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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY

OF VICTORIA,

FOR 1902,

WITH A

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 1901-2.

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REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria have the honour to submit their Annual Report for the year 1902 :—

1. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library, as shown by the records at the end of the year, was 195,615. The increase for the year in the Reference Department alone was nearly 6,000 volumes, which is about the average number of volumes that the Trustees think should be added each year, if the Library is to be kept up to modern requirements. Such an increase, however, though only normal, places the Trustees in a difficulty with regard to finding the necessary room for the ever-growing collection. It is fifteen years since the Barry Hall was opened, and the Library is now so crowded that additional space is urgently required. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Library, and the Trustees hope that the Government will see its way to make some provision for the urgent needs of the Institution in regard to additional room.

The Lending Library continues to attract readers, and as the majority of the books in this section are for purposes of education rather than for recreation, the Trustees are gratified at its increased popularity. Current fiction is not obtained for the Library, and such novels as are on the shelves are representative of the standard authors only. The issues from the Library last year amounted to 167,847.

Petty thefts from the Library have been more frequent than usual, and the Librarian reports one serious case, which is now in the hands of the police, who have hopes of bringing the offender to justice. Careful observation has proved that almost all books stolen from the Library are in cloth binding, on which the Library stamp is not embossed, as is the case with leather bindings. Arrangements have now been made to stamp all books obtained in future on the outer cover as well as on the pages, and it is hoped that this will act as an additional safeguard.

The Library Association of Australasia held its third annual meeting in Melbourne in April last. All the Federal States were represented, but the meetings were not so well attended as was hoped. It is doubtful if the time is yet ripe for such an Association in Australia, as most of the country libraries are so small, and so poor, that their managers cannot be got to interest themselves in the movement. One of the features of the last meeting was the exhibition of rare and curious books, and historical documents, held in the National Gallery. These exhibitions serve a valuable purpose in gathering together for the public benefit the most interesting bibliographical and historical objects in the Commonwealth. One exhibit of particular note at the last exhibition was a case of manuscripts and original records of the early explorers and early Governors of Australia, lent for the occasion by the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales.

2. THE NATIONAL GALLERY.

The Trustees are pleased to report that a historical picture—"The Landing of Captain Cook," has been obtained under the terms of the Gilbee Bequest, and hung in the McArthur Gallery. The late Dr. Gilbee, of Melbourne, bequeathed a sum of money to the Trustees to be spent on the purchase of a picture illustrating an incident in

Captain Cook's visit to Australia, or in the exploring expedition under Burke and Wills. Arrangements have been made by which the Trustees will obtain two pictures, illustrating these subjects, and the picture mentioned above was painted by Mr. E. Phillips Fox. A commission has been given for the second picture to Mr. John Longstaff, who was the winner of the first Travelling Scholarship awarded by the Trustees, and it is hoped that it will be hung in the Gallery during the present year.

Two water colour drawings by John Varley, painted about 1820, were also obtained for the Gallery, and the Trustees are under obligations to Mr. T. W. Stanford for the gift of a fine example of the work of the late Louis Buvelot, illustrating a landscape scene between Tallarook and Yea.

The Triennial Travelling Scholarship awarded by the Trustees was won by Mr. M. Altson. There were eight competitors, and in addition to the Scholarship award, an Honorable Mention was accorded to the picture of Mr. J. Hennessy.

Amongst the pictures accepted on loan during the year may be specially mentioned "The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Procession, 1897," by Professor Tuxen and Mr. R. Christiansen, lent by Professor Tuxen; and a portrait — "Marjorie," by Mr. J. Longstaff, lent by Mr. J. C. Williamson.

3. THE INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

It is a matter of regret that, owing to lack of accommodation, there has been no progress to report in this Branch of the Institution.

4. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Great difficulty has arisen from the fact that the Government has not been able to authorize the Trustees to complete the central block of the new Museum building. The crowding of the exhibits is very seriously felt, and the valuable invertebrate collections have still to be kept in the basement, where they cannot be seen by the general public. The workroom accommodation is also very inadequate, and the health of some of the staff is liable to be affected from constantly working under artificial light in the basement.

