

Copeland School of Arts.

The annual meeting of the above was held on Saturday, 21st inst.; Mr. Guido Weber (President) occupying the chair. There was a good attendance present. The balance-sheet, duly audited, was adopted. It showed receipts to be £61 15s. 11d., expenditure £57 8s. 3d., and credit balance £4 7s. 8d. The annual report of the Committee proved that a splendid year's work had been done. The hall had been re-floored, hall and reading-room thoroughly renovated, acetylene gas installed throughout, and £10 worth of new volumes added to the already large and well-assorted library.

The office-bearers of the past year were all re-elected, as follows:—President, Mr. Guido Weber; Vice-President, Mr. Donald M'Lean; Secretary, Mr. Reg. Giddey; Treasurer, Mr. Daniel Young; Librarian, Mr. M. J. Harney; and a strong committee. The present year promises to be a successful one.

Sir Charles Tennant, head of the firm of Tennant, Sons, and Co., left an estate valued at £2,700,000.

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Rev. J. H. Hirst, speaking at a conference on gambling at New York, said he had known men to go to church and bet on the length of the sermon.

For the June quarter the railway revenue was £150,000 in excess of the corresponding period of last year, the expenditure increased by £62,036, but the nett gain was £88,000.

A young woman of Millerton, New York, who received an offer of marriage, with a request for a reply by wire, went to the telegraph office and asked how many words she could send for a shilling. The operator told her ten, and she telegraphed:—"Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes."

A hypnotised man at Lismore, Richmond River, awakened on Wednesday night, 11th inst., in the presence of a very large concourse of people. He said that he felt no ill effects from his seven days' sleep and fast.

The commission of inquiry into the surrender of Port Arthur recommends that General Stoessel, the commandant, should be sentenced to death, General Fock to 20 years' imprisonment, Prince Reuss expelled the army, and Admiral Alexieff reprimanded.