS MITCHELL.

HONORARY SECRETARIES:

MR. G. B. DALBY MR. E. L. BARNES.

LIBRARIAN:

MR. CHARLES CROFT.

SUBSCRIBERS OF ONE GUINEA AND UPWARDS ANNUALLY

Mr. Richard Allen
„ W. Alston
„ J. S. Anderson
„ James Andrew
„ Atherton
„ W. Ascroft
„ A. Ascroft
„ E. Ambler
Mrs. Abbott
Dr. Arminson

Mr. Barnes
„ E. L. Barnes
„ E. H. Booth
„ H. Bell
„ A. B. Beaven
Mrs. Brown

Rev. D. F. Chapman
Mr. L. H. Clarke
Miss Clemmey
Mr. W. W. Cottam
Mrs. Cooper
Mr. F. Cotman
„ J. Clayton
„ Joseph Catterall
„ M. B. Copland

„ Dalby
„ F. Daggers
„ W. Dobson
„ W. Drennan
„ E. L. Dixon
„ W. C. Downie
„ W. Dawson
Mrs. Dodgson

Mr. J. C. Eccles
, Joseph Eccles
, T. Edelston

Miss Friar
Dr. Fearnside
Mr. T. Fletcher
Miss French
Mrs. Fisher
Mr. John Fell

Miss Gardiner

Miss Horrocks
Dr. Hammond
Mr. W. Holland
„ James Hall
„ Hermon, M.P.
„ Sydney Hermon
„ B. Halden
Dr. Hodgson

Mr. J. S. Irvin

„ C. R. Jacson

„ S. Kent
„ T. J. T. Ketton
„ C. Ketton
„ R. H. Knowles

„ J. H. Livesey

„ Thos. Mason
„ E. Makinson
„ F. Mann
„ W. P. Miller
„ Milner
„ T. Mitchell
„ W. F. Moore
„ J. J. Myres
„ J. J. Myres, jun.

Mr. T. H. Myres
Miss Myres

Miss Newton
Mr. Newsham

„ J. S. Oliver
„ Hy. Oakey

Rev. Canon Parr
Mr. J. Parkinson
„ J. Parry
„ W. J. Plant
„ W. Pollard
„ J. Pilkington
„ W. O. Pilkington
Mrs. Park
Mr. W. P. Park

„ W. B. Roper

„ G. Sharples
Mrs. Shuttleworth
Mr. C. G. Spencer
„ J. Satterthwaite
„ J. Seed
„ John Taylor
„ G. Teale
„ R. P. Threlfall
„ G. Toulmin
Miss Taylor

Rev. J. Wilson
Miss Watson
Mr. H. C. Walton
„ Winstanley
„ C. Wilson
Mr. T. Wilson
Mr. E. Wilson
Mrs Withers
Mr. Woolman

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1874

ARTS, SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY.

30 E Atcherley. Adulterations of Food 1874
938 C Bland. Algebraical Problems and key, 2 vols 1832
126 D Brachet. An Etymological Dictionary of the French Language, translated by G. W. Kitchen 1873
26 D Bellairs. Hardy Ferns; how I collected and cultivated them 1865
1701 C Brewster. The Kaleidoscope 1870
2407 D Eley. Geology in the Garden ... ...
848 C Ruskin. Lectures on Art 1873
237 C Shuttleworth. Social Problems... 1873
1694 C Valentin. A course of qualitative Chemical Analysis 1870
987 C Williams. Elements of Euclid... 1829

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

519 C Burton. Zanzibar—City, Island and Coast, 2 vols. 1872
1056 C Ledyard. Travels and Adventures 1834
706 D Marco Polo. Travels. Edited by Thos. Wright 1854
2400 D Stanley. My Kalulu 1873
300 C Trollope Australia and New Zealand, 2 vols. 1873
1696 C Whymper, E. Scrambles amongst the Alps... 1871

HISTORY.

304 C Froude. The English in Ireland in the 18th Century... 1872
107 D Kitchen. A History of France down to 1453 1873
88 D Labouchere. Diary of a Besieged Residence in Paris 1872
2399 D Molesworth. History of England 1830 to 1874, 3 vols. 1874
240 D The Daily News War Correspondence 1873
892 C Waddington. Congregational History, 1567-1700 1874

BIOGRAPHY.

1702 C Alford. Life, Journals, and Letters 1873
1695 C Brassey. Life and Labours by Arthur Helps 1872
1699 C Coleridge, Sara. Memoirs and Letters, 2 vols. 1873
854 C Doran. A Lady of the Last Century 1873
856 C Deutsch. Literary Remains 1874
79 D Espinesse. Lancashire Worthies. 1874
1697 C Grote. The Personal Life of 1873
1998 C Hare. Memorials of a Quiet Life, 2 vols. 1873
40 D Hawthorne. Memoirs of 1872
708 D Houghton, Lord. Monographs, Personal and Social 1873
796 C Lawrence, Sir Hy. Life of, 2 vols. 1872
50 D Men of the Second Empire 1872
371 C Mill. Autobiography. 1873
58 D Montalembert, Count de. Memoirs of 1872
78 D Pebody. Authors at Work 1872
1692 C Rousseau, by John Morley, 2 vols. 1873
2404 D Schubert. The Life of, 2 vols.. 1869
401 C Stockmar, Baron. Memoirs of, Edited by F. MaxMüller, 2 vols. 1872

POETRY AND DRAMA.

2406 D Chapman. The Works of 1874
2408 D Harte. The Poetical Works of... 1872
51 D Miller. Songs of the Sierras 1871
904 D Sheridan. Complete Works 1874

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TALES AND NOVELS.

2383 D Black. The Strange Adventures of a Pheaton, 2 vols 1872
2391 D Blackmore. The Maid of Sker, 3 vols. 1872
2393 D Braddon. The Lovels of Arden, 3 vols.... 1871
2398 D ,, Strangers and Pilgrims, 3 vols. 1873
197 D Bowring. The Flowery Scroll. A Chinese Novel translated by Sir John Bowring 1868
2390 D Collins. The New Magdalen. 1873
2380 D Craven. Fleurange, 2 vols... 1872
2388 D Edwards, A. B. In The Days of my Youth, 3 vols. 1873
56 D Francillon. Pearl and Emerald... 1872
45 D Hatton. The Valley of Poppies, 2 vols... 1872
2397 D Hawthorne Bressant, 2 vols. 1873
1101 D Jerrold. The Barber's Chair. 1874
49 D Kingsley, Hy, Oakshott Castle, 3 vols... 1873
2392 D Lee. Katherine's Trial. 1873
2385 D Lockhart. Fair to See, 3 vols... 1871
92 D Lytton, Lord. Kenelm Chillingly, 3 vols. 1873
2405 D ,, The Parisians, 4 vols. 1873
2381 D Macdonald, The Vicar's Daughter, 3 vols. 1872
2389 D Mahony. The Misadventures of Mr. Catlyne, Q.C., 2 vols. 1873
2401 D Newby. Langley Manor, 3 vols. 1872
2384 B Nora and Archibald Lee, 3 vols... 1867
140 D Oliphant. Innocent. A Tale of Modern Life, 3 vols... 1873
2382 D ,, At His Gates, 3 vols... 1872
2402 D Parr. The Prescotts of Pamphillon, 3 vols 1873
2396 D Robinson. Little Kate Kirby, 3 vols. 1873
2403 D Stretton. Hester Morley's Promise, 3 vols. 1873
1695 D Thackeray, Miss. Old Kensington, 2 vols. 1873
2387 D Thomasina, 2 vols... 1872
2394 D Wood. Within the Maze, 3 vols. 1872
2395 D ,, The Master of Greylands, 3 vols. 1873

MISCELLANEOUS.

1700 C Bardsley. Our English Surnames. 1873
2386 D Howitt. The Year Book. ... ...
72 A Iron. ... ...
89 E Nichol. How to Behave. A Manual of Manners and Morals... 1873
71 A The Gardener's Chronicle. ... ...
855 C Timbs. London and Westminster, 2 vols. 1868

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Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Assembly Room of the Institution, on the 5th October, 1875, J. J. Myres, Esq., President of the Institution, in the chair, the following Report was read and adopted :—

The Council of this Institution, in arriving at the close of another year's work, regret that they cannot regard their position with any very great satisfaction: their power of operation in extending the usefulness of the Institution being so crippled, for want of that support which not only provides the means of action, but also helps them considerably by the feeling of sympathy which it indicates.

During the past year, you will observe from the Treasurer's Report, there has been a great falling off in the number of members, and also in the rents received. It is needless to add that, unless the number of subscribers considerably increases, there will have to be a reconsideration of the terms of membership. It is therefore to the advantage of each member to canvass for more subscribers, and thus provide the Council with the means to make those additions to the Library and other departments of the Institution which from time to time are so desirable; because our working expenses will most likely quite absorb the interest which will accrue upon the share this Institution will receive from the profits of the Exhibition now being held, and which the Council was largely instrumental in originating.

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The number of volumes now in the Library amounts to 10,386, having received 177 additions during the year.

The Council, in acknowledging Mr. H. C. Walton's presentation of "Dowsing's Rambles in Switzerland," one volume, would remind other members of the acceptability of such contributions to the Library.

For the further usefulness and completeness of the Reading Room, the Council have, during the year, added the "Geographical Magazine," the "Technical Educator," the "New Quarterly," and the "Pictorial World," to the already well-supplied tables.

The Schools of Science and Art have, during the past session, been marked by good results. In the latter, Miss Mary W. Moore has been awarded the Bronze Medal of the Department, which is a tribute to the efficiency of the school teaching, no less than to the ability of the pupil.

The Council have made arrangements for a more complete series of Science Classes, during the coming session, which they are glad to note have already attracted a considerably increased number of students.

During the last winter, the members of the Institution had the opportunity of joining a Chess Club, under the presidency of Mr. Stanley; and it is gratifying to note that it attracted the attention of the famous Mr. B. Bussy, of London, who played several well-fought games with the worthy leader of the Club. The Club well merits a greater accession of members this season.

The Council are anxious to obtain a University Lecturer for next winter, if they receive a sufficiently increased support.

The Treasurer's balance-sheet will explain to you the struggles of the Council in providing all the advantages you now enjoy for so limited a subscription.

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year	516
„ this year	479
Decrease	35
Number of Books in the Library last year	10,209
this year	10,386
„ Increase	177

Classified Statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year:—

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences	1821	11	1832
History	861	6	867
Voyages and Travels	739	8	747
Biography	872	6	878
Poetry and Drama	416	5	421
Tales and Novels	1731	47	1778
Miscellaneous Literature including Magazines	3769	94	3863
	10,209	177	10,386

DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1875.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. *signifies Pass, and* E. *Excellent.*

Name.	Free-hand.	Geom-etry.	Perspec-tive.	Model.	Prizes.
Baker, George	P.	...	...	E.	Box of Colours.
Carr M.	P.	...	...	...	
Gaunt, Jabez	P.	...	...	...	
Gillibrand, Adam	...	...	E.	E.	Binn's Orthographic Projection.
Gregson, George	P.	...	...	...	
Green, William	P.	...	...	...	
Law, Alice S.	P.	...	...	...	
Miles, William H.	P.	...	...	...	
Nicholl, Joseph H.	...	...	...	P.	
Park, John	...	...	P.	E.	Wornum's Analysis of Ornament, and Lindley's Botany.
Pownall, Alfred G.	P.	...	...	...	
Pye, F. J. R.	E.	E.	...	E.	Binn's Orthographic Projection.
Robinson, Richard S.	P.	...	...	P.	
Rogerson, Lillie	P.	...	...	...	
Shepperd, P. H. S.	...	...	P.	...	
Simpson, Florence J.	P.	...	...	...	
Smith, Elizabeth M.	P.	...	...	P.	
Smith, John	P.	...	...	...	
Townsend, W. J.	...	...	...	P.	
Wade, John R.	P.	...	...	...	
Wilson, Robert A.	P.	...	...	...	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.	
Baker, George	P.	
Buck, Albert E.	P.	
Gillibrand, Adam	P.	
Knowles, Mary	P.	
Osbaldeston, W.	P.	
Park, John	P.	
Pye, Frank J.	P.	
Rogerson, J.	P.	
Sephton, R.	P.	
Smith, John	P.	
Sparling, Henry	P.	
Wade, John R.	P.	

Advanced Section.

Burton, W. B.	P.	
Eckersley, William	P.	
Moore, Mary W.	P.	

Works selected for National Competition.

Burton, W. B.	22A	
Moore, Mary W.	23A (for 2)	

Students to whom Third Grade Queen's Prizes have been awarded.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZES.
Burton, W. B.	22D 22A	Penley's Painting from Nature.
Baker, George	2B	Painting Popularly Explained.
Bell, Clara	2B (for set)	Scott's Half-hour Lectures on Art.
Park, John	5B	Painting Popularly Explained.
Rogerson, Ignatius	5B	Atkinson's Art Tour in Northern Capitals.

Moore, Mary W., awarded a National Bronze Medal for Success in Art.

In the Special Course of Instruction in Machine Construction and Drawing to Science Teachers, held in London, W. Bowness Burton was bracketted tenth in the list of Teachers who passed, selected from the United Kingdom.

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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry.

Fish, N. G.....Advanced—Second Class.

Machine Construction and Drawing.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Oakey, Thomas	Elementary—1st Class.	Wallace. The Malay Archipelago.
Singleton, Thomas	Elementary—2nd Class.	

Building Construction.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZES.
Burton, W. B.	Advanced—1st Class.	Bacon's Advancement of Learning. Benson's Science of Colour. Bullcock's Animal Physiology. Crook's Structural Botany.
Pye, F. J. R.	Advanced—1st Class.	Embroiderer's Design Book.
Gregson, George	Advanced—2nd Class.	

Magnetism and Electricity.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Chadderton, W.	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Dixon, Thomas A.	Elementary—1st Class.	Tomlinson. The Dew-drop and the Mist.
Elliott, J. W.	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Gregson, G.	Elementary—2nd Class.	

Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Booth, John	Elementary—2nd Class.	
Dixon, Thomas A.	Elementary—1st Class & Laboratory Practice	Velentin. Qualitative Chemical Analysis.
Gregson, G.	Elementary—2nd Class.	

Mathematics.

Elliott, J. W.....First Stage—Second Class.

Animal Physiology.

Dixon, Thomas A.....Elementary—Second Class.
Harding, B. L. .....Elementary—Second Class.

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1875.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz. :—						
1 Member at 42s. per annum	2	2	0			
96 „ 21s. „	100	16	0			
283 „ 10s. „	141	15	0			
99 „ 8s. „	39	10	5			
				284	3	5
To School of Art Fees				10	0	0
To sundry Rents and Hire of Rooms				51	2	0
To Interest from Corporation				19	16	6
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz. :—						
Fines	0	18	6			
Catalogues	2	10	0			
Lost Books	0	6	0			
Sale of Newspapers	3	15	7			
Hire of Furniture, &c.	0	4	0			
Examination Fees	1	10	0			
				9	4	1
To Bank Interest				1	15	5
Total Income				£376	1	5
To Balance, Sept. 30th, 1874				23	14	4
				£399	15	9
To Balance brought forward				£27	5	2

CR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Librarian's Salary	80	0	0			
„ Assistance	14	8	0			
„ Commission	16	1	0			
				110	9	0
By Coals	14	14	8			
Gas	27	19	7			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	12	6	0			
Rates and Taxes	14	12	11			
Petty Expenses	8	7	11			
Repairs and Furniture	11	3	1			
				89	4	2
By new Books	27	17	0			
Magazines	31	18	7			
Newspapers	31	8	5			
Subscription to Mudie's Library	43	1	0			
Binding	15	8	1			
				149	13	1
By Subscription to Society of Arts	2	2	0			
„ Union of Institutes	1	0	0			
				3	2	0
By Prizes and Distribution				16	8	10
By Bank Commission				0	4	6
By Insurance				3	9	0
Total Expenditure				£372	10	7
By Balance, Sept. 30th, 1875				27	5	2
				£399	15	9

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, 4th October, 1875.

Thomas Mitchell,
E. Lawson Barnes,
James Leech,
} Auditors.

NOTE.—There have been no transactions in the Penny Bank Account, and the balance remains as before, namely, £34 15s. 4d. There have been no withdrawals from the amount invested with the Corporation of Preston, the amount is £500, as per last Account.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. JOHN LEACH:

   That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts, now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed, under the direction of the Secretaries.

2. Moved by Mr. DOWNIE, seconded by Mr. W. F. MOORE:

   That Mr. J. S. OLIVER be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

3. Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. H. OAKEY:

   That W. P. PARK, Esq., be appointed President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

4. Moved by Mr. AMBLER, seconded by Mr. ALLEN:

   That Mr. THOMAS MITCHELL be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

5. Moved by Mr. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. HIBBERT:

   That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

6. Moved by Mr. MARSHALL, seconded by Mr. W. F. MOORE:

   That in the opinion of this Meeting it is desirable to make arrangements by which instruction can be afforded in the art of Cookery.

7. Moved by Mr. W. F. MOORE, seconded by Mr. Allen:

   That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Alderman MYRES, for his valuable services as President during the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

Messrs. W. ALSTON, J. LEACH, H. WALMSLEY, F. W. WALTERS, J. COOK, W. CHADDERTON, G. B. DALBY, S. LEE, T. FELL, J. PARRY, J. W. ELLIOTT, and T. R. JOLLY, were elected members of the Council, in accordance with Rule 6.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1875--6.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen.
„ Robert Ascroft.
„ William Ascroft.
Lieut.-Col. Birchall.
Mr. Thomas Brewer.
„ William Dobson.
„ Thomas Duckett.
Major German.
Mr. W. B. Roper.
„ E. Hermon, M.P.
Mr. Robert Benson.
„ C. R. Jacson.
„ J. F. Leese.
„ J. J. Myres.
„ J. J. Myres, jun.
„ Henry Hawkins.
„ Richard Newsham.
„ W. Pollard.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.
Mr. T. Wilson.

PRESIDENT:

W. P. PARK, ESQUIRE.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

MR. JOHN BURTON. MR. RICHARD ALLEN.

COUNCIL:

To Serve Two Years.

Mr. William Alston.
„ William Chadderton.
„ James Cook.
„ G. B. Dalby.
„ J. W. Elliott.
„ Thomas Fell.
„ John Leach.
„ Samuel Lee.
„ John Parry.
„ Henry Walmsley.
Rev. F. W. Walters.

To Serve One Year.

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„ E. Lawson Barnes.
„ John Burton.
„ W. C. Downie.
„ T. R. Jolly.
„ J. J. Myres, sen.
„ W. F. Moore.
„ Henry Oakey.
„ W. B. Roper.
Rev. E. D. Rendell.

TREASURER:

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AUDITORS:

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HONORARY SECRETARIES:

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LIBRARIAN:

MR. CHARLES CROFT.

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SUBSCRIBERS OF ONE GUINEA AND UPWARDS ANNUALLY.

Mr. Richard Allen
„ W. Alston
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„ James Andrew
„ Atherton
„ W. Ascroft
„ A. Ascroft
„ E. Ambler
Mrs. Abbott
Dr. Arminson

Mr. Barnes
„ E. L. Barnes
„ E. H. Booth
„ H. Bell
Rev. A. B. Beaven

Rev. D. F. Chapman
Mr. L. H. Clarke
Miss Clemmy
Mrs. Cooper
Mr. F. Cotman
„ J. Clayton
„ Joseph Catterall
„ M. B. Copland

Mr. Dalby
„ F. Daggers
„ W. Dobson
„ W. Drennan
„ E. L. Dixon
„ W. C. Downie
„ W. Dawson

Mr. J. C. Eccles
„ Joseph Eccles
„ T. Edelston

Miss Friar

Dr. Fearnside
Mr. T. Fletcher
Mrs. Fisher

Mr. C. Hawkins
„ Hodgkinson
„ C. Houghton
„ J. Hyde
Miss Horrocks
Dr. Hammond
Mr. W. Holland
„ James Hall
„ Hermon, M.P.
„ Sydney Hermon
„ B. Halden
Dr. Hodgson

Mr. C. R. Jacson

Mr. S. Kent
„ T. J. T. Ketton
„ C. Ketton
„ R. H. Knowles

„ J. H. Livesey
„ J. Leach
„ J. Lewis

„ E. Makinson
„ T. Mitchell
„ W. F. Moore
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„ J. J. Myres, jun.
„ T. H. Myres
Miss Myres

Miss Newton
Mr. Newsham

Mr. J. S. Oliver

Mr. Hy. Oakey
Miss Oxley

Rev. Canon Parr
Mr. J. Parkinson
„ J. Parry
„ W. J. Plant
„ W. Pollard
„ J. Pilkington
„ W. O. Pilkington
„ W. P. Park

Mr. W. B. Roper
„ Ryder

Mr. G. Sharples
„ C. G. Spencer
„ J. Satterthwaite
„ J. Seed
Miss Smyth

Mr. John Taylor
„ G. Teale
„ R. P. Threlfall
„ G. Toulmin
Miss Taylor
Mrs. Townsend
Mr. G. T. Tully

Rev. J. Wilson
Miss Watson
Mr. H. C. Walton
„ Winstanley
Mrs. Winstanley
„ White
Mr. C. Wilson
„ T. Wilson
Mrs. Withers
Mr. Woolman

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

During the Year ending September 30th, 1875.

ARTS, SCIENCE, AND PHILOSOPHY.

397	E	Bain. A Companion to the Higher English Grammar	1874
245	B	Birch. Examples of Labourers' Cottages	1871
1708	C	Engel. The Music of the Most Ancient Nations	1864
1712	C	Essays on Local Government and Taxation	1875
2429	D	Kaye. The Essays of an Optimist	1870
2430	D	Kingsley. Madam How and Lady Why	1870
247	B	M'Intosh. The Book of the Garden. Vol. 1, Architecture ...	1853
2413	D	Marsh. Lectures on the English Language, edited by W. Smith ...	1872
2412	D	Shaw. A History of English Literature, edited by W. Smith ...	1874
1710	C	Spencer. First Principles	1870
2436	D	Tyrwhitt. Our Sketching Club...	1874

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1709	C	Dowsing. Rambles in Switzerland	1869
2424	D	Hare. Wanderings in Spain	1873
2438	D	Kennaway. Crusts : A Settler's Fare Due South	1874
1713	C	Livingstone. The Last Journals of, 2 vols.	1874
1714	C	Macgregor. The Rob Roy on the Jordan	1869
2426	D	Stephen. The Playgrounds of Europe...	1871
2409	D	Wordsworth. Recollections of a Tour in Scotland	1874

HISTORY.

2434	D	Cordery and Phillpotts. King and Commonwealth	1875
244	B	Erckmann-Chatrian. Histoire D'un Paysan	—
2410	D	Gibbon. History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. Edited by W. Smith	1866
2411	D	Hume. History of England	1872
1707	C	Liechtenstein, Princess. Holland House, 2 vols.	1874

BIOGRAPHY.

2449	D	Austen, Memoirs of	1872
1705	C	Barry, The Life and Works of	1867
2423	D	Bunsen, Memoirs of, 2 vols	1869
1711	C	Ellet. Women Artists of All Ages and Countries	1859
1706	C	Somerville, Personal Recollections of	1873

POETRY AND DRAMA.

2419	D	Goethe. Poems, translated by E. A. Bowring	1874
2445	D	Knowles. Dramatic Works	—
399	E	Longfellow. Aftermath	1873
400	E	Do. Three Books of Song	1872
401	E	Tennyson. Gareth and Lynette	1872

TALES AND NOVELS.