The Trustees have received many donations during the year under review, and they are especially indebted to Professor Spencer and Mr. F. J. Gillen for an exceptionally valuable collection of Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles, obtained with great difficulty during their recent expedition to Central and North Australia. Many of these specimens are very rare, and some are hitherto unknown to the world of science. The thanks of the Trustees are also due to Professor Spencer and Mr. Gillen for a magnificent donation of Ethnological exhibits, representing the major portion of the collections made during the same expedition.

Mr. Frederick Chapman was appointed as Palæontologist, and arrived from London early in the year to take up his duties at the Museum. He expresses himself as agreeably surprised at the very comprehensive and valuable collections of fossils contained in the Museum.

5. GENERAL.

It is with great regret that the Trustees have to record the death of Professor Morris at the beginning of last year. Professor Morris had been a Trustee of the Public Library since 1879. He was elected Chairman of the Library Committee in 1885, and Vice-President of the Trustees in 1896. He had always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the Institution, and especially of the Library. The news of his untimely death, whilst on a brief visit to England, was received by his fellow Trustees with profound regret, and they desire to record their appreciation of his many services to the Institution, and of the qualities which made him an esteemed colleague and a valued adviser.

The turnstiles were removed from the main entrance to the Institution in August last, as they were considered unsuitable for present use, and a source of possible danger in an emergency. Between January and August the visits to the Institution reached a total of 437,573. In future it is intended to keep statistics of visits to the Library only.

During the year Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, Mr. A. S. Way, and Mr. Andrew Harper, all of whom had ceased to reside in Victoria, resigned their positions as Trustees.

DIVISION 15.—PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND
Statement of Income and Expenditure

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Date.	Sub-division.	Parliamentary Grant.	Amount.		Total.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
		To Salaries—				
		Public Library—				
	1	Professional	2,884	0 0		
	2	Clerical	887	0 0		
	3	General	1,952	0 0		
					5,723	0 0
		Industrial and Technological Museum—				
	4	Professional	300	0 0		
	5	Exempt	90	0 0		
	6	General	442	0 0		
					832	0 0
		National Museum—				
	7	Professional	450	0 0		
	8	Clerical	236	0 0		
	9	General	1,215	0 0		
	10	Exempt	230	0 0		
					2,131	0 0
		National Gallery—				
	11	Exempt	1,092	0 0		
	12	General	858	0 0		
					1,860	0 0
	13	To Contingencies				
					12,500	0 0
		NOTE.—Deposit receipts held by the Trustees on 25th October, 1902—				
		National Bank of Australasia— Receipt, £2,675, due 12.4.1904.				
		Commercial Bank of Australia— Receipts amounting to £3,569 6s. 8d., due 5.2.1903, 30.9.1903, 8.10.1903, and 30.9.1906.				
		Special Assets Trust— £1,535 8s. 6d.				
		Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures, £750, due 1.4.1906.				
					23,046	0 0

JAMES SMITH,
Treasurer.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA,
for the Financial Year 1901-2.

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Date.	Sub-division.	Expenditure.	Amount.			Total.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		By Salaries—						
		Public Library—						
1		Professional	2,690	19	6			
2		Clerical	856	5	0			
3		General	1,837	19	7			
						5,285	4	1
		Industrial and Technological Museum—						
4		Professional	300	0	0			
5		Exempt	90	0	0			
6		General	442	0	0			
						832	0	0
		National Museum—						
7		Professional	391	2	7			
8		Clerical	235	2	8			
9		General	1,214	6	8			
10		Exempt	230	0	0			
						2,070	11	11
		National Gallery—						
11		Exempt	970	0	0			
12		General	811	8	8			
						1,781	8	8
13		By Contingencies						
						12,495	11	9
		AMOUNTS LAPSED.						
		Public Library—						
		Professional	193	0	6			
		Clerical	30	15	0			
		General	114	0	5			
		National Museum—						
		Professional	58	17	5			
		Clerical	0	17	4			
		General	0	13	4			
		National Gallery—						
		Exempt	32	0	0			
		General	46	11	4			
						476	15	4
		Contingencies						
						4	8	3
						23,046	0	0

E. LA T. ARMSTRONG,
Chief Librarian and Secretary.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.

Petty Cash Account for the Financial Year 1901-2.

