

APPENDIX C.

On December 15, 1873 the Trustees of the Christchurch Literary Institute conveyed the half-acre of land at the corner of Hereford Street and Cambridge Terrace, with all buildings thereon, together with the books, furniture, chattels, and effects, to the Superintendent of Canterbury, "upon trust for the purpose of a public library, to be established and maintained under an^d in pursuance of the provisions of 'The Canterbury Museum and Library Ordinance, 1870,' subject nevertheless to the conditions expressed of and concerning the same - that is to say, that a reading-room and circulating library of at least equal dimensions, both as regards space and number of books and periodicals to those conveyed and assigned, shall be constantly maintained in the said buildings, or in any new building to be erected upon the said land in the place of the existing building and that such books and periodicals shall from time to time be supplemented and increased, so as to satisfy future requirements, and generally the institution maintained in accordance with the usual and recognised standard of a public circulating library and reading-room; provided always that the Superintendent and his successors, or other the acting trustees of the institution continue to exercise the discretion enjoyed by the present management of determining upon the books which shall be retained solely for reference; and that the advantages of such reading-room shall be opened to the public free of charge, and that the advantages of the circulating library shall be open to the public either free of charge, at the discretion of the management, or at charges not greater than the charges following - that is to say, 20s. per annum, payable either yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly, in advance." (1)

1. Document of transfer of Literary Institute to Superintendent of Province of Canterbury. (relevant portions)