2421	D	Alcestis, 2 vols.	1873
2447	D	Alexander. The Wooing o't.	1875
2448	D	Do. Which Shall it Be?	1875
2427	D	Auerbach. The Country House on the Rhine, 3 vols.	1870
2449	D	Austen. Lady Susan and the Watsons	1872
2416	D	Black. A Princess of Thule, 3 vols.	1874
2444	D	Cotton. Mr. Carrington, 3 vols.	1873
2422	D	Dasent. Three to One, 3 vols.	1872
246	B	Dickens. A Tale of Two Cities	1874
249	B	Do. Our Mutual Friend	1875
243	B	Do. Barnaby Rudge	1874
241	B	Do. Pickwick Papers	1874
2437	D	Eiloart. Cris Fairlie's Boyhood	—
2420	D	Erckmann-Chatrian. The Brother's Rantzau, 2 vols.	—
2415	D	Grandmother's Money	—
2425	D	Hammerton. Harry Blount	1875
2440	D	Kettle. Over the Furze, 3 vols.	1874
2441	D	Do. Hillesden on the Moors, 3 vols.	1873
2443	D	Do. The Mistress of Langdale Hall	1872
398	E	Lamb. Mrs. Leicester's School	—
2428	D	Lee. Bessie Fairfax, 3 vols.	1874
2418	D	Sewell. Cleve Hall	1869
2435	D	Shuttleworth. Ribblesdale, 3 vols.	1874
2442	D	Thackeray, Miss. Toilers and Spinsters	1874
2439	D	Do. W. M. Roundabout Papers	1863
2432	D	The Blue Ribbon. By the Author of "St. Olaves," 3 vols.	1873
2433	D	The Pilgrim and the Shrine	1872
2431	D	Wood. Anne Hereford	1873

MISCELLANEOUS.

1704	C	Else. Essays on Shakespeare	1874
2417	D	The Autumn Holidays of a Country Parson	1869
2414	D	The Commonplace Philosopher in Town and Country	1862
248	B	The Monthly Musical Record	—
1703	C	The New Quarterly Review	—
242	B	The Preston Temperance Advocate, for 1834	—
2446	D	Walpole. Anecdotes of Painting	1872



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THE FORTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE INSTITUTION

FOR THE

Diffusion of Knowledge

AVENHAM, PRESTON,

Read at the Annual Meeting, Oct. 3rd, 1876.

PRESTON:
PRINTED BY H. OAKEY, CAXTON HOUSE, FISHERGATE.
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Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Assembly Room of the Institution, on the 3rd October, 1876, Richard Allen, Esq., President of the Institution, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted:—

"The Council, in submitting to the members of the Institution a statement of the accounts for the past year, have great pleasure in drawing their attention to the handsome sum of £450 received from the proceeds of the Preston Exhibition (1875). £300 of this sum has been invested, and £150 taken for expenses on capital account, viz., additional shelving for books, corticine covering to the staircase and landings, fittings for the class rooms, repairs and painting of the building. A further expense will be incurred in connection with fittings, &c., for the Science Classes, which this year are placed under the tuition of Messrs. W. and W. H. GEE, of Manchester.

There has been an increase of 21 members to the Institution during the year, which brings the receipts from this source to £297 11s. 1d., against £284 3s. 5d. last year. The total income, however which again falls short of the ordinary expenditure, has been 15s. 6d. less, owing to the falling off in the amount received for rent and hire of rooms, necessarily a very uncertain and fluctuating item. The number of members on the register is 500, against 479 last year.

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The volumes in the library now number 10,599, 212 having been purchased since the last general meeting, and one volume, "Dubourg's account of the violin," kindly presented by Mr. Jeremiah Thornley.

The art school, owing to the resignation of Mr. Luigi Galli, has this term been placed under the charge of Mr. A. Mc. Naught, late of the Art Training School, South Kensington. The French Class is again taught by Mr. Sudell. A class for Phonetic Shortand has been opened by Mr. Martin. The Chess Club holds bi-weekly meetings, under the presidency of Mr. Stanley, as heretofore.

A Conversazione was held on the 22nd ult., to inaugurate the Science and Art Classes, for which a loan collection of 200 national competition drawings was kindly forwarded from South Kensington.

The Council take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. William Atherton for presenting two large boxes of Water Colours to be competed for by pupils in the School of Art, and for his generously defraying the expenses of all the fittings and joiners' work for the new ventilators in the school, and the picture rods for the assembly room.

The Council deeply regret having to record the death of their untiring coadjutor, the Rev. E. D. RENDELL, who for upwards of 30 years worked zealously for this Institution."

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year - - -	479
„ this year - - -	500
Increase - - -	21
Number of Books in the Library last year -	10,386
„ this year -	10,599
Increase - - -	213

Classified Statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year:—

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences - -	1832	14	1846
History - - -	867	5	872
Voyages and Travels -	747	8	755
Biography - - -	878	29	907
Poetry and Drama -	421	4	425
Tales and Novels - -	1778	51	1829
Miscellaneous Literature including Magazines -	3863	102	3965
	10,386	213	10,599

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DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1876.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. *signifies Pass, and* E. *Excellent.*

Name.	Free-hand.	Geom-etry.	Persp-ective.	Model.	Prize.
Baker, Geo.	—	—	E.	—	Instruments.
Blacow, Jno. J.	P.	—	—	—	
Buck, A. E.	—	—	P.	—	
Carr, Jane E.	—	—	—	P.	
Carter, Chas.	P.	—	—	—	
Churchman, Geo.	P.	—	—	—	
Cross, Joseph	E.	—	—	E.	Drawing Board, and Colours.
Gorst, Hy. J.	P.	—	—	—	
Heys, Susan	P.	—	—	—	
Hopton, Clare E.	P.	—	—	—	
Joy, Thos.	—	P.	—	—	
Osbaldeston, W.	P.	—	—	—	
Septon, Richd.	—	—	—	P.	
Thexton, Thos.	P.	—	—	—	
Wright, David	—	—	—	P.	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.
Atkinson, J. H. - -	P.
Baker, George - -	P.
Carter, Charles - -	P.
Cross, Joseph - -	P.
Dawson, Jas. L. - -	P.
Johnson, John - -	P.
Shepherd, P. H. S. -	P.
Wade, Walter, - -	P.

Advanced Section.

Eckersley, William - -	P.
Moore, Mary W. - - -	Free Studentship Awarded.
Pye, F. J. R. - - - -	

Works selected for National Competition.

Moore, Mary W. - -	15A

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been awarded.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZES.
Moore, Mary W. - -	23C 15A	Turner's Liber Studiorum
Baker, George - .	3B	Tyrwhitt's Pictorial Art.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry.

Cross, Charles T.....Elementary—2nd Class.

Machine Construction and Drawing

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Eckersley, William	Elementary—1st Class.	The World before the Deluge.
Lund, William -	,, 2nd ,,	
Oakey, Thomas -	Advanced—2nd ,,	

Building Construction.

Shepherd, P. H. S.....Elementary—2nd Class.

Magnetism and Electricity.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Billington, Wm. -	Elementary—2nd Class	
Crocket, Wm. -	,, ,,	
Coulthurst, Chas. -	,, ,,	
Etherington, Jas. -	,, ,,	
Etherington, Rd. -	,, ,,	
Heywood, Thos. M.	,, ,,	
Hull, Thos. - -	,, 1st Class.	Murry's Physical Geography of the Sea.
Holland, W. L. -	,, ,,	Overman's Moulder's, and Founder's Pocket Guide.
Kendall, W. - -	,, 2nd Class.	
Marquis, Robt. -	,, ,,	
Robinson, Bethel -	,, ,,	
Seed, William -	,, ,,	
Sergeant, Thos. -	,, ,,	
Yates, John - -	,, ,,	

Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Coulthurst, Chas. -	Elementary-1st Class & Lab. Practice.	Mammalia, by Louis Figuier.
Etherington, Jos. -	Elementary—2nd Class	
Heywood, Thos. M.	,, ,,	
Holland, W. L. -	,, 1st ,,	
Holmes, Thos. R. -	,, 2nd ,,	
Hull, Thomas -	,, 1st ,,	Tyndall's The Forms of Water.
Kendall, Wm. -	,, 2nd ,,	
Wadeson, Jas. -	,, 1st ,,	

Mathematics.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Etherington, Rd. -	Elementary—2nd Class	
Helm, James .	,, ,,	
Heywood, Thos. M.	,, 1st ,,	Pure Mathematics, by E. Atkins, and Haddon's Rudimentary Arithmetic.
Heywood, Wm. E.	,, ,,	Todhunter's Trigonometry for Beginners.
Holland, W. L. -	,, 2nd ,,	
Holland, G. H. -	,, ,,	
Southworth, J. E. -	,, ,,	
Yates, John - -	,, ,,	

Animal Phsiology.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Buck, Albert E. -	Elementary—2nd Class	
Marsden, Walter -	,, ,,	
Robinson, Bethel -	,, ,,	

Physical Geography.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Bell, William -	Elementary—2nd Class	
Etherington, Rd. -	,, ,,	
Heywood, Wm. -	,, 1st ,,	Maury's Physical Geography of the Sea.
Holland, W. L. -	,, ,,	
Kitchen, Jos. W. -	,, ,,	The Earth and Man, by Arnold Guyot, & Sun and Earth, by Thos. W. Hall.
Marquis, Robert -	,, 2nd ,,	
Silverwood, Wm. -	,, ,,	
Sumner, Wm. -	,, ,,	
Wadeson, James -	,, ,,	
Yates, John - -	,, ,,	

Acoustics, Light, and Heat.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Billington, Wm. -	Elementary—2nd Class	
Heywood, Wm. -	,, ,,	
Hull, Thomas -	,, 1st ,,	Maury's Physical Geography of the Sea.
Marquis, Robert -	,, 2nd ,,	
Mayor, Daniel -	Advanced ,,	

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1876.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members Subscriptions, viz.:—			By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
1 Member @ 42s. per annum	2 2 0		,, Assistance	14 8 0	
102½ ,, 21s. ,,	107 12 6		,, Commission	16 3 0	
288 ,, 10s. ,,	144 2 0				110 11 0
109 ,, 8s. ,,	43 14 7		By Coals	12 8 8	
		297 11 1	Gas	29 14 3	
To Sundry Rents and Hire of Rooms		39 15 0	Insurance	3 9 0	
To Interest from Corporation		19 18 1	Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	26 9 10	
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—			Rates and Taxes	9 17 7	
Fines	0 15 0		Petty Expenses	13 2 5	
Catalogues	2 10 0		Repairs and Furniture	14 4 0	
Lost Books	0 6 0				109 5 9
Sale of Newspapers	7 15 1		By new Books	33 13 10	
Broken Window	0 1 5		Magazines	36 16 11	
Examination Fees	2 10 0		Newspapers	32 3 7	
		13 17 6	Subscription to Mudie's Library	43 4 4	
To Bank Interest		4 4 3	Binding	16 1 3	
					161 19 11
			By Subscription to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
			,, Union of Institutes	1 0 0	
			Class Expenses	3 4 1	
			Bank Commission	0 2 11	
					6 9 0
Total Income		375 5 11	Total Expenditure		388 5 8
To Balance, Sept. 30th, 1875		27 5 2	By Balance, Sept. 30th, 1876		14 5 5
		£402 11 1			£402 11 1
To Balance brought forward		£14 5 5			

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, 3rd October, 1876. E. LAWSON BARNES, JAMES LEECH, } Auditors.

NOTE.—There have been no transactions in the Penny Bank Account, and the balance remains as before, namely, £34 15s. 4d.

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1876.

DR. CAPITAL ACCOUNT. CR.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash withdrawn from Corporation balance of Exhibition account, 1865	500	0	0	By R. Hayes, Corticine for Stairs and Landings	29	15	8			
To Share of Exhibition balance, 1875	450	0	0	Horrockses Miller & Co., Brasswork	1	2	5			
				J. Howorth, Ventilators	11	11	9			
				John Dewhurst & Son, Painting	17	3	10			
				W. Alston, Bookshelves	22	0	0			
				M. Jackson, Apparatus	8	0	0			
								89	13	8
				By Cash Invested with Borough Building Society	400	0	0			
				,, ,, Britannia ,, ,,	400	0	0			
								800	0	0
	£950	0	0					£889	13	8
To Balance brought forward	£60	6	4	By Balance, Sept. 30th, 1876				60	6	4
								£950	0	0

J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, 3rd October, 1876.

E. LAWSON BARNES,
JAMES LEECH, } Auditors.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. Myres:

That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts, now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed, under the direction of the Secretaries.

Moved by MR. DALBY, seconded by MR. LEE:

That MR. J. S. OLIVER be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

Moved by MR. AMBLER, seconded by MR. OLIVER:

That RICHARD ALLEN, ESQ., be appointed President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

Moved by MR. MOORE, seconded by MR. PARRY:

That MR. JAMES LEECH, be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

Moved by MR. HIGSON seconded by MR. MARSHALL:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

Moved by MR. ELLIOTT, seconded by MR. LEACH:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to RICHARD ALLEN, ESQ., for his valuable services as acting President during part of the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1876-7.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Richard Allen.
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„ William Ascroft.
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„ Henry Hawkins.
„ Richard Newsham.
„ W. Pollard.
„ T. Wilson.

PRESIDENT:

RICHARD ALLEN, Esquire.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

MR. HENRY OAKEY. MR. JOHN BURTON.

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„ Joseph Eccles
„ T. Edelston
„ Easterby

Miss Friar
Mr. John Forshaw
„ Joseph Foster

Dr. Fearnside
Mr. T. Fletcher
Mrs. Fisher

Mr. C. Hawkins
Mrs. Hodgkinson
Mr. C. Houghton
Miss Horrocks
Dr. Hammond
Mr. W. Holland
„ James Hall
„ Hermon, M.P.
„ Sydney Hermon
Dr. Hodgson

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„ T. R. Jolly

Mr. S. Kent
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„ R. H. Knowles

Mr. J. Leach
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„ S. Lee

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„ W. F. Moore
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„ T. H. Myres
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Miss Oxley

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Rev. Canon Parr
Mr. J. Parkinson
„ J. Parry
„ W. J. Plant
„ W. Pollard
„ J. Pilkington
„ W. O. Pilkington
„ G. Paley

Mr. W. B. Roper
„ Ryder

Mr. G. Sharples
„ C. G. Spencer
„ J. Satterthwaite
Dr. Stavert

Mr. J. A. Taylor
„ John Taylor
„ G. Teale
„ R. P. Threlfall
„ G. Toulmin
Miss Taylor
Mrs. Townsend
Mr. G. T. Tully

Rev. J. Wilson
Miss Watson
Mr. H. C. Walton
„ Winstanley
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FOR THE

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AVENHAM, PRESTON.

Read at the Annual Meeting, October 2nd, 1877.

PRESTON:
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Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Assembly Room of the Institution, on the 2nd October, 1877, Richard Allen, Esq., President of the Institution, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted:—

In submitting a Statement of Accounts, duly audited, for the past year, the Council beg to call attention to the following facts:—

That although the Balance Sheet of the position of the Literary Department of the Institution shows a credit on the year's working of £25, it is not the result of support from the members of this Institution, but from successful letting of rooms during the year, which has produced £46 more that during 1876, whilst there has been a falling off of 28 members —at a loss of £10 in subscriptions.

The efficiency of the Library and Reading Room Department has nevertheless been fully kept up at what is now the usual average cost of £400 a-year, though the Members' subscriptions have only amounted to £288 2s. 3d.

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It must be admitted that the Members' subscriptions ought to cover the general working expenditure, so that the income arising from other sources might be devoted to repairs and additions to the Building, which have latterly been charged to Capital Account for want of other funds—and any surplus might be devoted to providing Free Lectures to Members.

The Council have during the past year purchased 205 Volumes (particularised in the Appendix Catalogue published herewith) for the Library, which now contains 10,807 Volumes, and they take this opportunity of thanking Mr. John Leach for his gift of "Reid's Treatise on Watch and Clock Making;" Mr. Joseph Corker for "The Intuitions of the Mind," by the Rev. J. Mc.Cosh, LL.D.; and Mr. Thomas Aspden for his "Historical Sketches of the House of Stanley."

The Balance Sheet of the Science School Accounts shows that the Class Fees, and Departmental Grant for results, amount to £140 less than the Teachers' Salaries—towards liquidating which loss £62 has been subscribed, leaving a deficit of £85 to cover last year's working; which will have to be provided for out of the Capital Fund of the Institution, unless subscribed by Members or persons interested in the higher education of the people.

The fact that no student who sat failed to pass the Departmental Examination, and that 13 students obtained 1st Class Prizes and Certificates, and 19 Second Class, testifies more than words as to the competence of the Messrs. Gee for the work entrusted to them.

In the face of these results, and the importance of such studies, the Council regret to have to say, that unless there is a marked increase in the number of students, than have yet joined the classes for the coming winter, there will be a similar deficit to announce next year.

The Art School Balance Sheet is the most satisfactory one the Council have to present to you. The last Examinations show the School to be in a higher state of efficiency than at any previous time. Ten Second Grade and five Third Grade Prizes were awarded; four works by Miss M. W. Moore, Miss A. Allison, Mr. P. H. S. Shepperd, were selected for National competition. Ten students passed the full standard for elementary works, nine passed the advanced section. Miss Mary W. Moore and Mr. P. H. S. Shepperd were awarded Free Studentships by the Department; and J. R. Anderson, Charles Carter, Joseph Cross, William Seed, Harold Thompson, and William Wilson were granted Free Local Studentships.

The Council have pleasure in being able to give so satisfactory an account of the results of Mr. Mc.Naught's teaching, and they take this opportunity of stating that with a view to render the School more useful in technical instruction, they have arranged with Mr. David Grant, Architect, (who in 1870 obtained the Silver Medal in Building Construction, being the highest award made in that year in the three Kingdoms) to give practical Lectures on Building Construction; and with Mr. William Eckersley, Engineer, for the teaching of Machine Construction.

Considering the attention which is now being directed to the inferiority of English artizans in art and technical knowledge compared with those of the Continent, the Council would call the especial notice of Architects, Builders, Machinists, Manufacturers of Fancy Textile Fabrics, and others, to the facilities which these classes offer for the instruction of their more intelligent employés.

Donations of Art Objects, or Books for the Library, as also subscriptions for the Local Prize Fund (which has worked well as an inducement to industrious students) will be very useful, and the Council beg to thank those gentlemen who have contributed during the past year.

The Prizes and Certificates awarded to the successful students who sat at the last Examinations were distributed by Colonel Lowry, C.B. (to whom the Council are deeply indebted for presiding on that occasion) on the 10th September, on which evening there was also held a Science and Art Converzatione, which it is hoped will prove beneficial to the Classes.

In addition to the usual French and Short-hand Classes the Council have made arrangements with Mr. H. Cambridge for Classes for the study of Harmony, which they trust will meet with support from those interested in the advancement of musical knowledge in the town.

The Chess Club holds bi-weekly meetings under the presidency of Mr. Stanley, as heretofore.

In conclusion, the Council beg to remind the Members that the Institution is now entering upon its fiftieth year, and they invite them to do everything in their power to further the usefulness of the resources so liberally placed at their command.

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year - - -	500
,, ,, this year - - -	472
Decrease - - -	28
Number of Books in the Library last year -	10,599
,, ,, ,, this year -	10,807
Increase - - -	208

Classified Statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year :—

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Arts and Sciences - -	1846	25	1871
History - - - -	872	5	877
Voyages and Travels -	755	8	763
Biography - - -	907	14	921
Poetry and Drama - -	425	4	429
Tales and Novels - -	1829	81	1910
Miscellaneous Literature including Magazines -	3965	71	4036
	10,599	208	10,807

DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1877.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. *signifies Pass, and* E. *Excellent.*

Name.	Free-hand.	Geo-metry.	Persp-ective.	Model:	Prize.
Anderson, James R. ...	P.	F.	—	—	Burchett's Perspective.
Banister, William ...	P.	—	—	—	
Bell, Clara M.	P.	—	—	P.	
Busby, James	P.	—	—	—	
Carter, Charles	—	E.	—	—	Burchett's Perspective.
Cross, Joseph	—	P.	E.	—	Box of Crayons.
Davis, William	P.	—	P.	—	
Elliott, John Wm. ...	—	—	E.	—	Box of Drawing Instruments.
Foster, W. R.	P.	—	—	—	
Haslam, Mary	—	—	—	P.	
Johnson, John	—	—	—	P.	
Oglethorpe, W. A. ...	P.	—	—	—	
Parkinson, Jas. N. ...	P.	—	—	—	
Seed, William	E.	E.	—	—	Box of Colours.
Shaw, Charles	—	—	—	P.	
Thompson, Harold ...	—	E.	E.	—	Box of Colours.
Unsworth, William ...	E.	—	—	—	Burchett's Geometry & Perspective.
Wade, W. W.	P.	—	—	—	
Wilson, William ...	P.	—	—	E.	Drawing Board, &c.

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.
Anderson, J.	P.
Buck, A. E.	P.
Carter, Charles	P.
Eckersley, William ...	P.
Davis, William	P.
Fish, N. G.	P.
Oglethorpe, W.	P.
Seed, William	P.
Swarbrick, John	P.
Wade, Walter	P.

Advanced Section.

Allison, Ann	
Cross, Joseph	
Elliott, John W.... ...	
Moore, Mary W. ...	Free Studentship Awarded.
Parkinson, George ...	
Shepperd, P. H. S. ...	Free Studentship Awarded.
Tyson, James, Senr. ...	
Wade, J. R.	
Wilson, William ...	

Works selected for National Competetion

Allison, Ann	15B
Moore, Mary W. ...	15A 23C
Shepperd, Philip H. S....	22D

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been awarded.

NAME.	STATUS.	Prize.
Allison, Ann	15B	Penley's Sketching from Nature, in Water Colours.
Moore, Mary W. ...	15A 23C	Ditto ditto ditto
Shepperd, Philip H. S....	22D	Twelve Photographs of Raphael's Drawings in Portfolio.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Machine Construction and Drawing.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Bryan, James ...	Advanced—2nd Class	
Eckersley, Wm. ...	,, 1st ,,	Donovan's Handbook of Phrenology.
Johnson, John ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Oglethorpe, W. A.	Elementary—1st ,,	Bustridge's Building Construction.
Wade, John R. ...	Advanced—2nd ,,	
Wilson, F. J. C. ...	Elementary—2nd ,,	

Magnetism and Electricity.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Booth, Frederic ...	Elementary—2nd Class	
Collier, Joseph ..	,, 1st ,,	Frankland's Inorganic Chemistry.
Crooke, Herbert ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Humber, John ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Preston, Henry ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Threlfall, T. C. ...	,, 1st ,,	Newman's British Butterflies.
Wadeson, James ...	,, 2nd ,,	

Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Collier, Joseph ...	Elementary--1st Class and Lab. Practice.	Williamson's Chemistry for Students.
Humber, John ...	Elementary—2nd Class	
Simpson, J., Junr...	Elementary--1st Class and Lab. Practice.	North's The Practical Assayer.
Threlfall, T. C. ...	Elementary—2nd Class	

Organic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Harrison, John ...	Elementary—2nd Class	

Theoretical Mechanics.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Collier, Joseph ...	Elementary—1st Class	
Parkinson, George	,, 2nd ,,	

Elementary Botany.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Crooke, Herbert ...	Elementary—2nd Class	
Harrison, John ...	,, 1st ,,	Luna's Companion to Wood's Algebra.
Mayor, Sarah ...	,, 1st ,,	Clodd's The Childhood of the World, and Lubbock's British Wild Flowers.
Moore, Mary W. ...	,, 1st ,,	Miller's Sketch Book of Popular Geology, and Cooke's Manual of Structural Botany.
Preston, Henry ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Veevers, Norman...	,, 1st ,,	Fraser on Ornamental Conifers, and Buckmaster's Elements of Inorganic Chemistry.
Walker, A. P. ...	,, 1st ,,	Lubbock's British Wild Flowers, and Timb's Things Not Generally Known.
Westhead, William	,, 1st ,,	Prior's Popular Names of British Plants.

Geology.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Ambler, Ed., Junr...	Elementary—1st Class	White's Natural History of Selborne.
Harrison, John ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Maitland, Fowler...	,, 1st ,,	Mackay's Manual of Modern Geography.
Pye, F. J. R. ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Walker, A. P. ...	,, 2nd ,,	
Mayor, Daniel ...	,, 2nd ,,	

Mathematics.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Elliott, J. W. ...	1st Stage—1st Class...	Mill's Political Economy.
Marshall, James ...	,, 1st ,, ...	Waterton's Natural History Essays.
Moon, James ...	,, 1st ,, ...	Smiles' Lives of G. & R. Stephenson.
Wadeson, James ...	,, 2nd ,, ...	
Myerscough, G. ...	,, 2nd ,, ...	

LOCAL PRIZES.

Shepperd, Phillip H. S. 20s., for the best set of Historic Styles of Ornament.