DR.

1901-2.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	To Balance from 1900-1	...	855 14 6
	Fees, Painting School	...	88 0 0
	Fees, Drawing School	...	109 0 0
	Subpenas, &c.	...	3 3 0
Nov. 25.	Refund cost of books lost by Quambatook and Ballan Free Libraries	...	0 3 4
,, 25.	R. Wyman (London), for privilege of reproducing National Gallery Picture	...	52 10 0
Dec. 18.	Sale of Packing Cases	...	1 0 0
Feb. 28.	Repayments from National Gallery votes—Amount advanced to Senhor Loureiro in payment for picture purchased from him	...	100 0 0
	By Repayment from Gilbee Bequest Account of amounts advanced to Messrs. Fox and Longstaff on commissions	...	252 16 5
June 30.	Victorian Gold Jubilee Exhibition—Refund of expenses of forwarding pictures for exhibition	...	8 10 5
	Sale of Catalogues	...	22 1 0
	Lending Library Receipts—		
	Fines and Damages	165 4 6	
	Sales Catalogues and Post Cards	22 9 5	
			187 13 11
			1,680 12 7

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1901-2.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	By McCarron, Bird and Co., printing "Library Record"	...	66 14 1
	Postage and Railway Freight on "Library Record"	...	16 2 0
Dec. 4.	Gratuities to Staff for special services in connexion with storm on November 14	...	3 8 0
,, 23.	Exchange on R. Wyman's cheque (£52 10s.)	...	0 4 1
Mar. 10.	Remittance to E. P. Fox on Gilbee Bequest Commission (to be refunded from Gilbee Bequest Account)	...	100 12 6
April 2.	Expenses in connexion with Library Association Conversation—		
	H. Skinner, Catering	37 10 0	
	Allan and Co., Hire of Pianos, &c.	6 12 0	
	F. Weatherill, Work done	1 1 3	
	Petty Cash Expenses	7 4 11	
			52 8 2
May 1.	Mutual Store—Catering, Japanese Visit	...	3 10 0
June 7.	J. C. Lloyd, Insurance of Pictures lent to Victorian Gold Jubilee Exhibition	6 16 8	
,, 7.	Freight and Carriage on above	1 13 9	
			8 10 5
,, 30.	Balance	...	1,429 3 4
			1,680 12 7

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.—
TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT.

Statement of Income and Expenditure from 26th October, 1901, to 30th June, 1902.

DR.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1901.			
Oct. 26.	To Balance in the Bank of Australasia ... ..	...	156 4 7
1902.			
Feb. 5.	Interest on Fixed Deposit Receipts— Commercial Bank of Australia— £307 1s. 8d., from 1st July, 1901, to 31st December, 1901	5 7 4	
	Assets Trust— £1,535 8s. 6d., from 1st July, 1901, to 31st December, 1901	23 0 7	
April 2.	Interest on Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures— From 1st October, 1901, to 30th March, 1902 (less cost of collecting, 18s. 9d.)	15 18 9	
			44 6 8
			200 11 3

CR.

		£ s. d.
1901.		
Dec. 23.	By Draft to D. R. Meldrum, including cost	37 16 8
" 31.	Bank of Australasia, half-yearly charge on current account	0 5 0
1902.		
April 28.	Draft to D. R. Meldrum, including cost	37 18 7
June 30.	Bank of Australasia, half-yearly charge on current account	0 5 0
" 30.	Balance in Bank of Australasia	124 6 0
		200 11 3

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.—
GILBEE BEQUEST ACCOUNT.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Financial Year 1901-2.

Dr.

						£	s.	d.
1901.								
June 30.	To Balance in the Bank of Australasia	...	...	...	..	61	8	9
1902.								
Feb. 5.	Amount drawn from fixed deposit	...	...	...	...	250	16	3
						312	5	0

Cr.

