

1856-7.

VICTORIA.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RETURN to an Order of the *Legislative Assembly*,
Dated 5th June, 1857, for—

A RETURN of the AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE of VISITORS for the past year, to the PUBLIC LIBRARY of MELBOURNE, distinguishing the number attending in the Morning and the Evening.

(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 12th June, 1857.

RETURN showing the number of VISITORS to the MELBOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY from its opening, 11th February, 1856, to 31st May, 1857.

Date.	Total Number of Visitors.	Daily Average.			Weekly Average.			Remarks.
		Morning.	Evening.	Total.	Morning.	Evening.	Total.	
1856. 11th Feb. to 31st Dec.	23,769	70	50	120	420	300	720	During this period the Library has been closed about three months for fitting gas pipes, shelves and general cleaning.
1857. 1st Jan. to 31st May.	15,806	60	80	140	360	480	840	
	39,575.							

RETURN showing the number of MONTHLY VISITORS, January, 1857.

Date.	Morning.	Evening.	Total.	Total during the Month.	Remarks.
From 1st to 9th	1788	Closed up to the 10th for general cleaning.
" 10th to 14th	237	205	442		
" 15th to 21st	373	306	679		
" 22nd to 31st	362	305	667		

MONTHLY VISITORS, February, 1857.

Date.	Morning.	Evening.	Total.	Total during the Month.	Remarks.
From 1st to 7th	378	279	657	2923	
" 8th to 14th	351	415	766		
" 15th to 21st	348	353	701		
" 22nd to 28th	354	445	799		

MONTHLY VISITORS, March 1857.

Date.	Morning.	Evening.	Total.	Total during the Month.	Remarks.
From 1st to 7th	375	411	786	3598	
" 8th to 14th	378	393	771		
" 15th to 21st	436	429	865		
" 22nd to 31st	584	592	1176		

MONTHLY VISITORS, April, 1857.

Date.	Morning.	Evening.	Total.	Total during the Month.	Remarks.
From 1st to 7th	459	477	936	3591	
" 8th to 14th	485	472	957		
" 15th to 21st	369	313	682		
" 22nd to 30th	522	494	1016		

MONTHLY VISITORS, May, 1857.

Date.	Morning.	Evening.	Total.	Total during the Month.	Remarks.
From 1st to 7th	498	448	946	3906	
" 8th to 14th	514	469	983		
" 15th to 21st	375	524	903		
" 22nd to 31st	510	564	1074		

RETURN showing the number of VISITORS to the MELBOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY during the first week of June, 1857.

Date.	Morning.	Evening.	Total.	Total during the Week.
Monday, 1st	63	117	180	1038
Tuesday, 2nd... ..	85	115	200	
Wednesday, 3rd	56	42	98	
Thursday, 4th	86	60	146	
Friday, 5th	85	94	179	
Saturday, 6th	148	87	235	

During this last week the Library has been much overcrowded by Visitors, and many Ladies and Gentlemen have been compelled to leave the Building from want of adequate accommodation either for sitting or standing.

AUGUSTUS H. TULK.

Librarian.