Shepperd, Phillip H. S. 15s., for the best Architectural Drawing from Measurement.

Elliott, John W. ..... 20s., for the best Sepia Drawing of Ornament from the Cast.

Ditto. ..... 15s., for the best Drawing from the Cast in Outline.

Rogerson, Ignatius ... 5s., for the second best ditto.

Carter, Charles ..... 10s., for the best Outline of "Tarsia."

Davis, William ..... 5s., for the second best ditto.

Ditto. ..... 10s., for the best set of Problems in Perspective.

Wade, John ..... 15s., for the best Mechanical Drawing.

Seed, William ..... 10s., for passing Excellent in two subjects of the Second Grade, and the most satisfactory Third Grade Works.

Moore, Mary W. ..... Artist's Oil Colour Box, value £3, for the best Group in Oil of Still Life.

Allison, Ann ..... Artist's Water Colour Box, value £2, for the best Group in Water Colours.

Shepperd, P. H. S. ... Box of Instruments for the best set of Building Construction Examples.

Swarbrick, John ..... Box of Instruments for second best ditto.

Davis, William ..... Box of Instruments for the best set of Geometrical Class Sheets.

Oglethorpe, Thos. ..... Box of Instruments for second best ditto.

Anderson, J. R. .....
Carter, Charles .....
Cross, Joseph .....
Seed, William.....
Thompson, Harold...
Wilson, William.....
} Free Studentship for the greatest success in the Examinations.

Carter, Charles .....
Cross, Joseph .....
Anderson, J. R. .....
Davis, William .....
Seed, William.....
Thompson, Harold...
} Half fees returned for having passed in two subjects in the Second Grade Examination.

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1877.

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT. CR.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz.:—		
1 Member at 42s.	2 2 0	
109 ,, 21s.	114 14 0	
265 ,, 10s.	132 10 3	
97 ,, 8s.	38 16 0	
		288 2 3
To Sundry Rents and Hire of Rooms		86 1 0
To Interest on Investments		29 15 0
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—		
Fines	0 18 6	
Catalogues	3 0 0	
Lost Books	0 1 0	
Sale of Newspapers	4 5 0	
Gas	2 14 3	
Hire of Cupboards	5 9 6	
Balance of Aid for S. and A. Dep.	27 15 0	
		44 3 3
To Bank Interest		4 0 0
Total Income		452 1 6
To Balance, Sept. 30, 1876		14 5 5
		£466 6 11
To Balance brought forward		£40 16 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarians' Salary	80 0 0	
,, Assistance	14 8 0	
,, Commission	18 0 0	
		112 8 0
By Coal and Coke	18 9 8	
Gas	30 1 3	
Insurance	3 9 0	
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	11 5 11	
Rates and Taxes	9 1 3	
Petty Payments	12 5 5	
Repairs and Furniture	20 19 0	
		105 11 6
By New Books	22 7 9	
Magazines	37 6 1	
Newspapers	32 3 9	
Subscription to Mudie's Library	54 12 6	
Binding	28 12 3	
		175 2 4
By Subscriptions to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
,, Union of Institutes	1 0 0	
Exhibition	6 18 2	
Mr. Galli	20 15 0	
Bank Interest and Commission	1 13 0	
		32 8 2
		425 10 0
By Balance, Sept. 30th, 1877		40 16 11
		£466 6 11

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

October 2nd, 1877.—Examined and found correct,

THOS. R. JOLLY,
JAMES LEECH, } Auditors.

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Cash Invested in Borough Building Society	400	0	0	By Laboratory Fittings and Apparatus	61	15	5
Ditto Britannia ditto	400	0	0	School of Art ditto	60	5	0
To Balance, Sept. 30th, 1876	60	6	4	Balance	738	5	11
	£860	6	4		£860	6	4
To Balance brought down	738	5	11				

J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

October 2nd, 1877.—Examined and found correct, THOS. R. JOLLY, JAMES LEECH, } Auditors.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE PRESTON SCHOOL OF ART,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1877.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Students' Fees	152	7	9	By Printing, Advertising, &c.	13	18	3
Aid from Science and Art Department	81	19	0	Gas	6	18	4
				Carriage	4	3	11
				Cleaning	5	9	6
				Sundries	2	18	2
				Bank Interest and Commission	1	5	7
				Pupil Teacher	15	0	0
				Rent of Room	10	0	0
				Head Master	174	13	0
	£234	6	9		£234	6	9

J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

October 2nd, 1877.—Examined and found correct, THOS. R. JOLLY, JAMES LEECH, } Auditors.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SCIENCE CLASSES,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1877.

DR.	£	s.	d.
To Class Fees	28	10	0
To Aid from Science and Art Department	35	0	0
To Conversazione	5	1	0
To Exhibition of Drawings	1	8	10
To Subscriptions as per List	64	1	6
To Balance	85	7	2
	£219	8	6
To Subscriptions outstanding	35	0	0
Balance	85	7	2
	£120	7	2

CR.	£	s.	d.
By Teachers' Salaries	200	0	0
Conversazione and Exhibition of Drawings	14	3	6
Prizes	5	5	0
	£219	8	6
By Balance brought down	85	7	2

J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

October 2nd, 1877.—Examined and found correct, THOS. R. JOLLY, JAMES LEECH, } Auditors

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCIENCE CLASSES.

Horrockses, Miller, and Co.	30	0	0
C. R. Jacson	5	0	0
T. M. Shuttleworth	2	0	0
W. F. Moore and Son	2	2	0
W. F. Moore	2	0	0
E. Pyke	1	1	0
J. B. Hallmark	1	1	0
Mrs. Park	1	1	0
G. T. Tully	2	0	0
J. Satterthwaite	0	10	6
G. Teale	0	10	6
C. T. Taylor	0	10	6
J. S. Anderson	0	10	0
F. Cotman	0	10	0
Rev. Father Papall	0	5	0
J. Hawkins	1	0	0
H. Hawkins	1	0	0
C. Hawkins	1	0	0
T. Rawcliffe	1	0	0
D. Irvin	1	0	0
J. Irvin	0	5	0
J. Rawcliffe	1	1	0
S. Gamble	0	10	0
J. Stevenson	0	10	0
H. Rawcliffe	1	1	0
J. Hargreaves	1	1	0
Woods and Hampson	1	0	0
A. E. Baerlein	1	0	0
Penny Brothers	0	10	0
W. H. Goodair	1	0	0
W. Atherton	2	2	0
	64	1	6

Additional Subscriptions Received.

D. Ashcroft	1	0	0
W. Wall	1	0	0
H. Lee	1	0	0
J. Allman	0	10	0
E. Edelston	0	5	0
J. Eastham	0	5	0
W. Heaton	0	5	0
T. Horsley	0	10	0
	4	15	0

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. J. S. ANDERSON :

That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts, now read, be receivee and adopted and that the same be printed, under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. E. L. BARNES :

That Messrs. Bee, Pownall, and Rushton be appointed Scrutineers of the Voting Papers.

3.—Moved by Mr. J. W. ELLIOTT, seconded by Mr. JOHN HIGSON :

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

4.—Moved by Mr. E. L. BARNES, seconded by Mr. J. S. ANDERSON:

That Mr. Alderman Edelston be appointed Trustee of the Institution in place of the late Robert Ascroft, Esq.

5.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. JOHN BURTON :

That Mr. Alderman Edelston be appointed President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

6.—Moved by Mr. WALMSLEY, seconded by Mr. JOHN HIGSON :

That Mr. H. C. Walton be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

7.—Moved by Mr. J. S. ANDERSON, seconded by Mr. JOHN HIGSON :

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

8.—Moved by Mr. EDELSTON, seconded by Mr. BURTON :

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Richard Allen, Esq., for his valuable services as President during the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

The following Members were elected to serve on the Council for two years :— Messrs. W. Alston, J. Cook, G. B. Dalby, J. W. Elliott, J. Parry, R. Allen, H. Walmsley, H. Stanley, J. H. Hayhurst, John Higson, J. S. Anderson, and Mr. C. H. Sharples, for the year.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1877.

ARTS, SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, &c.

2542 D. Bertram, J. G. The Harvest of the Sea. 1873.
1752 C. Buckland, F. Log-book of a Fisherman and Zoologist. 1875.
1753 C. Carpenter, W. B. Principles of Mental Physiology. 1877.
1742 C. D'Anvers. Elementary History of Art. 1874.
1748 C. Darwen, C. Insectivorous Plants. 1875.
1749 C. Do. The Movements and Habits of Climbing Plants. 1875.
1759 C. Deschanel, A. P. Elementary Treatise on Natural Philosophy.
Vol. 1. Mechanics, Hydrostatics, and Pneumatics.
„ 2. Heat.
„ 3. Electricity and Magnetism.
„ 4. Light and Sound.
1740 C. Dubourg, G. The Violin: some account of that leading Instrument. 1852.
2522 D. Garrett, R. and A. Suggestions for House Decorations. 1876.
404 E. Geikie, J. Historical Geology. 1876.
1757 C. Huxley, T. H. Critiques and Addresses. 1873.
2521 D. Loftie, W. J. A Plea for Art in the House. 1876.
1758 C. M'Cosh, James, L.L.D. The Intuitions of the Mind Inductively Investigated. 1860.
1743 C. Moody, F. W. Lectures and Lessons on Art. 1875.
2520 D. Overman, F. The Moulder's and Founder's Pocket Guide. 1875.
254 B. Reid, T. Treatise on Clock and Watch Making. 1852.
2528 D. Richardson, B. W. Hygeia, a City of Health. 1876.
2518 D. Robinson, W. Mushroom Culture: its Extension and Improvement. 1870.
1760 C. Roscoe and Schorlemmer. Treatise on Chemistry. 1877.
2500 D. Stewart and Tait. The Unseen Universe. 1876.
2546 D. Zerffi, G. G. A Manual of the Historical Developement of Art. 1876.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1755 C. Burnaby. A Ride to Khiva. 1876.
1762 C. Cameron. Across Africa. 2 vols. 1877.
2545 D. Hamerton. Round My House. 1876.
1763 C. Schulyer, E. Turkistan. 2 vols. 1876.
1764 C. Wallace, D. Mackenzie. Russia. 2 vols. 1877.

HISTORY.

2543 D. Draper, J. W. A History of the Intellectual Development of Europe. 2 vols. 1875.
2544 D. Draper, J. W. History of the Conflict between Religion and Science. 1877.
2501 D. Green, J. R. A Short History of the English People. 1876.
1750 C. Smith, W., and Cheetham, S. A Dictionary of Christian Antiquities. Vol. 1. 1877.

BIOGRAPHY.

1744 C. Clare, John, The Life of, by Frederick Martin. 1865.
2496 D. Curwen, Henry. A History of Booksellers: the Old and the New.
1751 C. Edward, T. Life of a Scotch Naturalist, by S. Smiles. 1877.
1754 C. Macaulay, Lord, The Life and Letters of, by G. O. Trevelyan. 2 vols. 1876.
1756 C. Macready, W. C. Reminiscences. Edited by Sir F. Pollock. 2 vols. 1875.
1761 C. Martineau, Harriet. Autobiography. 3 vols. 1877.
257 B. Roberts, David. Life of, by James Ballantine. 1866.
1747 C. Shelley, P. B., Essays, Letters, &c. 2 vols. 1840.
258 B. Stanley, Historical Sketches of the House of, by T. Aspden. 1877.

POETRY AND DRAMA.

1739 C. Dante's Divine Comedy, translated by J. A. Carlyle. 1867.
2541 D. Melville, J. Whyte. The True Cross. 1873.
2529 D. Ulrici, Dr. H. Shakspeare's Dramatic Art. 2 vols. 1876.

TALES AND NOVELS.

2503 D. Ainsworth, W. A. Preston Fight. 3 vols. 1875.
2515 D. Black, W. Lady Silverdale's Sweetheart. 1876.
2531 D. Ditto. Madcap Violet. 3 vols. 1876.
2510 D. Blackmore, R. D. Alice Lorraine. 3 vols. 1875.
2530 D. Ditto. Cripps, the Carrier. 1877.
2536 D. Braddon, Miss. Birds of Prey.
2537 D. Ditto. The Lady's Mile.
2524 D. Branscombe, Mrs. G. Edith Vavasour. 3 vols. 1874.
2526 D. Clarke, Mary C. A Rambling Story. 2 vols. 1876.

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2519 D. Ditto. Morley Ashton. 3 vols. 1876.
1745 C. Hardy, Thomas. Far from the Madding Crowd. 2 vols. 1874.
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2527 D. Kettle, R. M. Under the Grand Old Hills. 1875.
2533 D. Kingsley, H. Valentin. A French Boy's Story of Sedan. 1872.
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2534 D. MacDonald, G. Thomas Wingfield, Curate. 3 vols. 1876.
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2512 D. Madox-Brown, Oliver The Dwale Bluth. 2 vols. 1876.
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2506 D. Wood, Mrs. H. Adam Grainge. 1876.
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1735 C. Boutell. Heraldry: Ancient and Modern. Edited and Revised by S. T. Aveling. 1873.
1736 C. Boutell. Arms and Armour. 1874.
2493 D. Bourne, H. R. Fox. The Romance of Trade.
403 E. Chambers. Miscellaneous Questions with Answers. 1875.
256 B. Family Herald.
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DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

Read at the Annual Meeting, October 1st, 1878.

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THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge

AVENHAM, PRESTON.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Assembly Room of the Institution, on the 1st October, 1878' THOMAS EDELSTON, ESQ., President of the Institution, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted :—

The Council of the Institution beg to submit their Fiftieth Annual Report.

The income from Members' subscriptions during the past year has been £287 6s. 10d. against £288 2s. 4d. for the year ending 30th September, 1877. This result has, however, only been obtained by an additional number of guinea subscribers, there being a falling off of ten artisan members and seven boys. Such a falling off is deeply to be regretted, as the benefits of the Institution are chiefly intended for such members.

The expenditure upon the literary department has been £203 5s. 3d. against £175 2s. 4d. the previous year; and from the annexed catalogue of additions made to the library during the year, you will see that the Council have maintained the excellence of their provision for a reading public in spite of the evidence of a withdrawal of support. 260 volumes have been purchased and 18 have been presented, for which the Council take this opportunity of

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thanking the following gentlemen:—Mr. W. J. Cooper, for 'Elijer Goff,' by Wm. Dawes; Dr. Fearnside, for 14 volumes of Registrar-General's Reports; Mr. Thos. Rushton, for 'Rose Amateur's Guide,' by Thomas Rivers; and Mr. Charles Wilson, for the Rev. Sydney Smith's works.

The Council think that the usefulness of the Institution might be considerably increased if employers of labour would point out to their workpeople the advantages to be derived by joining the Institution, which was founded for their benefit.

It is with deep regret that the Council have during the year lost the valuable services of Mr. Thos. Duckett and Mr. John Parry, whose deaths deprived you of two of your most earnest advocates for every work calculated to benefit the working classes.

The Art School has during the past year, under the able mastership of Mr. A. Mc.Naught, attained a higher state of proficiency than we have ever before had the pleasure to report. In the national competition three Queen's prizes have been awarded to students in the school for painting; the successful competitors being Miss Ann Allison, Miss Mary W. Moore, and Master J. W. Elliott. When we mention that Glasgow only obtained one Queen's prize and Liverpool did not win any, you will the more readily understand the thorough teaching now going on in our classes.

In addition to the foregoing highest honours, eight third grade prizes of books, chiefly for advanced work, six second grade prizes and 30 second grade certificates were also awarded in the last May examinations by the South Kensington Art Department to students in the school. The school during the vacation has been entirely re-painted, and many new examples have been obtained. The collection of antique and other casts and examples is now superior to that found in towns much larger than Preston; the Council, therefore, hope that, considering the marked success of

the school during the past year and the now almost indispensible knowledge of drawing as a branch of education, there will be a large accession of students this winter. It is gratifying to be able to announce that there are already 66 purely artisan students in the school, to whom a knowledge of art will be beneficial in their respective trades.

The Balance Sheet of the Science School has been a source of anxiety to the Council. You will see from it that £200 has had to be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund of the Institution to meet the loss attending the last two sessions. That such a result should be the case in a School presided over by the most excellent teachers has caused serious deliberations of the Council whether the classes should not be discontinued. The Messrs. Gee have, however, come to the rescue, and consented to continue to teach the classes without any guarantee, beyond their travelling expenses from Manchester, rather than see Preston added to the long list of towns where Science Classes have had to be closed owing to the scanty attendance of students.

It has been objected to by some that the Council have no right to spend the funds of the Institution upon classes which are not self-supporting. The Council would, in reply, remind such objectors that the first rule of the Institution is "That the object of this Institution shall be to facilitate and promote the diffusion of useful knowledge among the operative mechanics and others, inhabitants of Preston," &c. That rule was framed and adopted fifty years ago at the establishment of this Institution.

It may interest you to be reminded that our esteemed townsman and world known Joseph Livesey signed the circular convening the meeting to consider the desirability of forming a Mechanics' Institution in Preston, and any of you may find on reference to the file of Annual Reports, for now half-a-century, the names of those inhabitants who have been prominent in their desire for the well-being of the operatives of Preston.

In conclusion, the Council beg to point out that there is as great a need now for banding together to assist the artisans in obtaining useful knowledge as there was fifty years ago, and they trust the liberal support of their fellow townsmen will be extended towards their classes.

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year - - - -	472
„ „ this year - - - -	462
Decrease - - - -	10
Number of Books in the Library last year - -	10807
„ „ „ this year -	11085
Increase - - - -	278

Classified Statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year :—

	Last year's total.	Added.	This year's total.
Art and Science - -	1871	27	1898.
History - - -	877	28	905.
Voyages and Travels -	763	3	766.
Biography - - -	921	30	951.
Poetry and Drama -	429	12	441.
Tales and Novels - -	1910	71	1981.
Miscellaneous Literature including Magazines -	4036	107	4143.
	10,807	278	11,085

DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1878.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. signifies Pass, and E. Excellent.

Name.	Free-hand.	Geometry.	Perspective.	Model.	Prize.
Anderson, J. R.	—	—	—	P.	
Ashington, Thomas	—	—	P.	—	
Backhouse, Sophia	P.	—	—	—	
Beck, James	—	—	—	P.	
Bell, Rhoda C.	—	P.	P.	—	
Carter, Charles	—	—	P.	—	
Crook, Alfred	P.	—	—	P.	
Davis, William	—	E.	—	P.	Burchett's Geometry & Perspective.
Inglis, Margaret	—	P.	—	E.	Box of Colours.
Kerfoot, Francis	P.	—	—	—	
Moscrop, Esther	—	—	—	P.	
Ogden, Josiah	—	—	P.	—	
Oglethorpe, Wm. A.	—	E.	—	P.	Drawing Board, &c.
Seed, William	—	—	P.	—	
Thwaites, William Henry	—	P.	—	—	
Wade, John R.	—	P.	—	—	
Wade, William Walter	—	—	—	P.	
Wilson, Frederick J.	P.	—	—	—	
Wilson, William	—	E.	E.	—	Box of Instruments.
Winder, John T.	P.	P.	P.	E.	Box of Colours.
Worsley, George	P.	—	—	—	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.
Oakey, Edith	P.

Advanced Section.

Allison, Ann - - -	Free Studentship Awarded.
Moore, Mary W. - -	
Wilson, William - -	
Winder, John T. - -	

Awards in the National Competition for Queen's Prizes.

Allison, Ann - - -	14A	Robinson's Italian Sculpture.
Elliott, John W. - -	12A	Life and Literary Works of Sir Joshua Reynolds.
Moore, Mary W. - -	15B	Robinson's Italian Sculpture.

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been Awarded.

Beck, James - - -	2B	Lives of Michael Angelo and Raphael.
Cross, Joseph - - -	13A	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
Fish, N. G. - - -	5B	Atkinson's Art Tour.
Moore Mary W. - -	9A	Set of 15 Photographs, (Watteau.)
Oakey, Edith - - -	3B	Robinson's Italian Sculpture.
Tyson, James, Senr., -	8C	Rich's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities.
Winder, John T. - -	5B	Atkinson's Art Tour.
Do. - -		Robinson's Italian Sculpture.

Local Advanced Art Examination.

Allison, Ann.....Perspective.....Good.
Moore, Mary W....Painting from Still Life...Pass.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Machine Construction and Drawing.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Bryan, James ...	Advanced—2nd Class	
Law, Johnson ...	Elementary—2nd ,,	
Oglethorpe, W. A....	Advanced—1st ,,	Hopkinson's Engineer's Practical Guide.
Shaw, George ...	Elementary—2nd ,,	
Wilson, F. James ...	,, ,, ,,	

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Elliott, John W. ...	Elementary—2nd Class	
Law, Johnson	Elementary—2nd Class	

Magnetism and Electricity.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Alston, Richard.....	Elementary—2nd Class	Ronalds' Description on an Electric Telegraph, Lardner and Loewy's Natural Philosophy, Deschanel's Treatise on Heat.
Elliott, Joseph W....	Advanced—1st ,,	
Elliott, John W. ...	Elementary—1st ,,	Darwin, C. The Structure and Distribution of Coral Reefs.
Heywood, Thos. M...	,, ,, ,,	Deschanel's Electricity & Magnetism.
Parker, Rd. S.	,, ,, ,,	Darwin. The Origin of Species.
Rushton, John	,, 2nd ,,	
Threlfall, Thos. C. ...	Advanced—2nd ,,	
Westhead, William...	Elementary—2nd ,,	

Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Armstrong, Richard	Elementary—1st Class	Clowes' Practical Chemistry.
Heywood, Thos. M.	„ „ „	Smith's Algebra and Mann's Guide to the knowledge of the Heavens.
Jackson, John R. ...	Honours—2nd „	
Snowden, Richard ...	Advanced— „ „	
Threlfall, Thos. C. ...	Elementary— „ „	

Inorganic Chemistry, Practical.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Sellers, Sanders	Advanced—2nd Class	
Simpson, Stephen, Jr.	„ 1st „	
Snowden, Richard ...	„ „ „	

Elementary Botany.

NAME.	STATUS.
Dalby, Mary E. ...	Elementary—2nd Class.
Drennan, F. F. ...	do. do.
Jackson, John R. ...	Advanced— do.
Moore, Mary W. ...	do. do.
Pemberton, Levi A.	Elementary— do.
Sowerbutts, Thos. R.	do. do.
Westhead, Wm. ...	Advanced— do.

Geology.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Angell, John R. ...	Elementary—2nd Class.	
Armstrong, Richard	„ 1st „	Collins' Mineralogy.
Pemberton, Levi A.	„ 2nd „	
Sowerbutts, Thos. R.	„ 2nd „	

Mathematics.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Anderson, Joseph ...	1st Stage—2nd Class...	
Harrison, John ...	„ 2nd „ ...	
Jackson, John R. ...	2nd „ 1st „ ...	Bain's Logic. Lockyer's Astronomy.
Shorrock, Ebenezer	2nd „ 1st „ ...	Smiles' Lives of the Engineers, and Timbs' Things not generally Known.
Shorrock, Arthur G.	2nd „ 2nd „ ...	
Snowden, Richard ...	1st „ 2nd „ ...	
Sowerbutts, Thos. L.	2nd „ 2nd „ ...	
Harold, Thompson...	1st „ 2nd „ ...	

Acoustics, Light and Heat.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Snowden, Richard ...	Elementary—2nd Class.	

Full Certificates Awarded for having passed in four Second Grade subjects

Bell, Rhoda C.
Carter, Charles
Davis, William
Elliott, John W.
Winder, John T.
Wilson, William

Society of Arts Examination.

Elliott, Joseph W.—Telegraphy ...£1, with the Prize of £5.

Heywood, Thos. M.—Arithmetic, 1st; English, 2nd; Bookkeeping, 2nd; and a Certificate for Commercial Knowledge.