						£	s.	d.
1902.								
Feb. 28.	By refund to petty cash account, amounts remitted to Messrs. Long-staff and Fox, including cost of remittance	252	16	5
June 30.	Yearly charge on current account	0	10	0
„ 30.	Balance	58	18	7
						312	5	0

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.

*Statement of Income and Expenditure under "Railways and Public Works Loan
Appropriation Act 1899," Financial Year 1901-2.*

Dr.

						£	s.	d.
1901.								
July 1.	To Balance from 1900-1	...	...	...	...	480	0	0
Aug 23.	Reimbursement	...	...	...	...	716	3	8
						1,196	3	8

Cr.

						£	s.	d.
1901.								
Sept. 25.	To Reed, Smart, and Tappin—Professional services	...	...	...	...	507	10	6
Dec. 19.	Christopherson and Brown—Balance of contract, National Museum...	...	...	...	...	421	1	1
„ 19.	R. Gamlin—Balance of contract, S.W. front	...	...	...	...	48	18	0
„ 19.	Chubb's Australian Coy.—Locks, &c.	...	...	...	...	182	10	0
1902.								
Feb. 11.	Adjustment of advance	...	...	...	...	36	4	1
						1,196	3	8

JAMES SMITH,
Treasurer.

E. LA T. ARMSTRONG,
Chief Librarian and Secretary.

I certify that the foregoing statements of accounts of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria have been examined and found correct, and that I have inspected the Debentures and Deposit Receipts held by the Trustees, and found them correct.

25th March, 1903.

J. HAMILTON REID,
Auditor-General.

The Public Library,
Melbourne, 23rd March, 1903.

To the Chairman of the Library Committee.

The Chief Librarian has the honour to submit the following report for the year 1902 :—

I.—THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The additions to the Library during the year were—

5,844 volumes,
885 pamphlets,
371 maps,
40,628 newspapers.

The actual number of volumes in the Reference Library is now 143,548.

The number of visits paid to the Library during 1902 was 331,006.

The amount spent in bookbinding was £940 13s. 9d., as against £1,559 8s. 9d. for the year 1901. Many of the more important newspapers still require binding, but the grant did not permit of this being done last year.

Numerous and valuable donations have been received from the Governments of different countries, and from private donors.

It is a matter of regret that thefts from the Library during the year under review have been more frequent than usual. This is chiefly due to the fact that a great number of modern law books were stolen within the space of a few weeks, and sold locally, after the stamps had been erased. Additional precautions have been taken to prevent a recurrence of theft of this nature.

Mr. J. M. Kerr, M.A., LL.B., one of the senior assistants in the Library, resigned his position in order to devote himself to the practice of his profession. Mr. Kerr had control of the cataloguing work of the Library, in addition to other duties, and his resignation was a severe loss to the Library staff, owing to the marked zeal and ability which he had displayed in his official work.

The attached schedules furnish details of statistics, &c.

II.—THE LENDING LIBRARY.

The number of active borrowers for the year was 8,051, showing an increase of 336 over the number who borrowed in 1901. The total issues amounted to 167,847, as against 158,064 for the previous year.

It is satisfactory to be able to record, after an experience of three years and a half, that the open access system is working satisfactorily. The advantages gained by borrowers under this system are greatly appreciated, and the loss has been very trifling. During 1902 only 15 books could not be accounted for, and these are all works of fiction, and of trifling value.

The system of issuing a slip with each volume drawing special attention to certain rules has been found advantageous. The slip is used as a bookmark, and there has been a noticeable diminution in injuries to books caused by turning down the corners of the leaves since these bookmarks have been in use.

The Catalogue of the Lending Library was issued in February. It contains over 600 pages, printed in double columns, and forms a valuable guide to the contents of the Library.

By a clerical error the number of volumes classified under the heading "History" in 1901 was returned as 5,911 instead of 4,911. This mistake has been rectified in the following return.