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1878.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz.:—			By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
1 Member at 42s.	2 2 0		,, Assistance	14 8 0	
116 ,, 21s.	121 16 0		,, Commission	18 9 9	
255 ,, 10s.	127 7 1				112 17 9
90 ,, 8s.	36 1 9		By Coals	14 9 10	
		287 6 10	Gas	38 16 9	
To Sundry Rents and Hire of Rooms		96 7 0	Insurance	3 9 0	
To Interest on Investments		40 0 0	Printing and Advertising	16 1 2	
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—			Rates and Taxes	13 16 1	
Fines	0 17 0		Petty Payments	12 18 3	
Catalogues	2 10 0		Repairs, &c.	59 4 1	
Sale of Newspapers	6 0 7				158 15 2
Hire of Cupboards	3 7 0		By New Books	53 2 1	
Exhibition	0 9 0		Magazines	36 18 9	
Music Class	1 8 0		Newspapers	33 19 6	
		14 11 7	Subscription to Mudie's Library	53 9 5	
			Binding	25 15 6	
					203 5 3
			By Subscription to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
			,, Union of Institutes	1 0 0	
			Prizes	1 0 0	
			Music Class	1 8 0	
			School of Art	2 19 7	
			Bank Interest and Commission	7 6 7	
					15 16 2
Total Income	438 5 5		Total Expenditure		£490 14 4
To Balance, Sep. 30th, 1877	40 16 11		By Balance due to Treasurer, brought forward		£11 12 0
Balance due to Treasurer, Sep. 30, 1878	11 12 0				
	£490 14 4				

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

October 1st, 1878.—Examined and found correct,

H. C. WALTON,
THOS. R. JOLLY, } Auditors.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SCIENCE CLASSES,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1878.

DR.	£	s.	d.
To Class Fees	30	3	0
Conversazione	7	12	0
Subscriptions	34	15	0
Transfer from Investment Account	200	0	0
Aid from Science Department	36	0	0
Balance due to Treasurer	33	15	0
	£342	5	0

CR.	£	s.	d.
By Teachers' Salaries	200	0	0
Printing, Advertising, &c.	12	1	11
Apparatus	9	15	11
Balance, Sep. 30, 1877	120	7	2
	£342	5	0

J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

October 1st, 1878.—Examined and found correct, H. C. WALTON, THOS. R. JOLLY, } Auditors.

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Cash Invested in Borough Building Society	300	0	0	To Cash due to Treasurer	61	14	1
Ditto Britannia ditto	300	0	0	Balance	538	5	11
	£600	0	0		£600	0	0
To Balance brought down	£538	5	11				

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

October 1st, 1878.—Examined and found correct, H. C. WALTON, THOS. R. JOLLY, } Auditors.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE PRESTON SCHOOL OF ART,
For the Year ending September 30th, 1878.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Students' Fees	132	10	9	By Printing and Advertising	8	17	6
				Gas	9	4	7
				Carriage	2	19	2
				Cleaning	5	4	0
				Sundries	5	19	0
				Rent of Room	10	0	0
				Bank Interest	2	0	6
				Pupil Teacher	15	0	0
				Head Master	160	0	0
Balance due to Treasurer	86	14	0				
	£219	4	9		£219	4	9
To Aid from Department—due	79	10	6	By Balance brought down	86	14	0

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

October 1st, 1878.—Examined and found correct, H. C. WALTON, THOS. R. JOLLY, } Auditors.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. JAMES DAVIS:

That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts, now read, be received, and adopted, and that the same be printed, under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by Mr. R. ALLEN, seconded by Mr. JOHN HIGSON:

That Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

3.—Moved by MR. E. L. BARNES, seconded by MR. HAYHURST:

That Messrs. William Atherton, G. B. Dalby, and H. C. Walton be elected Trustees in the place of the Rev. E. D. Rendell, Lieut. Col. Birchall, and Mr. Thomas Duckett, deceased.

4.—Moved by Mr. R. ALLEN, seconded by the Rev. T. B. SPENCER:

That Mr. Alderman Edelston be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by Mr. T. R. JOLLY, seconded by Mr. C. H. SHARPLES:

That Mr. W. F. Moore be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

6.—Moved by the Rev. A. B. BEAVEN, seconded by Mr. F. A MOORE:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Moved by Mr. R. ALLEN, seconded by Mr. JAMES DAVIS:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Alderman Edelston, for his valuable services as president during the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

ARTS, SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, &c.

2625 D. Barker, Lady. The Bedroom and Boudoir. 1878.
2587 D. Beckett, Sir E. A Book on Buildings. 1876.
1787 C. Blanc, Charles. Art in Ornament and Dress. 1877.
2555 D. Church, A. B. The Laboratory Guide. 1877.
1765 C. Darwin, Charles. On the Fertilisation of Orchids. 1877.
409 E. Davidson, E. A. Drawing for Metal Plate Workers.
410 E. Ditto. Model Drawing.
2552 D. Faraday as a Discoverer, by John Tyndall. 1877.
412 E. Findlater, A. Elementary Physical Geography. 1877.
2578 D. Gladstone, J. H. Spelling Reform. 1878.
2588 D. Hamerton, P. G. The Etcher's Handbook. 1871.
2567 D. Huxley, T. H. Physiography; An Introduction to the study of Nature. 1878.
2563 D. Lankester, E. Half Hours with the Microscope. 1876.
2626 D. Loftie, Mrs. The Dining Room. 1878.
2551 D. Lubbock, Sir John. On British Wild Flowers considered in Relation to Insects. 1875.
1788 C. Lucas, The Hon. John. Mines and Mineral Statistics of New South Wales. 1875.
2559 D. Micklethwaite, J. T. Modern Parish Churches. 1874.
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AT the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in the Theatre of the Institution, on the 7th October, 1879, E. Lawson Barnes, Esq., Vice-President of the Institution, in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted:—

The Council of the Institution in submitting their Fifty-first Annual Report regret that the income from Members' subscriptions again shows a decrease; this will be seen on reference to the Balance Sheet. The amount received during the year ended September 30th, 1879, being £272 12s. 0d., as against £287 6s. 10d., the previous year. This falling off may be attributed to the depression in the staple trade of the town, and the opening of the Free Library in January last.

The expenditure upon the literary department has been £181 11s. 3d., being somewhat less than the corresponding sum last year, which amounted to £203 5s. 3d. Though compelled to limit the outlay upon the Library and Reading Room, the Council have, so far as the funds at their disposal would permit, endeavoured to provide a constant supply of sound and high-class literature for the shelves of the Institution, and in doing so they aimed at satisfying the wants of all classes of readers.

During the past year 179 additional volumes have been purchased (see Appendix Catalogue) for the Library, which, at the present time, contains 11267 volumes; and the Council take this opportunity of thanking Mr. C. H. Sharples for his treatise of "Food and its Adulterations," Mr. R. J. Gilman for his "Plays and Poems," and Miss Smee for the "Life of Alfred Smee," her father.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Institution has been celebrated by a Jubilee on the 2nd and 3rd of April. On the first day, the Prizes were distributed in the Town Hall, to the successful Art Students, by the Very Rev. A. P. Stanley, Dean of Westminster, who was supported by many influential gentlemen connected with the town and neighbourhood. The Dean delivered the address which will be found printed in extenso and appended to this report. The whole proceedings passed off with great *eclat*. On the following day, a Conversazione was held at the Institution, the whole of the rooms being used on the occasion. An interesting Lecture on the "Natural History of a piece of Limestone" was given by Professor Williamson, F.R.S., Owens' College, Manchester, and a grand display of Scientific Apparatus, &c., was exhibited; the rooms were densely crowded, the result of the Council's efforts evidently giving every satisfaction.

The Council considered the holding of the Jubilee a fitting opportunity for recognizing the long and valuable services of Mr. Charles Croft, the Librarian, he having held that office for a period of thirty two years. An appeal was made to the members of the Institution, the result being, that on the 25th June, a Purse of eighty guineas, and an elegant Flower Stand, bearing a suitable inscription, were presented to him; the presentation was made by the President of the Institution, Mr. Alderman T. Edelston.

Mr. Mc.Naught's teaching in the School of Art has been very successful; 7 second grade prizes and 36 second grade certificates being awarded at the May examination, being 1 second grade prize and 6 certificates more than last year. The drawings and paintings executed in the School were sent to the annual inspection at South

Kensington in April last, when the following awards were obtained: Mr. J. W. Elliott, Junr., Bronze Medal for painting from the cast; Miss Mary Wilson Moore, Queen's Prize (books), for group in oil; and 10 Third Grade Prizes of Books. The payments on results by the Department are above those of the last few years.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. J. B. Price, of this town, to instruct the students in Machine Construction and Drawing. From his practical experience it is hoped that considerable success in this branch of the Art School will be attained.

The Science Classes have done fairly well during the past year, and been worked at a much less cost. The Council have pleasure in stating that they have arranged with Mr. Gardner, late of the Central School, and Mr. Sowerbutts, also of this town, to undertake the tuition of the Science Students during the present Session, in the following subjects:—

Magnetism,	Physiography,
Acoustics,	Animal Physiology,
Chemistry,	Steam,
Geology,	Applied Mechanics, and
Mathematics,	Practical Chemistry.

The Classes were opened on the 22nd ultimo, when upwards of 50 Students presented themselves for instruction.

Since the close of the financial year, a legacy of one thousand pounds has been received from the Trustees of the late Mr. Edmund Thornley, to be applied "for the benefit of the children of the "working-classes of the town—for the purpose of establishing "either Scholarships or prizes, such as the Council may deem "advisable, in order to advance the cause of Art or Science."

The Council trust that an increased measure of public support will be accorded to the Institution, in default of which they cannot hope to extend its influences so fully as could be desired.

Fifteen Meetings of the Council have been held, the attendance of which has been as follows :—

Mr. Allen	5	Mr. Higson	14
,, Atherton	10	,, Jolly	14
,, Anderson	11	,, Mason	1
,, Barnes	11	,, Mayor	2
Rev. A. B. Beaven	12	,, F. A. Moore	8
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,, Dalby	6	,, Oakey	9
,, Edelston	4	,, Roper	1
,, Elliott	10	,, Sharples	11
,, Hayhurst	4	,, Walmsley	0

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year	462
,, ,, this year	429
Decrease	33
Number of Books in the Library last year	11085
,, ,, ,, this year	11264
Increase	179

Classified Statement showing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year :—

	Last year's total	Added.	This year's total.
Art and Science	1898	10	1908
History	905	9	914
Voyages and Travels	766	8	774
Biography	951	23	974
Poetry and Drama	441	2	443
Tales and Novels	1981	42	2023
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines	4143	85	4228
	11,085	179	11,264

DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1879.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. signifies Pass, and E. Excellent.

NAME.	Freehand.	Geometry.	Perspective.	Model.	PRIZE.
Anderson, J. R.	...	...	P.	...	
Anderson, Joseph	P.	...	...	...	
Backhouse, Sophia	...	P.	...	...	
Bailey, Benjamin	...	P.	...	P.	
Bailey, Joseph	E.	...	...	P.	Box of Colours.
Baines, William	E.	...	...	...	Box of Drawing Instruments.
Baverstock, Thos. John..	P.	P.	...	...	
Briggs, Jane	...	P.	P.	...	
Cooke, Elizabeth	P.	...	...	...	
Dalby, Alice	...	...	P.	...	
Foster, Wm. Robt.	...	P.	...	E.	Drawing Board, &c.
Gilleade, Jonathan	P.	...	...	...	
Hayton, Thomas	...	...	...	P.	
Higginson, Henry	P.	...	...	E.	Box of Colours.
Holland, Wm. Lewis	P.	...	...	E.	Box of Drawing Instruments.
Inglis, Margaret	P.	...	P.	...	
Jones, William	...	...	...	E.	Box of Colours.
Kenyon, Richard	P.	...	...	...	
May, H. Frances	...	P.	...	..	
Nightingale, Benjamin...	E.	...	...	P.	Box of Colours.
Penny, Susanna W.	P.	...	...	P.	
Sharples, William	P.	...	...	...	
Shaw, George	...	...	P.	...	
Thwaites, Wm. Hy.	P.	...	...	...	
Wilson, F. J. O.	...	P.	...	...	
Yates, William	...	P.	...	...	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.	
Bailey, Benjamin	P.	
Bailey, Joseph	P.	
Jones, William	P.	
Livesey, Charles	P.	
Livesey, Ellen Jane.....	P.	
May, H. Frances	P.	
Oakey, Edith.....	P.	
Rawsthorne, Lucy	P.	
Thwaites, Wm. Hy.....	P.	

Advanced Section.

Backhouse, Sophia	P.	
Elliott, John Wm.	P.	
Inglis, Margaret	P.	

Awards in the National Competition for Queen's Prizes.

Elliott, John William ...	12A	Bronze Medal.
Moore, Mary Wilson ...	15A	

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been Awarded.

Allison, Ann	15B	
Elliott, John William ...	2B	Flaxman's Anatomy.
Do. do. ...	9A	Delamotte's Painting in Water Colours.
Wilson, William	2B	Dennis' Third Grade Perspective.
Crook, Alfred.....	5B	Turner's Liber Studiorum
Foster, Robert James ...	2B	Benson's Principles of the Science of Colour.
Oakey, Edith.....	5A	Bradley's Elements of Geometry, Part I.
Do. do.	6A	Do. do. Part II.
Do. do.	10A	Cotman's Sepia Drawing.
Do. do.	5B	Dennis' Third Grade Perspective.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Machine Construction and Drawing.

NAME.	STATUS.		PRIZE.
Wilson, F. J. O....	Advanced—1st class..		Main and Brown. The Marine Steam Engine.
Livesey, Charles..	~~Elec~~ ~~Do.~~	do.	Bushbridge. Machine Construction.
Shaw, George ...	~~Do~~	do.	Cotterill. The Steam Engine.
Holland, Wm. L..	~~Do~~	do.	Rankine. A Manual of Applied Mechanics.

Magnetism and Electricity.

NAME.	STATUS.		PRIZE.
Jackson, Daniel...	Elementary—2nd class		
Nickson, William.	Do.	do.	
Oglethorpe, Wm..	Do.	do.	
Plant, Henry A...	Do.	1st class	Kollmyer. Key to Modern Chemistry.
Sergeant, S. H....	Do.	do.	Bacon. Essays; Johnston. Physical Geography.
Sumner, John W.	Advanced—2nd class..		
Wilson, F. J. O...	Elementary—1st class		Mc.Carthy. Engineers' Guide to Royal Navy; Burgh. Pocket Book of Practical Rules for Steam Engines.
Worden, Wm. J...	Do.	do.	Page. Advanced Text Book of Geology.

Inorganic Chemistry.

NAME.	STATUS.		PRIZE.
Crooke, Walter ...	Elementary—2nd class		
Denham, A. Shaw	Do.	1st class	Clowes. Treatise on Practical Chemistry.
Greenall, T. H. ...	Advanced—1st class...		Beasley. Pharmacopœias Lindley and Hutton. Fossil Plants.
Nickson, William.	Elementary—2nd class		
Parkinson, W. A..	Do.	do.	
Sumner, John W.	Do.	do.	

Elementary Botany.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Greenall, T. H....	Elementary—1st class	Hooker. Students Flora; Newman. History of British Ferns.
Parkinson, W. A..	Do. 2nd class	

Geology.

NAME.	STATUS.
Elliott, Joseph W.	Elementary—2nd class
Greenhalgh, John	Do. do.
Sowerbutts, T. R.	Advanced do.
Worden, Wm. J...	Elementary do.

Mathematics.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Gilbertson, W. P.	1st Stage—1st class ...	Figuier. The World before the Deluge.
Heywood, T. M...	2nd ,, 2nd ,,	
Jackson, Daniel...	1st ,, 2nd ,,	
Sergeant, S. H....	,, ,, ,, ,,	
Sowerbutts, T. R.	2nd ,, ,, ,,	
Sumner, John W.	1st ,, 1st ,,	Baker. Mensuration; Johnston. Physical Geography.

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Backhouse, Sophia .for the third best Painting in Sepia of Ornament,
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Half dozen Patent Cabinet Carbon Photographs.

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The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1879.

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT. *CR.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz.:—			By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
1 Member at 42s.	2 2 0		,, Assistance	14 8 0	
115 ,, 21s.	121 5 6		,, Commission	17 14 0	
237 ,, 10s.	118 13 0				112 2 0
76 ,, 8s.	30 11 6		By Coals	18 8 3	
		272 12 0	Gas	39 4 1	
To Rents and Hire of Rooms, viz.:—			Insurance	3 9 0	
Mr. Molineux	20 0 0		Printing and Advertising	14 6 0	
Misses Fare and Harris	12 0 0		Rates and Taxes	14 1 11	
Librarian's House	14 0 0		Petty Payments	11 3 5	
Sundry Rooms	49 9 0		Repairs, &c.	25 5 6	
		95 9 0			125 18 2
To Interest on Investments, viz.:—			By New Books	33 19 4	
Borough Building Society	15 0 2		Magazines	32 6 7	
Britannia Building Society	15 17 6		Newspapers	32 13 4	
		30 17 8	Subscription to Mudie and Rolandi	56 7 9	
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—			Binding	26 4 3	
Fines	0 16 0				181 11 3
Catalogues	1 17 6		By Subscription to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
Sale of Newspapers	5 4 0		Science Classes	39 8 0	
Hire of Cupboards	2 14 6		Jubilee	6 18 3	
Lost Books	0 6 6		Messrs. Gee	22 0 0	
Prize Fund	2 0 0		Painting School of Art	26 16 0	
		12 18 6	Bank Interest and Commission	7 6 2	
		411 17 2			104 10 5
To Transfer from Investment Account		104 10 11			524 1 10
Total Receipts		516 8 1	By Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30th, 1878		11 12 0
To Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30, 1879		19 5 9			
		£535 13 10			£535 13 10

By Balance due to Treasurer, brought forward .. £19 5 9

7th October, 1879.—*Examined and found correct,* H. C. WALTON, W. F. MOORE, THOS. R. JOLLY, } Auditors.

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NOTE.—There have been no transactions in the Penny Bank Account, and the balance remains as before, namely, £34 15s. 4d.

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The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

DR. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT. *CR.*

	£	s.	d.
To Cash Invested in Borough Building Society ..	300	0	0
Ditto Britannia ditto ..	300	0	0
	£600	0	0
To Balance brought forward, viz., and remaining with			
Borough Building Society	200	0	0
Britannia Building Society	200	0	0
	£400	0	0

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer on Science Class Account, as per last Balance Sheet	33	15	0
By Balance due to Treasurer on Investment Account, as per last Balance Sheet	61	14	1
By Transfer to Revenue Account	104	10	11
By Balance carried forward	400	0	0
	£600	0	0

Examined and found correct,

H. C. WALTON,
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The Treasurer in Account with the Preston School of Art,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1879.

DR.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Students' Fees, 1878	7	3	6			
Do. 1879	103	16	0			
				110	19	6
To Aid from Department to September, 1878....				79	10	6
Balance due to Treasurer, September, 1879..				106	10	1
				£297	0	1
To Aid from Department—due				82	0	0

CR.

	£	s.	d.
By Printing and Advertising	9	17	1
Gas	8	2	2
Carriage	2	15	7
Cleaning	5	2	0
Sundries	2	9	6
Rent of Room	10	0	0
Bank Interest and Commission	3	10	9
Pupil Teacher	15	0	0
Packing Case.....	0	9	0
Model	3	0	0
Head Master	150	0	0
	210	6	1
Balance, September 30th, 1878.....	86	14	0
	£297	0	1
By Balance brought down	106	10	1

Examined and found correct,

H. C. WALTON,
W. F. MOORE
THOS. R. JOLLY,
} Auditors.

J. S. OLIVER, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. B. WALMSLEY:

That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts, now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by Mr. MOORE, seconded by Mr. SHARPLES:

That Messrs. W. M. Moore, B. Walmsley, and S. Lee be appointed Scrutineers of the voting papers.

3.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. DALBY:

That William Ascroft, Esq., be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

4.—Moved by Rev. A. B. BEAVEN, seconded by Mr. ELLIOTT:

That J. S. Oliver, Esq., be appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by Mr. Y. W. BOOTH, seconded by Mr. ANDERSON:

That Mr. H. C. Walton be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

6.—Moved by Mr. ALDERMAN MAYNARD, seconded by W. ASCROFT, ESQ.:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Moved by Rev. A. B. BEAVEN, seconded by Mr. HIGSON:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Alderman Edelston or acting as President during the past year.

8.—Moved by CAPT. J. S. OLIVER, seconded by Mr. JOLLY:

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr. E. L. Barnes for presiding.

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DEAN STANLEY, who was received with enthusiastic applause, said: As you know, my friends, it is rather difficult for me to get away from Westminster, although it was a great pleasure to me to be able to combine my other arrangements for coming to Preston on this day. Although I never had the good fortune to pass a night in Preston before, yet it is a place with which I have long felt that I have had some right to be acquainted. I have had friends and schoolfellows connected with Preston whom I may rank amongst the very oldest friends and schoolfellows that I possess in the world—(applause). There is my excellent friend, Mr. Rawstorne, who, I think, I may really call the very oldest friend I have—I do not often see him, although I am always glad to behold his broad, cheerful face—and then there is another friend, Mr. Jacson, not quite so old—(applause). He was at school with me, as were also both Colonel Cross and the Home Secretary, and they are all connected with Preston, or Lancashire. They have always made the name of Preston more or less familiar to me—(hear, hear). Besides that, there is a dear brother who is most deeply and intimately connected with Preston. I cannot forget him, this old and faithful servant who has been the stay and support of my household for many years, and is still, and who would be glad to hear that I have been with you this night. I am glad at having the opportunity of speaking to you on the present occasion—always an interesting kind of anniversary,—the jubilee of the fiftieth year of the establishment of this useful instrument for carrying on the education of the country. Of course, I am speaking now merely as a stranger, and consequently cannot speak of the local vicissitudes or the local advantages of this institution. Its advantages have been well set before you on other occasions by those citizens of the town who have been so actively and beneficently employed in carrying on the work of this and other like institutions. I can only speak to you as a stranger, who regards it in the light of the general influence of such institutions upon the country. When I beheld the name of this Institution— the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge—I do not know that it struck others, but it struck me that the phrase had a sort of antique or ancient savour about it that is very instructive to think of. I am not quite sure whether, if we were to found institutions now, we should exactly choose for their designation such words as "The Diffusion of Knowledge." I am old enough to remember when all these institutions began to spring into existence, and when the diffusion of useful knowledge, I think, very much under the influence and inauguration of the then famous Lord Brougham, had taken such a hold upon the country, and when I look back upon the word and analyse it, it seems to me to give an idea of the very purpose for which such an Institution as this ought to exist. "Diffusion" gives the notion of the creation of an atmosphere which is to penetrate far and wide, like the air we breathe, like the water we drink, which is found here and there and everywhere, we hardly know why. That is the kind of meaning which is involved in this old word—old, I mean, in the sense of being, at any rate, 50 years old—which we use for the purposes of this Institution. It is the object of these institutions—they may have

many other objects, but certainly one object and purpose which they answer, or ought to answer is that they create and diffuse this kind of wholesome atmosphere all around us in which the evil things of society and the evil things of the world are to fade and die away. I have always thought that in the creation of some such wholesome, moral, and intellectual atmosphere as that which these institutions are intended to cultivate, there is to be found, I don't say the only remedy, far from it, but there is to be found in the long run and on the whole the chief remedy against that great evil of intemperance which is one of the devouring calamities of our country—(applause). It can in the long run be best kept at bay in the humbler classes of society by the same method which has been used in keeping it at bay in the upper classes.

Among the upper classes of the last century intemperance was as common among people of position as it was amongst the lower classes, and I believe that the chief agencies by which intemperance in what we call the upper classes was got rid of was by the creation of a wholesome taste, and better, more innocent, more elevating occupations and amusements than was the case then. And, as it was with the upper classes, so I cannot help hoping and trusting that it may be with the lower classes. Other agencies may be at work, but looking at the country as a whole, looking at human nature as a whole, looking at English society as a whole, I cannot but believe that the best conqueror, the best destroyer of this abominable temptation and vice will be—I do not say such institutions as this particularly, but that higher, intellectual, social, moral atmosphere which this and like institutions are intended to breathe and diffuse—(applause).

I would like, however, on this occasion, to proceed to other influences which are not quite so palpable. I have sometimes said to myself in looking over the whole range of history—even in looking over the range of the history of the past 50 years—"What a number of strange illusions and frenzies there are to which the English public are liable, and, of course, chiefly the uneducated part of the English public." These panics and frenzies are not confined entirely to the uneducated, but still they are chiefly to be found amongst them, and how are they to be got rid of? They seem in the most extraordinary way to have taken possession of people's minds with as firm a root as if they were absolutely grounded on fact. Well, of course, they, like intemperance or any other evil, must be got rid of by argument, by legislation, &c.; but the main instrument for preventing these illusions from taking hold of our minds, the main instrument for preventing them from gaining an ascendancy and driving them out when they get in, is that of creating and diffusing an atmosphere in which they find it difficult to live at all. Of course, we think, and justly think, that during the 50 years since this Institution was established we have made many great advances, and that we are less liable to the invasion of those irrational illusions than we were 100, 200, or 300 years ago. That is quite true; nevertheless, we have seen, I have seen, illusions, frenzies, and panics in my profession and in all classes of the country, sometimes in one and sometimes in another, of an extraordinary kind. I will not go through this kind of illusions, panics, phantasies, and frenzies now because it is discourteous and invidious to do so. One never knows but what perchance he might be treading upon the sore point of some very excellent person here present—(laughter)—and I do not come to Preston to insult or do any offence to any highly conscientious and respectable person, but I think it may be useful and inoffensive to point out to you how the advance of knowledge has done away with this kind of illusion in former times.

Now, the diffusion which does away with this kind of illusion is partly scientific knowledge, and partly the general growth of knowledge of all sorts. I was reading the other day an admirable volume written by a Nonconformist minister of Norwood, and in one of his discourses I met with a passage in such admirable language that I really cannot improve it. He gives two instances of these sorts of illusions which prevailed formerly, and which have been entirely dispelled simply by this diffusion of a more intellectual and wholesome atmosphere. Speaking in the more scientific part he says: "In former times there was the ticking of the death-watch, distinct and solemn in the night's stillness, to which the nurse and the sick man listened with awe as a mysterious prognostication of his approaching end; and still it is heard, no less distinct and solemn than ever, in the chamber of the old house where the patient lies,

yet a little acquaintance with natural history has abolished and demolished this death-watch, and instead of an unearthly announcement of coming dissolution, we hear without dread or tremour nothing but the call to each other of certain insects in the woodwork. The tick of the death-watch has been transformed into the harmless knock of the *anobium tesselatum*." Well, now that is an instance of the way in which these illusions have been abolished, by what I call this diffusion of a more scientific atmosphere. I have just another example, which is a very curious one. I was reading another book sometime ago, describing a frenzy that took possession of people's minds in England—I presume among the uneducated classes—in the reign of King George II. A frenzy—he could call it nothing else—took possession of a large number of persons that rabbits were human beings—(laughter). Well, this produced general consternation, rabbit warrens fell in value, people going out to dinner declined having anything to do with eating rabbits. There was a very distinguished person in my profession, William Whiston, who wrote a book to prove that this identification of rabbits with human beings was the fulfilment of a prophecy in the Book of Esdras. Well, it produced such a panic, such a disturbance in the public mind, that the Queen of George II.—Caroline—seeing the importance of putting an end at once and for ever to this frenzy, issued a royal commission, on which several highly scientific men were placed, to inquire into this supposed identification of rabbits with human beings. A revolution in the feeling of the public was the result, and from that time there has been no apprehension in the minds of any Englishman or any Englishwoman that when they were eating a rabbit they were eating a human baby—(laughter). Well, that is an obvious instance of the way in which the creation of what I call the diffusion of a sound scientific atmosphere tends to clear up a very mischievous fancy—(applause).

Well, now, I will return to my friend the Nonconformist minister at Norwood, who gives another instance. He says: "There is the old wrinkled crone sitting on her lonely hearth, with the black cat in her lap—the witch mighty to blast your cattle or torment your child. There she sat in this place, and there she sits still, but education and enlightenment have abolished her, to the relief of thousands whom she has held in bondage; beneath the waxing of knowledge the fearful witch has shrunk and softened to a mere age-worn, age-bent woman"—(applause). That is a still more remarkable instance of the way in which a far more terrible illusion than that of the identification of rabbits with human beings took possession of human society. People in this neighbourhood have been looked upon as witches. Even at Salmesbury Hall, where I am now kindly entertained for the night, there was an old lady who sat by the fire in Salmesbury Hall who was looked upon as a witch of this kind. She was looked upon with terror by the whole neighbourhood. The whole country was in a commotion about her, and not only about her, but about many other people of the same kind. There was such a constant feeling of panic and alarm about these old dames that there was no evil that you could not expect from them, and they, on the other hand, were frightened themselves, and partly they were even led themselves to believe that they had those mischievous and malignant powers. Many of them perished under circumstances of dreadful suffering and cruelty, and the whole country was kept in alarm. Well, what led to the disappearance of all this? It is exactly due to what I have said before about the rabbits and about the death watch. There was the diffusion of a more wholesome atmosphere. It began with one or two sensible people who ventured to protest against the nonsensical thing, and gradually they created a sound, wholesome state of belief through which those old women who had been supposed to be gifted with those malignant powers turned out to be mere innocent old women, as my Nonconformist friend observes, and the public were thus delivered from a frightfully mischievous and totally groundless illusion and frenzy. It has been described of late years about witchcraft in very striking words by Mr. Leckey, in an admirable chapter in the History of the Civilization of Europe, and we cannot dwell upon it too much, because these frenzies and illusions, as I have said before, do return upon us in other shapes. Even within the last fifty, twenty, or ten years, frenzies just as ridiculous have come upon us, but they come only to be kept at bay, they come only to be banished from our midst by this sounder and more rational atmosphere that has been created, and in which all these absurdities die away because there is nothing to sustain them.

That is one point that I think it is important to bear in mind about the diffusion of what is called useful knowledge. There is another point which is quite a different one. I am very glad to hear that you have so excellent a library in Preston. The more people learn to read good books the more they learn to appreciate this very important consideration, that all books are not equally good, and that all authorities in literature and science are not equal authorities. Illiterate people who may have a slight acquaintance with books imagine that everything they see printed is true, and that everything they see in a book is equally true or equally false, yet it is the one excellent result of public libraries and of institutions like this that a wholesome atmosphere is created in which people insensibly learn to know that there is a difference between what is bad, what is common-place, what is poor in these days, on the one hand, and what is great, elevating, and magnificent on the other hand. The more that we get this stuffed into our minds, the more that we get this atmosphere created around us, the more we are likely to become, I don't say wise or educated, but at any rate more likely to be able to understand what wise and educated men say to us.

There is a very gifted friend of mine, whose name I dare say is known to many of you, who was very much in the habit of preaching on the great importance of cultivating equality. I allude to that brilliant man, Matthew Arnold. What he means by equality is no doubt useful in its way; it is that we should try to attain the same amount of good manners and good appreciation that other people have. But still I think there is another side to the question, and it is that other side of the question which is impressed upon us by this better atmosphere which I speak of. As I was coming back from America some short time ago, an American clergyman told me that he found great difficulty in using a little girl in his parish to repeat what in our catechism is called "My duty to my neighbour," and on asking why she hesitated to repeat it, she said, "Mother does not like me to repeat it, because she does not like me to say that I have any betters"—(laughter). You will remember that there is one clause in that long answer in the catechism which says you are to bear yourself lowly and reverently to all your betters. Well, this American girl had been taught that she had no betters, and that, therefore, it was not a good answer to make. I cannot help thinking that this mistaken view is held by a great many—(hear, hear)—but it is one advantage of education, literature, good libraries, and institutions like this, that it enables us to know that we have betters, and to know who those betters are—(applause). It is impossible for anyone to read good books on a large scale without being deeply impressed by the immense difference amongst us. All books, as I have said before, are not the same. Shakespeare and Milton are very, very much above the great mass of poets. The works of Sir Walter Scott are very much above the trashy novels you buy at the railway stations. It is the kind of atmosphere which the more you get into your minds, and the more you cultivate, the more you will find that you have got a taste for these good books, and the more you will find you will have a repulsion to, or, at any rate, a want of interest in, all inferior works. That is one of the effects of the diffusion of useful knowledge.

Not long ago I was conversing with a very distinguished man, whose immense weight of years has added to the extraordinary experience he has had of human affairs—I mean Lord Stretford de Redcliffe, who is in his 93rd year. He quoted to me a passage from Shakespeare, which he said seemed to him to possess such a profound meaning, that if time was allowed to him he should like to write a dissertation upon it. The passage is as follows:—"Reverence is the angel of the world," and what he meant, no doubt, by thinking the passage so profound was this, that when Shakespeare said reverence was the angel of the world he meant to say that reverence for the proper objects, reverence for that which was really great and good, had that kind of softening tranquilising effect upon society as would be the case if we heard the rustling of an angel's wings passing through our midst—(applause). That again is the sort of impression that the acquaintance with good literature should produce upon us.

Then, again, I think we learn to find what it is that constitutes real authority in these matters. A great deal may be said about authorities, but I think there are two things that we may say this diffusion of useful knowledge tends to confirm in our

minds as to real authorities which ought to sway the minds of mankind. One is, what I have already noticed, the intrinsic excellence of the gifts which God has given to some of the sons of men which He has not given to others. I have spoken of Shakespeare and Milton. I might speak also of those in the scientific world. What is the reason why we, the great mass of mankind, bow down before the authority of personages like Galileo or Sir Isaac Newton, or to take one who lived in this neighbourhood, and who also, if he had lived longer, might have been equal to one or other of those two great men—I mean Jeremiah Horrocks. How is it that we who know nothing at all about the movements of the stars, who cannot even understand what is told us about the transit of Venus—how is it that we at once accept the truth of the solar system, of the enormous distances of the stars, as told by Galileo, or of the system of gravitation, as laid down by Sir Isaac Newton, or of the transit of Venus and all the other wonderful discoveries made by Jeremiah Horrocks? It is because the diffusion of a good state of knowledge has taught us to believe that these men had the gift of seeing, discerning, and arguing things which we in our humbler state cannot see, discern, or argue in the same way. That constitutes them to be a real authority for the world, and therefore we are content in these very serious and important matters of science to go by their judgment.

Then, again, there is another point which I think the diffusion of knowledge tends to instil into us in the same way in regard to authority. The second thing is not so important. Of course, the first thing is that these gifted people should have the power or the insight to work out these things for themselves, but the second point is that these things are a certain number of truths in the world, and that as we go on reading and inquiring we see they have been accepted by the educated portion of mankind. Thus an additional weight is given by the feeling of the educated portion of mankind, such as the uneducated portion of mankind feel, or at any rate ought to feel, that they have no power to check. For instance, in Shakespeare and Walter Scott, we have persons of immense gifts, whose works are also received by the educated part of mankind. That ought to make anyone of the less educated classes of mankind feel extremely careful in expressing any counter opinion alone, or in having a doubt as to the real intrinsic excellence and authority of those gifted persons who not only are gifted of themselves, but whose gifts have been recognised by such a large portion of the rational thinking section of men—(applause).

Then there is another point altogether. A large part of what we read in books is more or less concerned with what we call history. For instance, this is a part of literature in which I take myself great interest, and I think I may venture to make a few remarks here also as to the effects which the diffusion of useful knowledge may have in preparing our minds to receive the proper truths of history. You know that you sometimes hear men say—and it has been said in former times—"Of what use is it to read the history of past days at all?" Sir Robert Walpole, the great Minister of State, when he was in declining years, once had some one proposing to him that he should have history read to him for his amusement. "What is the use," said the Minister, "of reading history to me? I who have been concerned in all the public events of England, know that history, at any rate, is a pack of lies. I do not want to hear anything about it." I venture to think that Sir Robert Walpole had not a sufficient amount on this question of what I call the atmosphere of useful knowledge diffused around him—(applause). It is no doubt the same remark that you sometimes hear from other people, and which shows just the reverse of what they wish to see—not the uselessness, but the great use of this history. History is the description of formor events, not in the time in which we live, but a few years, a few generations, or, perhaps, a few centuries back, and when we find how very contradictory, confused, and superficial are the judgments of people on the events of our own time, it should really teach us to see the advantage of history, that is, history of fifty or a hundred years hence. Fifty or a hundred years hence all those contradictory telegrams which come to us from Afghanistan or from South Africa, or any other place, and which we hear of in Parliament and discuss by our own fire sides, and which are very confusing to us, will not be confusing 100 years hence. At that time all the documents, all the treaties, all the various opinions on the subject will have been sifted, weighed, and digested, and people then will be able to form a much better notion of what is pending

now than we can do ourselves, and that is one very great use of history, that it represents the judgments of mankind after they have been able, by much sifting and inquiry, to arrive at a state of things which those who lived at that time, for ten thousand causes, could not possibly reach. Then, again, another reason why history is more likely to give us a true, elevating, and wholesome impression of events than the mere talk of the present time, is this, that when we contemplate any contemporary events our minds are distorted by the passions of a heated moment. It is very difficult for anyone, even the most enlightened person, to prevent himself from being more or less biassed by what is called party spirit. Party spirit may be almost indispensable in carrying on the affairs of a country, but, nevertheless, it has a very blinding, distorting, magnifying, poisoning influence in our mode of regarding public events. Perhaps 100, 200, or 300 years hence this party spirit, and also all those personal antipathies and personal sympathies, which very often get the name of party spirit when they are really only prejudices we have against A, B, or C.—all this will have passed away, and then it will be easier than it is now for the historian of the time to give a true and faithful account of what happened perhaps in our day.

There is a French proverb which says that it is a very good thing if you have a difficult matter to settle to go and sleep upon it, as we should say. The proverb says "Sleep brings counsel with it." It is a very good thing, if you are going to write a hasty letter, to go to bed, "sleep on it," and write next morning—(laughter). That is also true with respect to those great events which are going on in the world. Many of our statesmen, however, are obliged to act on the moment in carrying on the affairs of the country, but, at any rate, the people who write 50, or 100, or 200 years hence histories of events which are taking place now will have slept upon the subject. They will have slept for 200 years, and will have wakened in the morning with a much better chance of finding all party feeling, prejudices, passions, and personal antipathies passed away. I do not say they will be free from it. Personal antipathy often outlives generations and generations; but still, on the whole, in the long-run there is some chance of its being worn out and exhausted by the course of time, and that, therefore, there is a better chance of our procuring a truer account of the world from what we call history than we should from merely trusting to the loose talk of the times.

Then there is another thing which is a matter of detail. It is astonishing how great a light is thrown on former events by that sort of dry research which is practised by people termed antiquarians, who go into the local details, local geography, local topography, &c., of every town or parish, or county in England. Such a proceeding is extremely useful for those who have any leisure to do it, because in this way they poke up, find out, and bring to light documents which would not be known otherwise, and which, from the very fact of their being so dry and possessing apparently so little light in them, escaped people at the moment. Yet when they turned up 200 or 300 years hence they conveyed a sense of veracity, genuineness, and illumination which hardly anything else can convey. There is one work written by a friend not far from this neighbourhood—a history of Whalley Abbey, by Mr. Whittaker—that is a standard work of this class, and praised, I think, by the great historian Gibbon. At any rate it gives us, through these researches, a hold upon the past which nothing else can, and it is this sort of thing which the kind of useful atmosphere, created by an institution like this, is more or less sure, in some one mind or another, to bring about. If there is a man with nothing to do in a place—if there is a clergyman who has not too large a population to look after, let him turn his attention to something of this kind; let him find out all the local documents of the place, and sooner or later he will confer some benefit on mankind. A great personage, Sir Walter Scott, used to state in the old posting days that if anyone had to stop in a town for half an hour he ought to go to the parish church, read all the epitaphs, inspect the interior of the edifice, and he would be sure to find something which he could make a note upon—(applause).

Well, I think I have said enough to show you that there is such a thing as a diffusion of useful knowledge, and the important effects which resulted from it. but I think I would like to say, in conclusion, that even the diffusion of useful knowledge is not the whole sum and substance of human life. The diffusion of useful knowledge to be really useful must be looked upon as a means towards an end, and it is for this purpose I would like to quote a thing that has instructed me very much since first I heard of it.

It appears in the diary of that very remarkable man who was so closely connected with the history of the neighbourhood of Preston, Jeremiah Horrocks. He was, as you know, curate of Hoole, and was quite a young man when he made all those discoveries. We will see how modest he was. There is a passage in his diary which many of you will perhaps have heard before. We know that his mind was entirely occupied with the hope of discovering and convincing the world of the transit of the planet Venus. It so happened that the transit of the planet Venus fell upon a Sunday, and it fell on the hour when the ordinary duties of the clergyman called upon him to go and perform the Service in the church of Hoole. His interest in his scientific discovery was exceedingly great, but he still thought he ought to perform his common, homely sacred duty, and in his diary he describes his thoughts in these words: *Ad majora avocatus quæ propter hæc minora negligi non decuit*—that is to say, "I was called away to the performance of greater duties, which it was not becoming that I should neglect for secondary things." Well, that very briefly, very modestly, very simply expressed the truth, and I am not admiring a clergyman that he should think his clerical duty in the church of Hoole more important than watching throughout the whole of the transit of Venus. It is not from that point that I insist upon the observance of the rule. It is that whatever his duty was—he was called to a sacred profession—and whatever our duty may be, that duty of our calling or profession is one which must be fulfilled at all hazards, putting aside those delightful employments which are generated in us by the diffusion of useful knowledge. Let us read as much as we can; let us pursue these scientific researches, these antiquarian researches as far as we can; let us never be afraid to pursue them too far, but nevertheless there is one thing which must always stand in advance, above, and beyond all this—namely, our duty which we must do faithfully, honestly, and reverently, in whatever state of life it has pleased, or shall please, Almighty God to place us—(cheers).

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF

THE PRESTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE

DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE,

As agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting of the Members, held October 6th, 1857.

OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTION.

1.—This Institution shall be called "The Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge." Its objects shall be to assist its Members in the attainment of useful knowledge and mental recreation; and the means to be employed shall be, as far as circumstances admit, Classes, Library, Lectures, Reading Room, News Room, Museum, occasional Exhibitions, &c.

TRUSTEES.

2.—The property of the Institution shall be vested in twenty Trustees, residents of Preston or its immediate neighbourhood, the following being such trustees at the time of the enactment of these rules :—Mr. John Addison, Mr. William Ainsworth, Mr. Thomas Birchall, Mr Barten Fletcher Allen, Mr. Robert Ascroft, Mr. John Bairstow, Mr. Thomas Brewer, Mr. Lawrence Dobson, Mr. William Dobson, Mr. James German, Mr. John Goodair, Mr. Robert William Hopkins, Mr. Charles Roger Jacson, Mr. Thomas Miller, Mr. John James Myres, Mr. Richard Newsham, Mr. Robert Parker, Mr. Lawrence Spencer, Mr. John Stevenson, and Mr. Thomas Walmsley. All vacancies in this body shall be filled up at the annual general meeting next succeeding such vacancy or vacancies.

COUNCIL.

3.—The management of the Institution shall be vested in a Council, consisting of President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and twenty other persons, all of them having been Members for at least one year next previous to their election.

4.—At every annual general meeting, the Members present shall elect, by a show of hands, a President of the Institution, and a Treasurer, each to continue in office one year, but to be eligible for re-election.

5.—At every annual general meeting, eleven persons shall be elected conformably to these Rules, to supply the place of that number of Councillors then going out of office, and who shall each serve two years. The retiring Councillors shall be eligible for re-election. At the same meeting, any other vacancies in the Council must be filled up.

6.—The election of Councillors shall be by lists. The Secretaries shall, not later than ten days before each annual meeting, affix in the Reading Room of the Institution a paper, on which any Member of six months' standing may nominate a duly qualified person as a member of the Council, whose consent to serve he has previously obtained. Such nominations shall be removed two days before the meeting. The names of the persons nominated, (except there be no more names than the number to be appointed, when the persons nominated shall be declared unanimously elected) shall be printed, and a copy given at the annual meeting to each member qualified to vote, who shall make a mark opposite the name of each person for whom he votes. The lists shall be collected and examined by three scrutineers appointed by a show of hands by the meeting. The result of the voting shall be declared by the President, who shall determine between two or more candidates having an equality of votes. In case there are at any meeting extraordinary vacancies to be filled up, the eleven persons receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected for two years, and those next on the poll shall be declared to fill up the vacancies for the next year.

7.—Vacancies in the Council caused by refusal to act, by non-attendance at any of the meetings of the Council or its Committees for the space of three months, by death, or other cause, may be filled up by the Council, but the person so elected shall only serve upon the Council, until the next ensuing annual meeting.

8.—The Council at their first meeting shall elect from their own number, two persons to act as Vice-Presidents, and one or two to act as Honorary Secretary or Secretaries, all of whom shall, subject to the pleasure of the Council, hold office for one year. Any vacancy in the office of Vice-President or Secretary occurring during the year, may in like manner be filled up by the Council.

9.—The ordinary meetings of the Council shall be held at least once a month, on such day and at such hour as shall be appointed by themselves. Special meetings to be called by the Secretaries when the business of the Institution requires it, or when requested by three members of the Council. Two days notice, at least, shall be given by circular to each member of the Council of such special meeting, and stating the business proposed to be transacted thereat. At all meetings of the Council, five members to form a quorum.

10.—At all meetings of the Council, the President shall *ex-officio* be Chairman. In his absence, a Chairman shall be chosen at each meeting before proceeding to other business. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to any previous vote which he may have given.

11.—The Council may appoint Committees of their Members for the despatch of business, but no Committee shall have power to act, except with definite authority from the Council, who may at any time revoke or limit such authority.

12.—The Council shall have power to purchase Books, Philosophical Instruments, and Works of Art, and to procure and do whatever else they may judge necessary for carrying out the objects of the Institution. They may appoint Curators, engage Secretaries, Librarians, Teachers of Classes, and Servants. They may pass bye-laws for their own guidance, take security for the faithful discharge of duties, and make such arrangements for the delivery of Lectures, as they may deem expedient. All orders shall be given by them, and all Accounts after being examined and declared correct in Council, shall be signed by the Chairman, such signature to be deemed an authority to the Treasurer for payment. The Council shall be held responsible for all debts contracted during their period of office, (except for necessary additions to, or repairs of, Building, and other unavoidable contingencies), and shall not pay the debts for which their predecessors in office may be held responsible, unless the balance handed over to them be sufficient for that purpose, or they be authorised to do so by a general meeting. They may exclude from the privileges of the Institution, any Member who has violated its Rules, or been otherwise guilty of misconduct in the

Institution. They shall have no power to sell or dispose of any of the property of the Institution, without the consent of a majority of the Trustees, and also at least three-fourths of the Members present at a General Meeting, of which, and of the property of the Institution proposed to be sold or disposed of, due notice shall have been given.

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

13.—Every person desirous of becoming a Member of the Institution shall make application to the Librarian, who shall, on payment of the subscription, admit him as such, subject to the approval of the Council, and shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, his or her name, trade or profession, and residence. Every person on becoming a Member, thereby undertakes to abide by the laws and regulations of the Institution.

14.—The subscription to be paid by Members of this Institution shall be for an ordinary Member ten shillings a year, payable quarterly in advance; the quarters to begin on the first of October, January, April, and July. When a Member enters in the course of a quarter, his subscription shall be calculated from the day of admittance, and paid along with the subscription for the following quarter, in advance. The above subscription shall entitle each Member to all the ordinary privileges of the Institution. Minors may be admitted for eight shillings a year, payable quarterly in advance. No person shall be entitled to any privilege of the Institution while his or her subscription shall be in arrear. Donors of ten guineas shall have the privileges of subscribing Members for life.

15.—Minors and persons who have not been admitted Subscribing Members for the preceding six months at least, shall not vote at the General or other Meetings.

16.—Subscribers of one guinea annually, besides their own privilege as Members, shall be entitled to nominate each year of such subscription two persons, who shall enjoy all the privileges of ordinary Members, except voting at meetings of the Institution and serving upon the Council. Subscribers of two guineas annually may nominate five such persons.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

17.—A General Meeting of the Members shall be held on the first Tuesday of October in each year, at which Meeting the Council shall present a Report of their proceedings during the past year. Special General Meetings may be called by the Council when the business of the Institution requires, or when requested by five Members. Seven days notice shall be given by public advertisement of the time and place of all General Meetings, and of the business proposed to be transacted thereat.

AUDITORS.

18.—Two Members chosen by the Annual General Meeting (who shall be elected, by show of hands, for two years, one to go out of office annually), together with one Member of the Council, appointed by the President, shall every year audit the accounts of the Institution, and cause the same to be exhibited in the Reading-room, at least one week before the General Meeting.