TABLE SHOWING THE ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Mode of Acquisition.	No. of Volumes.	Value.
		£ s. d.
Purchase	1,954	496 4 9
Donation	3	0 12 6
Totals	1,957	496 17 3

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BOOKS IN THE LENDING LIBRARY ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1902, AND THE NUMBER BORROWED DURING 1902.

Subject.	No. of Volumes in the Library.	No. of Volumes Borrowed.	Percentage of Books Lent.
General Works of Reference ...	77	177	.1
1. Philosophy	421	2,258	1.3
2. Religion	1,063	4,432	2.6
3. Sociology	1,357	4,485	2.67
4. Philology	86	210	.12
5. Natural Science	1,024	4,386	2.6
6. Useful Arts	1,343	7,908	4.7
7. Fine Arts	701	4,673	2.7
8. Literature	2,607	10,602	6.3
9. History	5,476	24,641	14.8
Fiction	5,328	104,075	62.
	19,483	167,847	...

III.—TRAVELLING LIBRARIES.

The following table shows the number of volumes lent during the year, and the names of the Institutes to which they were lent:—

BOOKS LENT TO MECHANICS' INSTITUTES AND FREE LIBRARIES.

Name of Institute.	No. of Volumes Lent.	Name of Institute.	No. of Volumes Lent.
Amherst Mechanics' Institute ...	52	<i>Brought forward</i> ...	2,690
Amphitheatre Free Library ...	203	Narracan Free Library ...	52
Axedale State School Library ...	58	Numurkah Mechanics' Institute ...	53
Ballan Mechanics' Institute ...	47	Pitfield Mechanics' Institute ...	249
Belmont Free Library ...	44	Port Melbourne Free Library ...	100
Birregurra Mechanics' Institute ...	102	Portland Free Library ...	53
Bloomfield Free Library ...	104	Quambatook Mechanics' Institute ...	51
Boomalmooonah Literary Society ...	192	Queenscliff Free Library ...	195
Borong Free Library ...	49	Romsay Mechanics' Institute ...	195
Briarolong Mechanics' Institute ...	98	Rutherglen Public Library ...	152
Callignee Free Library ...	49	Sea Lake Public Library ...	97
Cape Clear Free Library ...	93	Shepparton Free Public Library ...	299
Cobram Mechanics' Institute ...	190	Smeaton Mechanics' Institute ...	96
Cobden Free Library ...	52	South Melbourne Free Library ...	200
Corack Mechanics' Institute ...	46	Taggerty Mechanics' Institute ...	105
Dandenong Mechanics' Institute ...	204	Tallangatta Athenæum ...	57
Donald Mechanics' Institute ...	49	Taradale Mechanics' Institute ...	203
Fern Tree Gully Public Library ...	99	Tatura Mechanics' Institute ...	147
Gerang Gerang Free Library ...	54	Upper Maffra Mechanics' Institute ...	110
Heidelberg Public Library ...	179	Violet Town Mechanics' Institute ...	94
Horsham Mechanics' Institute ...	48	Watchem Mechanics' Institute ...	104
Lancefield Free Library ...	290	Whittlesea Free Library ...	47
Maldon Athenæum ...	99	Woodend Mechanics' Institute ...	196
Monbulk Mechanics' Institute ...	98	Wycheproof Mechanics' Institute ...	52
Mooroopana Mechanics' Institute ...	92	Yan Yean Mechanics' Institute ...	101
Mortlake Mechanics' Institute ...	99	Yarram Mechanics' Institute ...	48
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	2,690	Total ...	5,746

It is satisfactory to be able to report that the number of recent volumes added to these cases, especially to those prepared for the mining and agricultural centres, have had the effect of largely increasing the demand. In the year 1900 only 1,550 volumes were issued to country libraries. In 1901 many modern works were added to the cases, and special selections were made to suit the requirements of particular libraries. The result was that in this year 40 libraries borrowed 4,193 volumes, and during the year under review 51 libraries borrowed 5,746 volumes. Constant requests are made for fiction and "light reading" to be supplied in these cases, but the policy of sending only a very limited number of the works of the classic novelists has been adhered to, and special attention has been given to the supply of technical works.

E. LA T. ARMSTRONG,
Chief Librarian.

SCHEDULE 1.
ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Mode of Accession.	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Maps.	Miscellaneous.	Newspapers.	Approximate Value.
Purchase, including duplicates	3,716	142	2	2	3,283	£ s. d. 1,929 8 5
Donation, including duplicates	1,945	580	152	42	14,388	1,141 19 11
Copyright	180	163	217	...	22,957	296 1 3
Pamphlets bound into volumes	11	...	...	...	...	...
Volumes withdrawn	5,852 8					
Totals	5,844	885	371	44	40,628	3,367 9 7

SCHEDULE 2.
**CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., RECEIVED DURING
 THE YEAR 1902.**

Classification.	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Maps.	Miscellaneous.
Religion	280	14	...	...
Philosophy	112	13	...	...
Social Science	1,538	250	...	...
History	1,004	60	286	10
Science	908	175	2	...
Fine Arts	185	17	...	27
Arts and Trades	669	224	83	4
Philology	81	5	...	...
Literature	911	72	...	3
Fiction	70	1	...	...
Bibliography	94	54	...	...
	5,852	885	371	44

SCHEDULE 3.
REFERENCE LIBRARY STATISTICS FROM 1856 TO DECEMBER, 1902.

Year.	No. of Visitors.	No. of Volumes.
1856	22,769	3,846
1866	215,305	41,232
1876	214,165	73,202
1886	395,701	108,784
1896	355,920	140,120
1897	338,503	141,903
1898	341,631	144,548
1899	352,419	147,479
1900	361,787	152,930
1901	366,091	158,917*
1902	403,006	164,761

* Including duplicates.

SCHEDULE 4.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES AND PARCELS FROM SOCIETIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN VICTORIA, DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DURING 1902.

How Distributed.	No. of Cases.	No. of Parcels.	No. of Publications.
Through Smithsonian Institution ...	10	1,449	2,991
By post ... ..	...	2,949	4,188
By hand ... ..	...	43	52
By rail ... ..	...	11	2,467
Through Tender Board ... ..	...	4	8
Total	10	4,456	9,706

SCHEDULE 5.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES AND PARCELS FROM SOCIETIES AND INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE OF VICTORIA, DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DURING 1902.

Through whom sent.	No. of Cases.	No. of Parcels in Cases.
Smithsonian Institution	26	500
New South Wales Board of International Exchanges	4	47
Minister of Public Instruction, France	3	65
Total	33	612

INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM.—REPORT OF THE CURATOR.

To the Chairman of the Industrial and Technological Museum Committee.

Industrial and Technological Museum,
9th March, 1903.

SIR,

It is with regret that I have again no progress to report. I can only call attention to the necessity of deciding on some settled policy without delay, in regard to the future of the Museum, so that the present unsatisfactory position may be ended. With the increasing demand for technical instruction, and for the development of our natural resources, it is greatly to be regretted that an institution which is supposed to render valuable aid in both these directions should be allowed to drift into a state of uselessness. The only remedy appears to be that recommended in my report for 1901, viz. :—That as the present buildings cannot give the space required, some temporary premises be secured, until such time as permanent ones are provided, so that re-organization of the Museum may be proceeded with at once.

It is impossible under existing conditions to make the Museum fulfil its proper functions.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. HENRY WALCOTT,
Curator.

NATIONAL GALLERY.—REPORT OF DIRECTOR.

To the Chairman, National Gallery Committee.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit to you the following report on the work of the National Gallery for the year 1902 :—

The most interesting additions to the collection were two water-colour drawings by John Varley, painted about 1820 ; a large landscape by L. Buvelot, presented by Mr. T. W. Stanford ; and " The Landing of Capt. Cook " (1770), painted by Mr. E. P. Fox, and acquired under the terms of the Gilbee bequest.

Six oil-paintings were lent by Mr. Hugh Ramsay, an old gallery student, all very creditable to himself and to this school in which he graduated three years ago.