LIBRARY.

19.—No Atheistical or Deistical work, or work of Polemical Divinity, or Party Politics, shall be admitted into the Library, nor shall any Lecture of a like tendency be delivered. Should any objection be made to a book that has been admitted or Lecture to be delivered on these or any other grounds, the question shall be referred to the President, whose decision shall be final. Every work admitted into the Library shall be marked with the stamp of the Institution, and if given, with the donor's name. This rule shall not prevent the admission of newspapers.

20.—The circulation of books shall be under the direction of the Council.

21.—The Library shall be closed during some week in June, in each year, during which week the building shall be cleaned and the Library examined under the direction of the Council.

22.—A book shall be kept in the Institution in which any Member may recommend any work which he may consider desirable for the Library.

CLASSES.

23.—The Council may provide Teachers, Books, Models, Instruments, and any apparatus they may think necessary, for the instruction of persons meeting at the Institution, in classes or otherwise. All the arrangements of such classes to be subject to the approval of the Council.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

24.—Any Member lending his ticket of Membership for the purpose of introducing a Non-Member to any of the privileges of the Institution, shall be fined two shillings and sixpence; losing a ticket, one penny for the renewal; keeping a book or books beyond the time limited, one penny per volume, per day, until it be returned; lending a book to a Non-Member, sixpence; improperly using the book kept for the recommendation of new works, one shilling; disorderly conduct in the Institution, one shilling for the first offence; for the second offence, expulsion.

DAMAGES.

25.—Loss or damage to the property of the Institution shall be made good at the expense of the party by whom such loss or damage has been occasioned. The decision of the Council respecting the value of the property lost or damaged shall be final.

APPLICATION OF FUNDS.

26.—All moneys received, whether for subscriptions, fines, or otherwise, shall be applied exclusively for the benefit of the Institution, and in promoting the objects thereof, and no dividend, gift, or bonus shall be made out of the funds of the Institution.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

27.—No alteration shall be made in the rules, except by a majority of two-thirds of the votes at a General Meeting, legally convened. Any proposed alteration shall be fairly written, or printed, and posted in the Reading-room of the Institution, at least one calendar month previous to such meeting.

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AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members, held in the Reading Room of the Institution, on the 5th October, 1880, William Ascroft, Esq., President of the Institution in the Chair, the following Report was read and adopted :—

In presenting the 52nd Annual Report of the Preston Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, the Council have to state that during the past year the position of the Institution has undergone little change.

The number of Members again shows a decrease, and on reference to the Treasurer's Balance Sheet, a decrease of £50 will be perceived in the Income. The Council believe that the opening of the Free Library and the general state of commercial affairs have produced an unfavourable influence on the success of the Institution.

The Library now contains 11,467 volumes, 200 having been added during the past year. The Committee regret their inability to make more extensive additions to the Literary Department, but the state of the finances has not warranted larger expenditure.

The Council beg to acknowledge the receipt, through the Rev. J. H. Rawdon, of copy of the Address delivered in the Guild Hall by the Very Rev. A. P. Stanley, Dean of Westminster, on the occasion of the Distribution of Prizes in April, 1879, translated into the Russian Language.

It is satisfactory to state that the result of the teaching in connection with the Science and Art Classes since the publication of the last Report has been very successful, a larger number of prizes and

certificates having been obtained than in any previous year, which reflects the highest credit on teachers and students. It is hoped that this success may stimulate them to further exertions.

The engagement of Messrs. Gardner and Sowerbutts as teachers in the Science School has resulted in a large increase in the number of pupils, and at the Government Examination, held in May last, the students of these classes succeeded in obtaining 32 Queen's prizes and 106 Certificates of Merit. Arrangements have again been entered into with these gentlemen together with Messrs. Price and Pye, for the Science Classes for the present session, when instruction will be given in the following subjects :—Acoustics, Magnetism and Electricity, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physiography, Physiology, Machine and Building construction, &c.

Mr. Mc.Naught may be congratulated on the result of the Examinations in connection with the Art School, the prizes obtained by the students being in excess of former years. They are as follow :— Three National Prizes, two Queen's Prizes, eleven third Grade Prizes, 14 second Grade Prizes, and 42 second Grade Certificates. Three students of this School were successful in passing their works for the Art Master's Certificate, being the first stage towards gaining the Scholarship and admission to the National Art Training School. It is also satisfactory to report that the grant from the Department is the highest ever obtained by this school.

In November last, the Treasurer received a sum of £1000 from the Trustees under the will of the late Mr. Edmund Thornley, for the purpose of "establishing Scholarships or Prizes, in order to advance the cause of Science and Art." The Council invested that amount with the Corporation for a term of years, at an interest of four per cent., they have, during the past year, offered a sum of £20, equally divided between the Science and Art students, as "Thornley Prizes," and at an early date will consider the desirability of establishing Scholarships or free admission to the classes, to be paid for out of the interest arising from this bequest, which up to the present amounts to £30 11s. 7d.

The Council beg to acknowledge their obligation to Wm. Ascroft, Esq., President of the Institution; and to Messrs. W. F. Moore and W. Atherton, who contribute Special Prizes for competition by the students attending the Institution Classes. The Prizes obtained by the Science and Art students at the May Examination, 1879, were distributed in December last, by W. W. B. Hulton, Esq., J.P., of Hulton Park, Bolton, at a Public Meeting held in the Theatre of the Institution.

The Council have made an application to the Trustees under the will of the late E. R. Harris, Esq., for a grant out of the funds at their disposal in aid of the objects which it has been the aim of the Institution to further. This application (which is printed in extenso and appended to this Report) is still under the consideration of the Trustees, who, it cannot be doubted, will carefully weigh the arguments adduced in its support.

The Council refer with satisfaction to the adoption in Preston of the "Cambridge University Extension Scheme." A Deputation from the Council, together with the Rev. George Steele, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, waited on the Mayor, who gave the Scheme his warmest support, the result being that arrangements have been made with the Rev. T. J. Lawrence, M.A., late Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge, to give a course of Lectures on "The Great Revolution and the Hanoverian Kings." The first Lecture was in the Guild Hall, on Tuesday, the 28th September, and if we may judge from the attendance on that occasion the course of Lectures will be exceedingly attractive.

A resolution has been unanimously adopted by the Council to transfer on loan the Fossils, Coins, &c., belonging to the Institution to the Public Museum, in Cross-street.

The Council trust the Institution will have increased support, in order that its useful Educational Work may be carried on to a greater extent.

W. ASCROFT,

President.

Fifteen Meetings of the Council have been held, the attendance of which has been as follows:—

Mr. Ascroft	12	Mr. Dickson	9
,, Dalby	4	,, Edelston	1
,, Barnes	3	,, Elliott	13
,, Oliver	0	Rev. G. J. Evans	1
,, Higson	11	Mr. Fletcher	1
,, Jolly	14	,, Myres, Senr.	0
,, Atherton	11	,, E. Myres	8
,, Anderson	7	,, F. A. Moore	9
Rev. A. B. Beaven	10	,, Oakey	13
Mr. Y. W. Booth	13	,, C. H. Sharples	11
,, J. Booth	1	,, Hayhurst	3
,, Clayton	1	,, Boyden	3

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year	429
,, ,, this year	382
Decrease	47
Number of Books in the Library last year	11264
,, ,, ,, this year	11491
Increase	227

Classified Statement shewing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year:—

Art and Science	1908	12	1920
History	914	13	927
Voyages and Travels	774	9	783
Biography	974	9	983
Poetry and Drama	443	0	443
Tales and Novels	2023	71	2094
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines	4228	113	4341
	11,264	227	11,491

DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1880.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. signifies Pass, and E. Excellent.

NAME.	Freehand.	Geometry.	Perspective.	Model.	PRIZE.
Backhouse, Sophia	..	..	P.	E.	Dennis's 3rd Grade [Perspective.
Bailey, Benjamin	..	..	E.	..	Box of Colours.
Barrow, Walter.....	E.	..	..	P.	Box of Colours.
Bond, Walter.....	..	..	E.	..	Dennis's 3rd Grade [Perspective.
Bradley, Mary	E.	..	..	..	Burchett's Geometry [and Perspective.
Briggs, Jane	P.	..	..	..	Wornum's Analysis & [Lindley's Botany.
Brown, Alexander.....	..	E.	..	..	Box of Colours.
Cooke, Elizabeth	..	..	..	P.	Wornum's Analysis & [Lindley's Botany.
Ellaby, Joseph	E.	..	..	..	Box of Colours.
Foster, Robert J.	..	..	E.	..	
Gibson, Henry	E.	P.	P.	P.	
Graham, Agnes.....	..	P.	..	..	
Grandison, John	P.	..	..	..	
Grandison, William	P.	..	..	P.	
Gregson, Thomas	P.	..	..	..	
Jackson, Esther Barbara	P.	..	..	P.	
Jackson, Joseph	E.	..	E.	..	Box of Colours and [box of Instruments.
Knowles, Mary	..	..	P.	..	
Lowen, Euphemia.....	P.	..	..	..	
Massey, Thomas Henry..	P.	..	..	..	
Parkinson, John	P.	..	..	..	
Poole, Florence	..	..	..	E.	Box of Colours.
Ralfe, Mary Bently	P.	..	..	..	
Smith, Barbara	P.	E.	P.	E.	Box of Colours and [box of Instruments.
Thompson, Henry Oliver	P.	..	..	..	
Thwaites, William Henry	..	..	P.	..	
Wheeler, Alice Bessie ..	P.	..	..	..	
Yates, William	P.	..	P.	P.	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—South Kensington.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.
Bailey, Benjamin	P.
Baverstock, William....	P.
Briggs, Jane	P.
Graham, Agnes.....	P.
Grandison, Wm. Hy....	P.
Milne, James.....	P.
Ralfe, Mary B.	P.
Wilson, Fanny	P.

Advanced Section.

Backhouse, Sophia	P.
Baverstock, Thomas John	P.
Bell, Rhoda C.	P.
Bradley, Mary	P.
Crook, Alfred.....	P.
Elliott, John Wm.....	P.
Foster, Robt. James....	P.
Inglis, Margaret	P.
Poole, Florence	P.
Smith, Barbara	P.
Thwaites, Wm. Hy.....	P.
Wilson, William	P.

Awards in the National Competition for Queen's Prizes.

Elliott, John William ..	12A	
Wilson, William	16A	Lives of the Great Teutonic Painters, 6 Vols.

Local Advanced Art Examination.—Perspective.

Elliott, John William ..	Good.	
Bell, Rhoda C.	Good.	
Wilson, William	Excellent.	Heaton's Concise History of Painting.

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been awarded.

Allison, Ann	3B	Dennis' Third Grade Perspective.
Backhouse, Sophia	2B	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
Bell, Rhoda C.	5A	Turner's Liber Studiorum.
Elliott, John Wm.....	5A	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
Do. do.	6A	Rosengarten's Handbook of Architecture.
Do. do.	3B	Crowe and Cavalcasselle's Flemish Painters.
Inglis, Margaret	5A	Bianchi's Mythology.
Jackson, Joseph	2A	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
Moore, Mary W.	12A	Dennis' Third Grade Perspective.

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been Awarded for passing in four subjects in one year.

Gibson, Henry.—Dennis' Third Grade Perspective.
Smith, Barbara.— Do. do.

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry.

Elliott, John W..	Elementary—1st Class.		Parker's Gothic Architecture and Garbett's Principles of Design.
Wilson, William ..	Do.	do.	Do. do.
Bell, Rhoda C. ..	Do.	2nd do.	
Inglis, Margaret..	Do.	do.	

Art Students' Certificate for having passed a satisfactory Examination in Freehand Drawing, Practical Geometry, Linear Perspective and Model Drawing.

Backhouse, Sophia.
Bond, Walter.
Foster, William Robert.
Gibson, Henry.
Smith, Barbara.
Yates, William.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Machine Construction and Drawing.—Subject II.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Atkinson, J. H. . .	Elementary—2nd Class	
Baverstock, T. J..	Do. 1st Class	The Steam Engine, by W. H. Northcott.
Bond, Thomas....	Do. 2nd Class	
Ellaby, Joseph ..	Do. 1st Class	The Steam Engine, by W. H. Northcott.
Foreman, Joseph..	Do. 2nd Class	
Livesey, Charles...	Advanced—2nd Class..	

Mathematics.—Subjects V.

NAME.	STATUS.	
Anderson, J. R ..	1st Stage—2nd Class	
Brown, William..	Do. do.	
Catterall, William	Do. 1st do.	Johnston's Atlas and Handbook of Physical Geography, & Rosser's Bijou Gazetteer of the World.
Marsh, James....	Do. 2nd do.	
Mc.Mahon, Pat...	Do. do.	
Miller, Joseph ..	Do. do.	Molesworth's Pocket Book of Engineering Formulæ.
Oglethorpe, W. A.	Do. 1st do.	Armstrong's Construction and Management of Steam Boiler.
Sergeant, Syd. H.	Do. do.	Newth's Trigonometrical Examples. Colenso's Algebra.
Sewell, John	Do. do.	Beeton's Dictionary of Geography.
Wilding, Thomas.	Do. 2nd do.	
Wilson, F. J. O..	Do. do.	

Acoustics, Light, and Heat.—Subject VIII.

NAME.	STATUS.		PRIZE.
Alston, Robt. J...	Elementary.—	2nd class	
Anderson, Jas. R.	Do.	,, ,,	
Anderson, Joseph	Do.	,, ,,	
Bailey, Benjamin	Do.	,, ,,	
Barlow, Fred. W.	Do.	,, ,,	
Baron, Thomas ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Bleasdale, Wm ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Brown, William..	Do.	1st ,,	The Succession of Life in the Earth by Professor Williamson.
Catterall, William	Do.	2nd ,,	
Cooper, Alfred B.	Do.	1st ,,	Herschel's Lectures on Scientific Subjects, and the Microscope, by the Rev. W. Houghton.
Crozier, Richard	Do.	2nd ,,	
Dewhurst, Ed. ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Elliott, Stephen J.	Do.	1st ,,	Valentin's Qualitative Chemical Analysis.
Gardner, Thomas	Do.	2nd ,,	
Gilbertson, W. P.	Do.	,, ,,	
Heaton, John T..	Do.	,, ,,	
Iddon, Robert ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Kershaw, Wm. ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Marsh, James....	Do.	,, ,,	
Mc.Mahon, Pat...	Do.	,, ,,	
Olding, George ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Oglethorpe, W. A.	Do.	,, ,,	
Parkinson, W. A.	Do.	,, ,,	
Preston, William	Do.	,, ,,	
Sergeant, Syd. H.	Do.	1st ,,	The Organ by J. Stainer, & Hamilton's Musical Terms.
Shaw, George....	Do.	2nd ,,	
Swarbrick, Thos.	Do.	,, ,,	
Wilkinson, J. W.	Do.	,, ,,	
Wilson, W. A. ..	Do.	1st ,,	Huxley's Physiography.
Wilson, F. J. O..	Do.	2nd ,,	

Magnetism of Electricity.—Subject IX.

NAME.	STATUS.		PRIZE.
Alston, Robert J.	Elementary—1st Class.		Herschel's Popular Lectures on Scientific Subjects, & the Microscope, by Rev. W. Houghton.
Anderson, Joseph	Do.	2nd ,,	
Anderson, Jas. R.	Do.	,, ,,	
Bailey, Joseph ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Barlow, Fred. W.	Do.	1st ,,	Lyell's Geology.
Baron, Thomas ..	Do.	,, ,,	Colenso's Algebra, Hodge's Perspective and Skertchley's Physical Geography.
Bleasdale, Wm..	Elementary—2nd class.		
Bramley, John ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Brown, William..	Do.	1st ,,	A Microscope.
Catterall, William	Do.	2nd ,,	
Cooper, Alfred B.	Do.	,, ,,	
Dewhurst, Ed. ..	Do.	1st ,,	Lockyer's Astronomy.
Elliott, Stephen J.	Do.	,, ,,	De Candolle's Botanical Nomenclature,
Gardner, Thomas	Do.	2nd ,,	
Gilbertson, W. P.	Do.	,, ,,	
Greenhalgh, John	Do.	1st ,,	Page's Advanced Text-book of Geology.
Heaton, John T..	Do.	,, ,,	The Electric Telegraph, by Lardner and Bright, Tindall. The Forms of Water.
Iddon, Robert ..	Do.	,, ,,	Box of Instruments and The Organ by Dr. Stainer.
Lindsay, Charles J	Do.	2nd ,,	
Marsh, James....	Do.	,, ,,	
Mc.Mahon, Pat...	Do.	,, ,,	
Miller, Joseph ..	Do.	1st ,,	Faraday as a Discoverer, by John Tyndall, Hughes' Photography and Combe's Constitution of Man.
Olding, George ..	Do.	,, ,,	Bardwell's Healthy Homes and How to make them. Black's Modern Atlas.

Magnetism and Electricity.—Subject IX.—Continued.

Park, Thomas T.	Do.	2nd ,,	
Parkinson, W. A.	Do.	1st ,,	British Birds, Eggs and Nests, by Rev. J. C. Atkinson.
Preston, William	Do.	,, ,,	Smiles's Lives of the Engineers.
Sewell, John	Do.	2nd ,,	
Shaw, George ..	Do.	,, ,,	
Swarbrick, Thos.	Do.	,, ,,	
Underwood, H. W	Do.	,, ,,	
Underwood, A. E.	Do.	,, ,,	
Wilkinson, J. W.	Do.	,, ,,	
Wilson, Wm. A..	Advanced—2nd Class..		

Inorganic Chemistry—Subject X.

NAME.	STATUS.		PRIZE.
Barlow, Fred. W.	Elementary—2nd Class		
Bleasdale, William	Do.	,, ,,	
Booth, Frederick..	Do.	,, ,,	
Brown, William..	Do.	1st ,,	The Microscope, by the Rev. W. Houghton.
Dewhurst, Edward	Do.	,, ,,	Clowes's Practical Chemistry and Jarmain's Qualitative Analysis.
Elliott, Stephen J.	Do.	2nd ,,	
Lowe, James	Do.	,, ,,	
Parkinson, Will. A	Do.	1st ,,	The Chemistry of Food and Diet, by Bronner & Scoffern. Bell's Anatomy and Philosophy of Expression.

Geology.—Subject XII.

NAME.	STATUS.
Barlow, Fred. W.	Elementary—2nd class
Davis, William ..	Do. ,, ,,
Gilbertson, W. P.	Do. ,, ,,
Thompson, Harold	Do. ,, ,,
Williamson, Wm.	Do. ,, ,,
Wilson, Wm. A..	Advanced.—2nd Class.

Physiography.—Subject XXIII.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Anderson, Jos. A.	Elementary—2nd class	
Barlow, Fred. W.	Do. 1st ,,	Bentham's Outlines of Botany.
Bleasdale, Wm...	Do. ,, ,,	Huxley's Physiography.
Gilbertson, W. P.	Do. 2nd ,,	
Sergeant, S. H...	Do. 1st ,,	Smith's Elementary Trigonometary.
Sewell, John	Do. 2nd ,,	
Wilkinson, Jas. W	Do. ,, ,,	
Wilson, Wm. A..	Advanced.—1st class.	

PRESTON, 4TH OCT., 1880.

TO THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTION FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE.

GENTLEMEN,

The Examiners appointed by the Council have pleasure in presenting herewith a list of their Awards of the Thornley and other Local Prizes offered to Students of the Art School.

The Examiners beg to state that a considerable number of Drawings were not eligible for their adjudication owing to the condition as to number of attendances not having been complied with. Some of these were superior, and others would have been in close competition with the works to which awards were made. The Examiners hope that the Students of the Art School will endeavour in the future to make up the required number of attendances in order that they may be eligible to compete for the Thornley and other Local Prizes, of which an increased number will be offered by the Council for competition during the present Sesssion.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

W. ATHERTON,
YATES W. BOOTH.

LOCAL PRIZES.

SCIENCE SCHOOL.

Awards from the Thornley Fund.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	VALUE. s. d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
Elliot, Stephen J.	Magnetism — 1st Prize.	15 0	Money.
Greenhalgh, John.	„ 2nd „	10 0	Miller's Testimony of the Rocks. Mill's Political Economy.
Brown, William ...	„ 3rd „	5 0	Money.
Dewhurst, Edward	Chemistry — 1st „	15 0	Money.
Parkinson, Wm. A.	„ 2nd „	10 0	Money.
Brown, William ...	„ 3rd „	5 0	Money.
Sergeant, Sydney H	Acoustics — 1st „	15 0	Money.
Cooper, Alfred B...	„ 2nd „	10 0	Money.
Elliott, Stephen J.	„ 3rd „	5 0	Money.
Sergeant, Sydney H	Mathematics—1st „	15 0	Money.
Catterall, William.	„ 2nd „	10 0	Money.
Sewell, John	„ 3rd „	5 0	Money.
Wilson, William A	Physiography—1st „	15 0	Rankine's Applied Mechanic.
Sergeant, Sydney H	„ 2nd „	10 0	Money.
Barlow, Fred. W..	Equal ... 3rd „	2 6	Money.
Bleasdale, W.....	Equal ... 3rd „	2 6	Money.
Wilson, William A	Geology— 1st „	15 0	Rankine's Civil Engineering.
Barlow, Fred. W..	Equal ... 2nd „	7 6	Money.
Thompson, Harold	Equal ... 2nd „	7 6	Money.

FOR OBTAINING THE MOST FIRST CLASSES.

Brown, William ...	Equal	7 6	Money.
Sergeant, Sydney H	Equal	7 6	Money.

FOR OBTAINING THE MOST PASSES.

Barlow, Fred. W.	.....	5 0	Money.

Special Prize offered by the President, William Ascroft, Esq., of Two Guineas to the Student who obtains most First Prizes.

Awarded to William A. Wilson....Books selected:—

Rankine's Machinery and Mill Work.
Do. Steam Engine.
Do. Useful Rules and Tables.
Do. Mechanical Text Book.

LOCAL PRIZES.

ART SCHOOL.

Awarded from the Thornley Fund.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	VALUE. s. d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
Backhouse, Sophia	For the best Painting of Ornament from the Cast in Water Colours	10 0	
Do. do.	Second best Painting in Water Colour from Nature	7 6	Box of Oil Colours.
Do. do.	Best outline from the Trojan Scroll	7 6	Lindley's School Botany.
Do. do.	Second best Painting from the Antique ..	5 0	
Do, do.	Model Drawing—Excellent	5 0	
Baverstock, T. J.	Best Set of Mechanical Drawings	5 0	Elements of Machine Design. Dobson's Brick & Tile Making.
Bell, Rhoda C....	Best Drawing in Chalk of Ornament from the Cast	10 0	Box of Instruments.
Do. do.	Best Painting of Flowers in Water Colours from Nature	7 6	Oil Colour Box.
Bond, Walter	Best Set of Building Construction Drawings	5 0	Murray's Manual of Land Surveying.
Do. do.	Perspective—Excellent	5 0	
Bradley, Mary ..	Second best Painting of Ornament from the Cast in Water Colour	4 0	Money.
Do. do.	Freehand—Excellent..	5 0	
Catterall, Fred. W	Best Painting in Oil from the Cast.....	7 6	Oil Colours.
Crook, Alfred	Best Painting in Oil from the Cast	10 0	Box of Water Colours.
Ellaby, Joseph ..	Freehand—Excellent..	5 0	Bourne's Catechism of the Steam Engine.

SCHOOL OF ART.—*(Continued).*

Foster, Robert J	Best ornamental Design for Surface Decoration	7 6	Familiar Garden Flowers. *Cassell's* Redgrave on Design.
Do. do.	Perspective—Excellent	5 0	
Grandison, J. T....	Second best Mechanical Drawings	2 6	Machine Construction, vol. 1 *(Collins)*
Graham, Lucy ..	Best Painting of Ornament from the Cast. Water Colour.....	7 6	Box of Oil Colours.
Do. do.	Best Set of Geometrical Problems.....	5 0	
Inglis, Margaret..	Second best Drawing in Chalk of Ornament from the Cast.....	5 0	Oil Colours.
Jackson, Joseph..	Best Drawing of Chalk of Ornament from the Cast	7 6	Box of Oil Colours.
Do. do.	Best Outline from the Trojan Scroll	5 0	
Do. do.	Freehand and Perspective—Excellent	10 0	
Knowles, Mary ..	Best Painting of Flowers in Water Colour from Copy ..	10 0	Box of Oil Colours.
Poole, Florence ..	Second best Painting of Ornament from the Cast in Water Colours	5 0	Box of Oil Colours.
Do. do.	Model Drawing—Excellent	5 0	
Smith, Barbara H	Best Outline from the Cast.....	5 0	Box of Oil Colours.
Do. do.	Best Drawing from the Antique	5 0	
Do. do.	Geometry and Model Drawing—Excellent	10 0	
Wilson, William..	Second best Painting of Flowers in Water Colours from Copy..	5 0	Oil Colour Sketching Box.
Do. do.	Best Drawing from the Antique	7 6	

SPECIAL PRIZES OFFERED BY THE PRESIDENT, WILLIAM ASCROFT, ESQ.

A Prize of £2 2s. 0d. for the best of the three following subjects.
A Prize of £1 1s. 0d. for the second best do.

A.—A Group in Water Colour of some objects—as a Flemish Jar and Cut Orange, or Cocoa Nut broken up.
B.—Painting of Small Rosette from the Cast in Sepia.
C.—Pelargonium or Geranium, painted from Nature, in Water Colour.

First Prize awarded to Margaret Ingles.
Box of Oil Colours.

Second Prize awarded to William Wilson.
Box of Water Colours.

SPECIAL PRIZES OFFERED BY MR. W. F. MOORE.

25s. for the best Oil Painting of a Landscape from Nature, sized ½ Imperial.
15s. for the best Water Colour Painting of a Landscape from Nature, size 14 by 10¼ inches.
Both Prizes awarded to William Wilson.

Lindley's School Botany and Edgar's Solid Geometry.

Certificates have been awarded by the City and Guilds of London Institute for the advancement of Technical Education to Joseph W. Elliott, second class in the Advanced Grade in Telegraphy, and to John Heywood, Preliminary Certificate, second class of the Elementary Grade in Cloth Manufacture.

The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1880.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz :—		
1 Member at 42/-	2 2 0	
114½ „ 21/-	120 4 6	
210 „ 10/-	105 0 3	
57 „ 8/-	22 17 0	
		250 3 9
To Rent and Hire of Rooms, viz.—		
Mr. Molineux	20 0 0	
Misses Fare and Harris	12 0 0	
Librarian's House	14 0 0	
Sundry Rents	24 16 6	
		70 16 6
To Interest on Investments, viz :—		
Borough Building Society	10 18 0	
Britannia Building Society	11 0 2	
		21 18 2
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz :—		
Fines	0 11 0	
Catalogues	1 2 6	
Sale of Newspapers	4 1 1	
Hire of Cupboards	2 16 9	
Prize Fund	4 10 6	
Science and Art Department	22 0 0	
		35 1 10
		378 0 3
To Transfer from Investment Account		100 0 0
		£478 0 3

CR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
Do Assistance	14 8 0	
Do. Commission	15 6 0	
		109 14 0
By Coals	17 3 6	
Gas	41 5 8	
Insurance	3 9 0	
Printing and Advertising	16 7 6	
Rates and Taxes	14 2 11	
Petty Payments	10 17 11	
Repairs, &c	16 15 9	
		120 2 3
By New Books	33 11 3	
Magazines	36 18 9	
Newspapers	33 9 5	
Subscriptions to Mudie and Rolandi	56 15 2	
Binding	27 9 4	
		188 3 11
By Subscriptions to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
Do. Institute Union	1 0 0	
Science Classes	13 17 8	
School of Art	3 6 0	
Prizes	8 9 7	
Bank Interest and Commission	2 11 2	
		31 6 5
		449 6 7
By Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30th, 1879		19 5 9
		468 12 4
By Balance in hand Sept. 30th, 1880		9 7 11
		£478 0 3

October 4th, 1880.—*Examined and found correct,*

H. C. WALTON,
W. F. MOORE,
THOS. R. JOLLY. } Auditors.

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

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The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

DR. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT. CR.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash Invested in Borough Building Society ..	200	0	0	By Transfer to Revenue Account from Britannia Building Society, 15th Sept., 1880	100	0	0
Do. Britannia Building Society..	200	0	0	By Balance carried forward	300	0	0
	£400	0	0		£400	0	0
To Balance brought forward, viz, and remaining with							
Borough Building Society	200	0	0				
Britannia Building Society	100	0	0				
	£300	0	0				

October 4th, 1880.—*Examined and found correct,* H. C. WALTON, W. F. MOORE, THOS. R. JOLLY. } Auditors.

THE TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE THORNLEY BEQUEST.

DR. CR.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To amount Invested with Preston Corporation	1000	0	0	By Balance in hand	1030	11	7
To Interest	30	11	7				
	£1030	11	7		£1030	11	7

The Treasurer in Account with the Preston School of Art,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1880.

DR	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Students' Fees	83	14	4	By Printing and Advertising	8	12	3
To Aid from Department to September, 1879	82	0	0	Gas	9	0	3
				Carriage	2	8	9
				Cleaning	5	1	0
				Sundries	1	18	11
				Bank Interest and Commission	3	14	10
				Pupil Teacher	15	0	0
				Head Master	125	9	9
					171	5	9
To Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30th, 1880	112	1	6	By Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30th, 1879	106	10	1
	£277	15	10		£277	15	10
To Aid from Department—due	£112	1	6	By Balance brought down	£112	1	6

October 4th, 1880.—*Examined and found correct,*

H. C. WALTON,
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} Auditors.

TO THE TRUSTEES UNDER THE WILL

OF THE LATE

E. R. HARRIS, ESQ.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the Council of the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, generally known as the Avenham Institution, venture to call your attention to the advantages which, as we believe, would result from a grant out of the large funds at your disposal, in furtherance of the purposes for which it was founded.

The objects of the Institution, which was established in the year 1828, are sufficiently indicated by its title; they have been carried out by the formation of a valuable Circulating Library, by Courses of Lectures, and by the maintenance of Classes for the Study of Literature, Art, and Science.

The School of Art was established in 1860, in connection with the Science and Art Department, South Kensington. A large sum of money was spent in fitting up the School, and providing Models, Casts, and Drawings. The number of Pupils at present on the Register is eighty-six.

In the Department of Science, Classes have at various times been held in the following subjects, viz:—Machine and Building Construction, Mathematics, Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Acoustics, Light and Heat, Magnetism and Electricity, Organic and Inorganic Chemistry, Botany, Geology, Steam, Physical Geography, Metallurgy and Animal Physiology. The number of these Classes in successive sessions has been subject to considerable variations, owing to the inability of the Institution to supply the necessary funds for their maintenance. In 1866 and 1867 there were three such Classes; in 1868, five; in 1869 and 1870, seven; in 1871, six; in 1872, twelve; in 1873, nine; in 1874, four; in 1875, six; in 1876 and 1877, eight; in 1878, seven; in 1879, six; and in the present session, nine, attended by seventy-seven pupils.

Since the formation of the Art and Science Classes, 900 Prizes have been awarded to Students, including one Royal Exhibition of the value of £50 per annum, and tenable for a term of three years; one National Scholarship for the value of £50 per annum in the Art Training School, South Kensington; one £50 Scholarship at South Kensington for Proficiency in Mechanics; six Queen's Prizes, and fifty-one Medals.

These Classes have proved a constant drain upon the resources of the Institution, having cost £850 in addition to the Income derived from Students' Fees and grants from the Science and Art Department. This outlay has so seriously crippled the finances at the disposal of the Council that they have been compelled for the present session to reorganize the Classes on a footing which would relieve the Institution from pecuniary responsibility, it being evident that, with the prospect of a diminution in the number of Subscribers consequent upon the establishment of a Free Library, the Income derived from those attracted to the Institution by the literary advantages it affords, will not suffice to enable the Council to continue the aid they have hitherto granted to the Scientific Department. If the experiment now being tried should fail, these courses of Instruction in Scientific Subjects must be definately and finally abandoned; while even if proved to be successful, it cannot at the utmost support more than a few of the most popular Classes.

It will be seen, then, that during the half century of its existence, the Institution has endeavoured, so far as, and indeed beyond what the means at its disposal have permitted, to promote the cause of Art and Science, to foster and encourage a taste for the pursuit of such studies, and to aid in the development of local talent.

It is evident, however, that while the Institution supplies the nucleus of an efficient School of Art and Science, the range of its operations has been narrowed by insufficiency of funds, and that without the aid of a permanent endowment it cannot hope to furnish such a complete and comprehensive education in those departments of study as it will be admitted ought to be placed within the reach of the population of an important centre of manufacturing industry.

We believe that if placed in possession of an adequate Endowment, the Scientific and Æsthetic Instruction which this Institution aims at providing, might be so enlarged in scope and improved in efficiency as to confer a material and lasting benefit upon the working classes of Preston, and indeed upon the town in general.

We have no desire to suggest any elaborate and extensive scheme incurring a proportionately extravagant outlay. We think that a grant say of £25,000 would suffice to maintain in perpetuity a staff of competent teachers possessing the highest qualifications, who would conduct classes,—so arranged as to be available for all ranks, —in the various branches of Art and Science, similar to, but more comprehensive in range (including, for instance, Harmony and the Theory of Music), than those which have from time to time, with repeated intermissions, and in the face of ever-recurring pecuniary difficulties, heretofore been taught within the walls of this Institution. Such a sum as we have named, might, in addition to the maintenance of these classes upon a satisfactory basis, provide for independent Lectures upon Literary, Artistic, Scientific, and Social Topics, by the most eminent authorities of the day on their respective subjects, as well as for systematic courses similar to those which have been arranged in many Towns in accordance with the Universities Extension Scheme. It might also supply funds for Occasional Scholarships or Exhibitions, which might aid pupils of conspicuous abilities in prosecuting their studies at the Owens College or some similar centre of higher education.

The very fact of such an Endowment being granted, and the increased efficiency of the Classes which may be confidently looked forward to as its certain and natural result, would provide for Preston many of the educational advantages which other Towns derive from the establishment of Institutions such as the Owens College at Manchester, the University College at Bristol, and the Firth College at Sheffield.

We may observe that the Building is admirably adapted in respect alike of arrangement and site for the purposes indicated, and that adjoining it are a residence for the Curator, and a piece of land available for the erection of additional Class-rooms, should such be deemed desirable, and circumstances be favourable for incurring the necessary outlay.

As a means of carrying the project into effect, we would suggest that this property, together with such Funds as you may be pleased to grant, be vested in a body of Trustees so constituted as to meet with your approval, and that a Scheme providing for the continuance of the Trust and its mode of Management, and the objects thereof be drawn up, embracing such Clauses and Provisions as you may sanction. The Institute might be named the "Harris Institute of Literature, Art, and Science," or bear some other designation which might connect it with the name of the late Mr. Harris.

In thus addressing you, we do not forget that you have already with great liberality endowed a Free Library, which might at first sight appear to embrace the chief objects of such an Institution as that which we represent. If the scheme, which your munificient assistance will enable the Corporation to realise, provided for the objects which we have set forth in the preceding paragraphs, we should not venture to make this appeal, but with the fact before us that even when the proposed Free Library scheme shall have been carried out in its entirety, in accordance with the expressed intentions of its promoters, there will be no Institution in Preston other than our own, to which the people of Preston can look for high class teaching in Literature, Art, and Science, we are not without hope that you will recognise the validity of the grounds upon which we base these suggestions, and will accord to them your favourable consideration.

Signed, on behalf of the Council,

W. ASCROFT, *President.*

A. B. BEAVEN, *Chairman of the Science and Art Committee.*

E. L. BARNES, G. B. DALBY, *Vice-Presidents.*

T. R. JOLLY, J. HIGSON, *Honorary Secretaries.*

Institution, Avenham,
December 2nd, 1879.

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RESOLUTIONS.

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FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCT. 5, 1880.

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1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. S. LEE :

That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts, now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by Mr. F. A. MOORE, seconded by Mr. HIGSON:

That Messrs. Poole, Wilson, and F. W. Catterall be appointed Scrutineers of the voting papers.

3.—Moved by Mr. E. MYRES, seconded by Mr. ANDERSON:

That William Ascroft, Esq., be re-elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

4.—Moved by Mr. BOOTH, seconded by Mr. C. H. SHARPLES:

That J. S. Oliver, Esq., be re-appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by Mr. OAKEY, seconded by Mr. ANDERSON:

That Mr. W. F. Moore be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

6.—Moved by Mr. S. LEE, seconded by Mr. YATES:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Moved by Mr. WILLAN, seconded by Mr. JOLLY:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to William Ascroft, Esq., for his valuable services as President during the past year, and as Chairman this evening.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

During the Year ending Sept. 30th, 1880.

ARTS, SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY.

1835 C. Carpenter, Dr. Principles of Human Physiology 1864.
2718 D. Ditto Animal Physiology 1864.
1832 C. De Rance, C. E. The Superficial Geology of South West Lancashire Coast 1877.
268 B. Domenico, Ghirlandaio, and his Fresco of the Death of S. Francis, by A. H. Layard, M.P 1860.
269 B. Memling. Hans. A notice of his Life and Works, by W. H. James Weale 1865.
2714 D. Levi, Leone. Work and Play: or, Principles of Industrial Economy 1877.
1840 C. Owen, Richard. Palæontology 1861.
2717 D. Ramsay, A. C. The Physical Geology and Geography of Great Britain 1864.
1833 C. Sharples. C. H. Food and its Adulterations 1879.
1842 C. Tyndall, John. Essays on the Use and Limit of the Imagination in Science 1870.
270 B. Watson, White. A Delineation of the Strata of Derbyshire 1811.
271 B. Whitworth Measuring Machine, by Goodeve and Shelley 1877.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

1838 C. Dixon, W. H. British Cyprus 1879.
1831 C. Dunraven, Earl of. The Great Divide: Travels in the Upper Yellowstone in 1874 1876.
1825 C. Gay, J. D. From Pall Mall to the Punjaub 1878.
1821 C. Kerr, David. On the road to Khiva 1874.
1841 C. Rose, H. J. Untrodden Spain, and her Black Country. 2 vols 1875.
1836 C. Stanley, H. M. Through the Dark Continent. 2 vols 1879.

HISTORY.

1828 C. Brooke, James. Narrative of Events in Borneo and Celebes. 2 vols 1848.
2691 D. Brodribb and Besant. Constantinople, a sketch of its History 1879.

1839 C. Dixon, W. H. Royal Windsor. 4 vols 1879.
1818 C. Doran, Dr. London in the Jacobite Times. 2 vols 1877.
1826 C. Ditto Memoirs of our Great Towns 1878.
1843 C. Gourlay, William. History of the Distress in Blackburn, 1861-5 1865.
1824 C. Lyte, H. C. M. A History of Eton College, 1440 to 1875 1875.
1837 C. Oliphant, Mrs. The Makers of Florence 1876.

BIOGRAPHY.

1834 C. Compton, Henry. Memoir of 1879.
2681 D. Hamerton, P. G. Modern Frenchmen — Victor Jacquemont, Henri Perreyve, Francois Rude, Jean Jacques Ampère, Henri Regnault 1878.
1823 C. Hill, Matthew Davenport. Memoir of 1878.
2722 D. Kemble, Frances Ann. Records of a Girlhood. 3 vols. 1879.
2690 D. King, Edward. French Political Leaders 1876.
1837 C. Oliphant, Mrs. The Makers of Florence 1876.
1815 C. Swift, Jonathan. Life of John Forster 1875.

TALES AND NOVELS.

2675 D. Ainsworth, W. H. Beatrice Tyldesley. 3 vols 1878.
272 B. Dickens, C. Christmas Stories 1879.
2676 D. Dixon, W. H. Ruby Grey. 3 vols 1878.
2685 D. Drury, Anna H. Gabriel's Appointment. 3 vols 1877.
2711 D. Eggleston, Edward. Roxy. 2 vols 1878.
2715 D. Edwardes, Mrs. A Blue Stocking 1877.
2677 D. Fothergill, Bessie. The First Violin. 3 vols 1878.
2693 D. Grant, James. The Cavaliers of Fortune
2694 D. Ditto Jack Manly
2695 D. Ditto The Yellow Frigate
2696 D. Ditto Only an Ensign
2697 D. Ditto The Secret Despatch
2698 D. Ditto The White Cockade
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2702 D. Ditto The Phantom Regiment
2703 D. Ditto The Black Watch
2704 D. Ditto The Captain of the Guard
2705 D. Ditto Lady Wedderburn's Wish

2706 D. Grant, James. The Adventures of Rob Roy
2707 D. Ditto The Girl He Married
2708 D. Ditto The King's Own Borderers
2709 D. Ditto Mary of Lorraine
2710 D. Ditto The Constable of France
2683 D. Hatton, Joseph. Cruel London. 3 vols 1878.
2687 D. Ditto The Queen of Bohemia. 2 vols 1877.
2712 D. John-a-Dreams 1878.
2682 D. Lee, Holme. Straightforward. 3 vols 1878.
2725 D. Lemon, Mark. Leyton Hall. 3 vols 1867.
1830 C. Mc.Carthy, Justin. Miss Misanthrope. 2 vols 1878.
2678 D. Montgomery, Florence. Seaforth. 3 vols 1878.
2674 D. Oliphant, Mrs. Within the Precints. 3 vols 1879.
1827 C. Payne, James. By Proxy. 2 vols 1878.
2679 D. Ralph Wilton's Weird. 2 vols 1875.
2716 D. Robinson, F. W. Coward Conscience. 3 vols 1879.
2680 D. Thomas, Annie. A Laggard in Love. 3 vols 1877.
2684 D. Trollope, Anthony. An Eye for an Eye. 2 vols 1879.
2724 D. Ditto John Caldigate. 3 vols 1878.
2686 D. Walford, L. B. Pauline. 2 vols 1877.

MISCELLANEOUS.

276 B. Beaconsfield, Earl of. Cartoons from *Punch*, 1843-1878
273 B. Boy's Own Paper.
2713 D. Bright, H. A. A Year in a Lancashire Garden 1879.
2692 D. Burritt, Elihu. A Voice from the Back Pews 1872.
2719 D. Ditto Chips from many Blocks 1878.
2689 D. Coope, Col. W. J. A Prisoner of War in Russia 1878.
1829 C. Dickens' Dictionary, by Pierce and Wheeler 1878.
1816 C. Dilke, C. W. The Papers of a Critic. 2 vols 1875.
2721 D. Dyer, Rev. T. F. T. English Folk-Lore 1878.
277 B. Gladstone, Right Hon. W. E. Cartoons from *Judy's* Point of View 1878.
2723 D. Glaister, Elizabeth. Needlework. 1880.
2720 D. Hare, A. J. C. Walks in London. 2 vols 1878.
1817 C. Mac Gahan, J. A. Under the Northern Lights 1876.
2688 D. Mallock, W. H. The New Paul and Virginia 1878.
1822 C. Prince Florestan, The Fall of 1874.
1819 C. Sala, G. A. Under the Sun 1872.
274 B. The Union Jack.
2726 D. Thornley, Jeremiah. A Short History of a Long Winter 1868.
1820 C. Virgil. Stories from, by the Rev. A. G. Church 1879.
275 B. Young England

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THE FIFTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

AVENHAM, PRESTON,

Read at the Annual Meeting, Oct. 4th, 1881.

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THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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AVENHAM, PRESTON.

THE Council, in presenting their 53rd Annual Report, cannot congratulate themselves on their present financial position. The receipts during the past year again show a marked decrease, the amount received for subscriptions being £217 18s. 5d., as compared with £250 3s. 9d. in the previous year. The total deficit on the year's working is £145 3s. 1d.

To the existence of the Free Library may again be attributed a considerable falling off in the number of Members of the Institution. The numbers on the books for the past three years being as follows, viz.:—

	21s.	10s.	8s.	Total.
1879	116	237	76	429
1880	115	210	57	382
1881	110	170	38	318

Although the number of Subscribers shows a great diminution, the advantages of the literary department have been fully maintained. 188 volumes have been added to the Library during the past year, making a total of 11,679.

The Council have pleasure in again being able to show satisfactory results from the teaching in the Science and Art Schools. The number attending the Science Classes during the past session is in excess of the previous year, and at the Government Examinations held in May last the Students succeeded in obtaining 122 Certificates of Merit and 37 Queen's Prizes. In the School of Art, during the past year, the number of Students was 116, as against 121 in the preceding year; but it is only fair to state that the Students in the Machine Drawing and Building Construction Classes were transferred from the Art Department to the Science Department, or a considerable increase would have been shown. The works done in the School during the year were sent to London in April last, and three National (Queen's) Book Prizes and 17 Third Grade Prizes were awarded in the National competition. Notwithstanding the gradual advance of the standard of attainment, this is much the largest number and the honours are the highest yet obtained by this School. In the Second Grade Examination, held in May last, three Prizes and 22 Certificates were obtained. These results compare favourably with those of other Schools of Art. An Art Class Teacher's Certificate was obtained by John W. Elliott. A Class for instruction in Shorthand was formed during the past year, which was well attended, and the results have been very encouraging.

The Council beg to thank Wm. Ascroft, Esq., President of the Institution; C. R. Jacson, Esq., J.P., Messrs. W. F. Moore and W. Atherton for their contribution of Special Prizes, for competition by the Students attending the Science and Art Classes. The Prizes and Certificates awarded to the successful Students were distributed in the Theatre of the Institution by C. R. Jacson, Esq., J.P., on the 22nd December last.

The Council have to record with deep regret the deaths, since the last Annual Meeting, of two of their Trustees, viz., Edward Hermon, Esq., M.P., and Mr. Alderman J. J. Myres, both of whom took a warm interest in the management and progress of the Institution. Mr. Myres was one of the oldest members of the Council, and from the year 1840 took an active interest in the working of the Institution, and, when his health permitted, was regular in his attendance at the meetings of the Council, where his abilities and genial temper were much appreciated.

The Harris Trustees have determined to set apart a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of establishing and endowing an Institution for the promotion of Art, Science, Literature, and the advancement of Technical Education. The Council have, during the last year, devoted much time to the consideration of the matter; and, in conjunction with the Harris Trustees, have framed a scheme which is now before the Court of Chancery, and when matured will be brought before the Members of the Institution for their consideration and approval. The Council hope that by this means an Institution of great value to the town will be founded, which, along with the Free Library established by the Corporation and largely aided and endowed by the Harris Trustees, will carry out on an extended scale the objects aimed at by the founders of this Institution.

W. ASCROFT, PRESIDENT.

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Fifteen Meetings of the Council have been held, the attendance of which has been as follows:—

Mr. Ascroft	12	Mr. Edelston	1
Rev. A. B. Beaven	10	„ E. Myres	8
Mr. Dalby	4	„ Phillips	10
„ Oliver	6	„ Birchall	4
„ Jolly	15	„ Healey	6
„ Higson	11	„ F. A. Moore	9
„ Atherton	11	„ Oakey	13
„ Anderson	10	„ C. H. Sharples	10
„ Ambler	6	„ Willan	5
„ Booth	11	„ Easterby	11
„ Bell	2	„ W. F. Moore	7
„ Dickson	2	„ Yates	12

STATISTICS.

Number of Members last year	382
„ „ this year	318
Decrease	64
Number of Books in the Library last year	11,491
„ „ „ this year	11,669
Increase	178

Classified Statement shewing the present contents of the Library, and the works added in each class during the year:—

Art and Science	1,920	4	1,924
History	927	3	930
Voyages and Travels	783	4	787
Biography	983	20	1,003
Poetry and Drama	443	1	444
Tales and Novels	2,094	65	2,159
Miscellaneous Literature, including Magazines	4,341	81	4,422
	11,491	178	11,669

DETAILED RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS IN 1881.

SCHOOL OF ART.

SECOND GRADE EXAMINATION IN DRAWING.

P. signifies Pass, and E. Excellent.

NAME.	Freehand	Geometry.	Perspective.	Model.	PRIZE.
Baines, Pius	...	...	P.	...	
Bee, Jane	...	P.	...	...	
Crooke, Reginald H.	P.	...	P.	...	
Davies, Samuel	...	P.	P.	...	
Goodier, Alice	P.	...	...	...	
Goodwyn, Frederick	P.	...	...	...	
Graham, Agnes	P.	...	...	P.	
Higginson, Henry	...	P.	...	...	
Lawrence, Wm. Edward	...	P.	...	...	
Miller, James Henry	P.	...	...	...	
Nightingale, Benjamin	...	...	P.	...	
Poole, Clara	P.	...	...	...	
Poole, Florence	...	E.	E.	...	Dennis's Third Grade Perspective and Box of Drawing Instruments.
Poole, Lizzie	P.	...	...	...	
Robinson, Robert	P.	...	...	...	
Sumner, Charles James	...	...	E.	...	Box of Drawing Instruments.
Thwaites, William Henry	...	...	...	P.	
Wade, Edith Rachel	P.	...	...	...	

INSPECTION OF DRAWINGS.—SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Elementary Section.

NAME.	STATUS.
Cook, Elizabeth	P.
Fare, Jane	P.
Morris, Marie Louise	P.
Simmonds, Thomas.....	P.

Advanced Section.

Backhouse, Sophia	P.
Bell, Rhoda	P.
Catterall, Frederick W. ...	P.
Crook, Reginald	P.
Elliott, John William.....	P.
Gibson, Henry	P.
Graham, Agnes	P.
Inglis, Margaret	P.
Poole, Lizzie	P.
Poole, Florence	P.
Smith, Barbara	P.
Wilson, William	P.

Awards in the National Competition for Queen's Prizes.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Backhouse, Sophia	5B	The Literary Works of Sir Joshua Reynolds.
Elliott, John William.....	12A	
Jackson, Barbara.....	12A	Rosengarten's Handbook of Architectural Styles

Students to whom Third Grade Prizes have been awarded.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Crook, Reginald	2B	Dennis's Third Grade Perspective.
Ellaby, Joseph.....	5B	Turner's Liber Studiorum.
Gibson, Henry.....	23C	Benson on Colour.
,, ,, ...	5A	Capitals and other Details
,, ,, ...	8B	Selected Photographs of Details.
Goodwyn, Frederick	2B	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
Higginson, Henry	2B	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
Inglis, Margaret	16A	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
,, ,, ...	5B	Watteau Drawings.
Nightingale, Benjamin ...	2B	Penley's Sketching from Nature.
Poole, Lizzie	2B	Watteau Drawings.
Poole, Florence	12A	Watteau Drawings.
,, ,, ...	5A	Turner's Liber Studiorum.
Smith, Barbara	5A	Flaxman's Anatomical Studies.
Wilson, William	5A	Lectures on Painting.
,, ,, ...	12A	Flaxman's Anatomical Studies.
,, ,, ...	12A	

Art Student's Certificate awarded to John William Elliott.

Art Students' Certificates for having passed a satisfactory Examination in Freehand Drawing, Practical Geometry, Linear Perspective, and Model Drawing, of the Second Grade.

Davies, Samuel.
Poole, Florence.
Thwaites, William Henry.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Machine Construction and Drawing.—Subject II.

NAME.	STATUS.	
Atkinson, John H. ...	Elementary—2nd Class	
Carter, Charles	Do. do.	
Holland, David	Do. do.	
Livesey, Charles.....	Advanced do.	
Robinson, Robert	Elementary do.	

Building Construction and Drawing.—Subject III.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Baines, Pius	Elementary—1st Class	Building Construction, by R. Scott Burn, and Health & Occupation, by Dr. Richardson.
Baldwin, James S.....	Do. 2nd Class	
Cardwell, Lawrence. ...	Do. do.	
Farquhar, George	Do. do.	
Gordon, Robert	Do. do.	
Livesey, Thomas P. ...	Do. do.	
Ranson, Richard	Do. do.	
Shorrock, James	Do. do.	
Spencer, Arthur.....	Do. do.	
Thwaites, Wm. Henry	Advanced do.	
Whiteside, John.....	Elementary do.	

Mathematics.—Subject V., Stages I. & II.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Alston, Robert J.	1st Stage—2nd Class.	
Bailey, Joseph	Do. do.	
Bailey, Benjamin	Do. 1st Class.	Sutton's Elements of the Theory of Music.
Bleasdale, William.....	Do. 2nd Class.	
Brocklehurst, John W.	Do. do.	
Cooper, Alfred B.	Do. do.	
Cottom, Samuel.....	Do. do.	

Mathematics.—Subject V., Stages I. & II.—(Continued.)

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Dewhurst, Edward ...	1st Stage—1st Class.	Du Moncel's The Telephone, &c.; and Moore's Botany.
Gilbertson, W. P.	Do. 2nd Class.	
Houlding, William ...	Do. do.	
Lomax, Joseph T.	Do. do.	
Parkinson, James	Do. do.	
Southworth, John E....	Do. do.	
Tattersall, Herbert ...	Do. do.	
Wilkinson, James W....	Do. do.	
Wilson, W. A.	2nd Stage do	

Sound, Light, and Heat.—Subject VIII.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Alston, Robert J.	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Alston, William H. ...	Elementary—1st Class.	Ansted's Physical Geography.
Bailey, Benjamin	Do. do.	
Bailey, Joseph	Do. do.	Lee's Acoustics, Lockyer's Astronomy, and Davis's Geology.
Barlow, Frederick W....	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Baron, Thomas	Elementary—1st Class.	Smith's Arithmetic and Colenso's Examples in Algebra.
Brown, Walter	Do. 2nd Class.	
Cardwell, John E.	Advanced do.	
Cooper, Alfred B.	Do. do.	
Cottom, Samuel	Elementary do.	
Cowell, Charles J.	Do. do.	
Dewhurst Edward	Advanced do.	
Elliott, Stephen J.....	Advanced—1st Class.	Neil's Rays from the Realms of Nature, Hooker's Botany, Lankester's Half-hours with the Microscope, and Henslow's Floral Dissections.

Sound, Light, and Heat.—Subject VIII.—(Continued).

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Gardner, Thomas	Elementary—1st Class.	Du Moncel's The Telephone and Engel's Musical Instruments.
Harling, George.....	Do. 2nd Class.	
Kirby, George H.	Do. 1st Class	Tyndall's Lessons in Electricity.
Kershaw, William	Do. 2nd Class.	
Livesey, Henry	Do. do.	
Parkinson, James	Do. do.	
Parkinson, J.	Advanced do.	
Sewell, John	Elementary—1st Class.	Higgs' Algebra Self-taught, Tanner's Agriculture, Moffatt's Mental Arithmetic, and Dennis's Second Grade Perspective.
Shaw, Thomas	Elementary—1st Class.	The Collegiate Atlas.
Singleton, Richard.....	Do. do.	Pryde's Algebra.
Southworth, John E....	Do. do.	
Tattersall, Herbert ...	Do. do.	A Voyage in the "Sunbeam."
Thornber, William H....	Do. 2nd Class.	
Wilkinson, James W....	Do. 1st Class.	Smith's Arithmetic.

Magnetism and Electricity.—Subject IX.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Alston, Robert J.	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Alston, William H. ...	Elementary do.	
Bailey, Joseph	Elementary—1st Class.	Woods' Common Objects of the Microscope, Tanner's Principles of Agriculture, and Hooker's Botany
Bailey, Benjamin	Elementary—1st Class.	A Microscope.
Bleasdale, William.....	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Brown, Walter	Elementary do.	
Cardwell, John J.	Advanced do.	
Cooper, Alfred B.	Do. do.	

Magnetism and Electricity.—Subject IX.—(Continued).

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Cottom, Samuel.....	Elementary—1st Class.	Macadam's Chemistry, Smith's Geometry, and Buckmaster's Chemistry.
Cowell, Charles J.	Do. do.	Bevan's Modern Geography.
Dewhurst, Edward ...	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Elliott, Stephen J.....	Do. do.	
Gardner, Thomas	Do. do.	
Harrison, John	Elementary do.	
Kershaw, William	Elementary—1st Class.	Hodge's Linear Perspective and Guthrie's Magnetism and Electricity.
Mc.Mahon, Patrick ...	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Miller, James H.	Elementary do.	
Olding, George	Advanced do.	
Parkinson, James	Do. do.	
Parkinson, J.	Elementary do.	
Plant, Henry A.....	Advanced do.	
Sewell, John	Elementary do.	
Shaw, Thomas	Do. do.	
Singleton, Richard.....	Do. do.	
Southworth, John E....	Advanced do.	
Sykes, John	Elementary do.	
Tattersall, Herbert ...	Do. 1st Class.	Irving's Manual of Heat
Thornber, William H...	Do. 2nd Class.	
Wilkinson, James W...	Do. 1st Class.	Euclid's Geometry.

Inorganic Chemistry.—Subject X.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Ainsworth, Edmund ...	Elementary—2nd Class	
Bailey, Joseph	Do. 1st Class.	Buckmaster's Chemistry & Howard's Chemistry
Barlow, Frederick W ...	Do. 2nd Class.	
Bleasdale, William.....	Elementary—1st Class.	Tyndall's The Forms of Water and Johnston's Atlas of British History.

Inorganic Chemistry.—Subject X.—(Continued).

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Dewhurst, Edward.....	Advanced—2nd Class.	
Gilbertson, Wm. P. ...	Elementary do.	
Harling, George.....	Do. do.	
Kirky, George H.	Elementary—1st Class.	Buckley's History of Natural Science and Lee's Acoustics, &c.
Lowe, James	Elementary—1st Class.	Frankland's Inorganic Chemistry, Tyffe's Book of Agriculture, and Wrightson's Agricultural Text Book.
Singleton, Richard.....	Elementary—2nd Class	
Southworth, John E....	Do. 1st Class.	Beckett's Astronomy.
Winder, John	Do. 2nd Class.	

Inorganic Chemistry: Practical Elementary.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Ainsworth, Edmund ...	Elementary—1st Class.	Valentin's Chemical Analysis.
Bleasdale, William.....	Do. do.	Wilson's The Five Gateways of Knowledge.
Dewhurst, Edward.... .	Do. 2nd Class.	
Harling, George.....	Do. do.	
Kirby, George H.	Do. do.	
Lowe, James	Do. do.	
Southworth, John E. ...	Do. 1st Class.	Ansted's Geological Science.
Wallace, James	Do. 2nd Class.	
Winder, John	Do. 1st Class.	Tanner's How to Learn Farming, Tyffe's Book of Agriculture, and Mechi's How to Farm Profitably.

Physiography.—Subject XXII.

NAME.	STATUS.	PRIZE.
Anderson, Jas. R.	Elementary—2nd Class	
Barlow, Frederick W....	Advanced do.	
Baron, Thomas	Elementary—1st Class	Potts' Euclid's Elements of Geometry & Roscoe's Chemistry
Brown, Walter	Do. 2nd Class.	
Gilbertson, W. P.	Advanced do.	
Healey, Albert E.	Elementary do.	
Kershaw, William	Do. do.	
Mc.Mahon, Patrick.....	Do. do.	
Sewell, John	Do. do.	
Southworth, John E....	Advanced—1st Class.	Maury's Physical Geography of the Sea.
Wilkinson, James W....	Elementary do.	Lord Bacon's Works.

LOCAL PRIZES.

ART SCHOOL.

AWARDED FROM THE THORNLEY FUND.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	VALUE. s.	d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
Backhouse, Sophia...	Second-best Painting, the Human Figure or Animals, in Monochrome	10	0	Water and Oil-colours.
Do. do.	Third-best set of four Works for Art Class Certificate	2	6	
Baverstock, T. J. ...	Second-best Outline of Tarsia	5	0	One 12 ½-cake Watercolour Box.
Bell, Rhoda C.	Second-best Design for Surface Decoration...	5	0	
Crook, Reginald ...	Second-best Painting of Fruit in Water-colours.....	7	6	
Do. do.	Third-best Outline Drawing of Trojan Scroll	2	6	
Do. do.	Third-best Outline from Cast	5	0	Box of Oil-colours.
Do. do.	Second-best set of Geometrical Problems ...	5	0	Watercolour Box. .....
Do. do.	Second-best set of Perspective Drawings	5	0	
Do. do.	Second-best (extra prize) Watercolour Landcsape, from copy	7	6	
Ellaby, Joseph	Third-best Chalk Drawing, from Cast of Ornament	5	0	Palette, Brushes, and Colours.
Fare, Jane	First-best set of Geometrical Problems ...	7	6	
Do.	First-best set of Perspective Drawings ...	7	6	Box of Oil-colours and Water Bottle.
Do.	Extra Prize for Industry	5	0	
Foster, R. J.	Second-best Painting in Sepia, from Cast.....	7	6	

SCHOOL OF ART.—(*Continued*).

NAME.	SUBJECT.	VALUE. s. d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
Grandison, J. T. ...	Third-best Outline of Tarsia	2 6	Watercolours.
Gibson, Henry	First-best Design for Surface Decoration ...	10 0	
Do. do.	First-best Group of Models, in Sepia—four Works	7 6	Portfolio, Box for Watercolours, Box for Oil-colours, Lessons on Animals and Elementary Art.
Do. do.	Best set of four Works for Art Class Certificate	7 6	
Do. do.	First-best Chalk Drawing, from Cast of Ornament	10 0	
Do. do.	First-best Outline, from Cast.....	10 0	
Goodwyn, Frederick.	Second-best Outline, from Copy, of Trojan Scroll	5 0	One 12½ cake Watercolour Box.
Inglis, Margaret.....	First-best Painting, the Human Figure, in Monochrome	20 0	
Do. do.	Extra Prize for best Landscape Painting in Watercolour, from Copy	10 0	
Jones, Clara	First-best Painting of Flowers, from Copy...	10 0	Colours and Brushes.
Livesey, Charles ...	Extra Prize—Landscape Painting in Oil, from Copy	10 0	Oilcolours.
Do. do.	Second-best Painting of Fruit in Oil	7 6	
Mc.Carter, W. H. ...	Third-best set of Perspective Drawings ...	2 6	
Poole, Lizzie	First-best Painting in Oil, of Fruit, &c., for Students under two years in School	15 0	One Box for Watercolours. One Box for Oil-colours.
Do. do.	For best outline, from Copy, of Trojan Scroll, for Students under two years in School...	7 6	One Box of Watercolours.

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SCHOOL OF ART.—(*Continued*).

NAME.	SUBJECT.	VALUE. s.	d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
Poole, Florence	First Prize of Fruit, &c., in Watercolour, from Nature, for Students under two years in School	15	0	
Do. do.	Second Prize for Groups of Models in Sepia—four Works	5	0	Watercolour Box and Water-Colours.
Do. do.	First Prize for Painting in Sepia, from Cast —17 Works	15	0	Oilcolours, &c.
Do. do.	Special Prize for Passing Excellent in Geometry and Perspective	10	0	
Poole, Clara	First Prize for Outline of Tarsia	7	6	Box of Water-colours.
Ralf, MaryB.	Third-best Painting of Flowers, from Copy...	5	0	
Smith, Barbara	Second-best Painting of Flowers, from Copy	7	6	
Do. do.	Third-best Group of Models in Sepia—four Works	2	6	
Do. do.	Second-best Chalk Drawing, from Cast of Ornament	7	6	Imperial Drawing Board, Sketching Stool, &c.
Do. do.	Second-best Outline, form Cast	7	6	
Do. do.	Third-best set of Geometrical Problems ...	2	6	
Do. do.	Second-best set of four Works for Art Class Certificate	5	0	
Sumner, Charles J....	For Passing Excellent in Perspective.....	5	0	

LOCAL PRIZES.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

AWARDED FROM THE THORNLEY FUND.

NAME.	SUBJECT.	VALUE. s.	d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
	Acoustics: Elementary—			
Bailey, Benjamin ...	1st Prize	15	0	Money
Bailey, Joseph	..... Equal	7	6	Money
Baron, Thomas	..... Equal	7	6	Money
Elliott, Stephen J....	,, Advanced—1st Prize	15	0	Money
Cardwell, John E....	,, ,, 2nd Prize	10	0	Money
Alston, R. J.	..... Equal	2	6	Money
Dewhurst, Edward...	..... Equal	2	6	Money
	Magnetism: Elementary—			
Wilkinson, J. W. ...	1st Prize	15	0	Money
Bailey, Joseph	..... Equal	7	6	Money
Cottam, Samuel ...	..... Equal	7	6	Money
Southworth, John E.	,, Advanced—1st Prize	15	0	Money
Parkinson, James ...	,, ,, 2nd Prize	10	0	Money
Gardner, Thomas ...	,, ,, 3rd Prize	5	0	Money
	Chemistry: Elementary—			
Southworth, John E	1st Prize	15	0	Money
Bailey, Joseph	,, 2nd Prize	10	0	Money
Bleasdale, William	,, 3rd Prize	5	0	Money
Dewhurst, Edmund..	,, Advanced—1st Prize	15	0	Money
Winder, John	,, Practical—1st Prize	15	0	Money
Southworth, John E.	,, ,, 2nd Prize	10	0	Money
Ainsworth, Edmund	..... Equal	2	6	Money
Bleasdale, William	..... Equal	2	6	Money
Southworth, John E.	Physiography: 1st Prize	15	0	Money
Baron, Thomas	,, 2nd Prize	10	0	Money
Wilkinson, Jas. W.	,, 3rd Prize	5	0	Money
	Mathematics: Stage 1—			
Bailey, Benjamin ...	1st Prize	15	0	Money
Dewhurst, Edward...	,, 2nd Prize	10	0	Money
Gilbertson, W. P....	,, Stage 2. Equal	7	6	Money
Wilson, W. A.	,, Stage 2. Equal	7	6	Money
	Machine Drawing: Advanced—1st Prize	7	6	Money
Livesey, Charles ...	,, 2nd Prize	5	0	Money
Carter, Charles	,, 3rd Prize	2	6	Money
Robinson, Robert ..				

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.—(*Continued*).

NAME.	SUBJECT.	VALUE. s.	d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
Holland, D. H.	„ Elem.—1st Prize	7	6	Money
Baverstock, T. J. ...	„ „ 2nd Prize	5	0	Money
Swann, Christopher	„ „ 3rd Prize	2	6	Money
	Building Construction:			
Ranson, Richard ...	Adv.—1st Prize	7	6	Money
Thwaites, W. H. ...	„ „ 2nd Prize	5	0	Money
Gordon, Robert.....	„ 2nd Stage, 1st Prize	7	6	Money
Baines, Pius	„ „ 2nd Prize	5	0	Money
Milne, James.....	„ Elem.—1st Prize	7	6	Money
Robinson, William	„ „ 2nd Prize	5	0	Money
Spencer, Arthur.....	„ „ 3rd Prize	2	6	Money

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR SHORTHAND.

NAME.	PRIZE.	VALUE. s.	d.	PRIZE SELECTED.
Woodruff, W. H. ...	1st Prize Donor: The President	21	0	Money
Gregson, Thomas ...	2nd Prize Donor: Mr. Cartmel			The Casquett of Gems.
Lewty, Rd.	3rd Prize Donor: Mr. Cartmel			Pendennis, by Thackeray..



The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Cash Invested in the Borough Building Society	200	0	0	By Balance in hand	300	0	0
Do. Britannia Building Society	100	0	0				
	£300	0	0		£300	0	0

October 4th, 1881.—*Examined and found correct,*

H. C. WALTON,
W. F. MOORE,
THOS. R. JOLLY. } Auditors.

THE TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE THORNLEY BEQUEST.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30TH, 1881.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance as per last Report, viz. :—							By J. & A. Slark for Books for Prizes	3	10	10
Invested with the Corporation	1,000	0	0				A. Mc.Naught for Drawing Materials for Prizes	7	4	2
Interest in Lancaster Bank	30	11	7				C. Croft for Prize Money and Free Studentships	11	3	3
				1,030	11	7	W. Brown for Stationery	1	4	0
Interest to Nov. 1st, 1881				45	11	5	Balance	1,053	9	10
Bank Interest to June 30th, 1881				0	9	1				
				£1,076	12	1		£1,076	12	1

SPECIAL PRIZE FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Donations, viz. :—				By J. & A. Slark for Prizes	1	12	4
C. R. Jacson	5	0	0	A. Mc.Naught do.	5	3	0
W. Ascroft	5	5	0	C. Croft do.	0	9	8
W. F. Moore	2	0	0	Balance	5	0	0
	£12	5	0		£12	5	0
To Balance brought down	£5	0	0				

3rd January, 1882.—*Examined and found correct,*

H. C. WALTON
W. F. MOORE
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The Treasurer in Account with the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge,

For the Year ending Sept. 30th, 1881.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

DR.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Members' Subscriptions, viz.:—		
1 Member at 42s.	2 2 0	
109¾ „ 21s.	115 4 9	
170 „ 10s.	85 3 0	
38½ „ 8s.	15 8 8	
		217 18 5
To Rent and Hire of Rooms, viz.:—		
Mr. Molineux	20 0 0	
Misses Fare & Harris	12 0 0	
Librarian's House	14 0 0	
Sundry Rents	18 13 6	
		64 13 6
To Interest on Investments, viz.;—		
Borough Building Society	9 11 0	
Britannia „	5 18 0	
		15 9 0
To Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—		
Fines	0 8 0	
Catalogues	1 0 0	
Sale of Newspapers	5 4 5	
Hire of Cupboards	1 14 6	
Lost Book	0 2 0	
		8 8 11
		306 9 10
To Balance in hand, Sept. 30th, 1880		9 7 11
„ owing, Sept. 30th, 1881		135 15 2
		£451 12 11

CR.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	80 0 0	
„ Assistance	14 8 0	
„ Commission	13 8 6	
		107 16 6
By Coals	23 19 2	
Gas	40 13 7	
Insurance	3 9 0	
Printing and Advertising	11 14 5	
Rates and Taxes	19 19 3	
Petty Payments	9 15 3	
Repairs, &c.	36 4 8	
		145 15 4
By New Books	19 5 11	
Magazines	31 5 4	
Newspapers	33 14 3	
Subscription to Mudie and Rolandi	56 13 11	
Binding	26 12 1	
		167 11 6
By Subscription to Society of Arts	2 2 0	
„ Institute Union	1 0 0	
Science Classes	24 15 1	
School of Art	1 13 7	
Bank Interest and Commission	0 18 11	
		30 9 7
		£451 12 11

J. S. Oliver, Treasurer.

4th October, 1881.—*Examined and found correct,*

H. C. WALTON
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} Auditors.

Note.—There have been no transactions in the Penny Bank Account, and the Balance remains as before, namely, £34 15s. 4d.

The Treasurer in Account with the Preston School of Art,

For the Year ending Sept. 30th, 1881.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Students' Fees	91	11	8
Aid from Department	112	1	6
Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30, 1881	94	2	0
	£297	15	2
To Aid from Department due	£94	2	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Advertising, Printing, &c.	10	0	0
Gas	11	3	5
Cleaning and Sundries	6	19	11
Pupil Teacher	15	0	6
Bank Interest and Commission	2	3	0
Head Master	140	6	10
	185	13	8
Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30, 1880	112	1	6
By Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30, 1881	£94	2	0

3rd Jannary, 1882.– *Examined and found correct,*

H. C. WALTON
W. F. MOORE
THOS. R. JOLLY
} Auditors.

RESOLUTIONS.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCT. 4TH, 1881.

1.—Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. R. F. EASTERBY:

That the Report and Treasurer's Accounts, now read, be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Secretaries.

2.—Moved by Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. DICKSON:

That Dr. Hammond and Mr. J. S. Oliver be appointed Trustees, in the place of Mr. E. Hermon, M.P., and Mr. J. J. Myres, deceased.

3.—Moved by Mr. J. S. ANDERSON, seconded by Mr. PHILLIPS:

That William Ascroft, Esq., be re-elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

4.—Moved by Mr. OAKEY, seconded by Mr. E. MYRES:

That J. S. Oliver, Esq., be re-appointed Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year.

5.—Moved by Mr. Y. W. BOOTH, seconded by Mr. ANDERSON:

That Mr. H. C. Walton be appointed Auditor for the ensuing two years.

6.—Moved by Mr. ALLEN, seconded by Mr. COOKSON:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Council, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditors, for their valuable services during the past year.

7.—Moved by Mr. E. DICKSON, seconded by Mr. MAYOR:

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to William Ascroft, Esq., for his valuable services as President during the past year and as Chairman this evening.

Officers for the Year 1881-2.

Trustees:

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„ W. Atherton
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„ J. J. Myres
„ Henry Oakey

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„ Thos. R. Jolly
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