The number of students attending the painting classes was 26 in each term.

I enclose Mr. McCubbin's report upon the drawing classes, also a list of the awards made by the gentlemen appointed to act as judges at the Students' Annual Competition. The exhibition, which was in most respects an excellent one, included eight pictures painted for the Travelling Scholarship Competition, which was well won by Mr. M. Altson.

A new course of anatomical lectures was delivered by Dr. Atkinson Wood, which was very successful in attracting and holding the attention of the students. A prize of £3 3s., offered by Dr. Wood, called forth some capital sets of notes.

The accompanying schedules give particulars of the permanent additions and loans made to the collections during the year.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. BERNARD HALL.

National Gallery, Melbourne, 22nd December, 1902.

National Gallery, 11th December, 1902

To the Director of the National Gallery.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the report of the Drawing School for the year 1902.

The classes, both in the Antique and Life, have been well attended. The average quality of the drawing was quite up to the standard of former years.

The attendance for the year 1902 was as follows :—

For the term ending July, males, 11 ; females, 41.

For the term ending December, males, 12 ; females, 43.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. McCUBBIN.

National Gallery, Melbourne, 17th December, 1902.

To the Chairman and Trustees, National Gallery, Melbourne.

Gentlemen,

We have the honour to report that the following awards have been made by us in the Students' Annual Competition in Drawing and Painting :—

Travelling Scholarship—

Mr. M. Altson.
Mr. J. Hennessy, honorable mention.

Painting from the nude—

1st. Mr. I. Cohen.
2nd. Mr. M. Altson.
3rd. Mr. I. Cohen.

Drawing from the nude—

1st. Mr. W. R. Hamilton.
2nd. Mr. C. Wheeler.

Drawing from the antique figure—

1st. Miss B. Rankin.
2nd. Miss J. Traill.

Drawing from the antique (for painting students)—

1st. Mr. I. Cohen.

Painting head from life—

1st. Mr. A. E. Davies.
2nd. Mr. I. Cohen.

Painting still life—

1st. Miss E. A. Murphy.
2nd. Miss H. Worsley.

Drawing head from life—

1st. Miss E. A. Murphy.
2nd. Mr. W. R. Hamilton.

Drawing head from antique—

1st. Mr. J. Adam.

Drawing hands and feet—

1st. Miss B. Rankin.
2nd. Miss E. Mercer.

Anatomical Figure—

1st. Miss J. Traill.

We have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

G. P. NERLI.
WALTER WITHERS.
HUGH RAMSAY.

SCHEDULE I.

PURCHASES MADE DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Name of Artist.	Name of Picture.	Price.
		£ s. d.
OIL PAINTING.		
Fox, Emanuel Phillips	... .. "The Landing of Captain Cook at Botany Bay, 1770." (Painted under the terms of the Gilbee Bequest)	700 0 0
WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS.		
Varley, John	... .. Two "English Lake Scenes" (framed), obtained originally direct from the artist by Mr. William a'Beckett about 1820	14 15 0
PEN AND INK DRAWING.		
Furniss, Harry	... .. "An Expert" (framed)	1 0 0
FURNITURE.		
Chair.	Carved ebony with rouge marble back. Chinese	5 2 6

SCHEDULE II.

DONATIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Description.	Name of Donor.
OIL PAINTING.	
"Between Tallarook and Yea," by Louis Buvelot	... .. T. W. Stanford, Esq.
WATER-COLOUR DRAWING.	
"The Burke and Wills Exploring Expedition on the first day's march," by W. Strutt	The Artist.
SCULPTURE.	
Marble Bust of Louis Buvelot, by E. Bertram Mackennal	... .. Bequeathed by Madame Buvelot.
PHOTOGRAPH.	
Photographs (framed) of Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, May, 1901	Messrs. D. Bernard and Co.
"Horses Bathing in the Sea," photogravure after oil painting by Lucy E. Kemp-Welch. Signed Artist's proof on India paper	Richard Wyman, Esq.

SCHEDULE III.

LOANS TO THE GALLERY DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Description.	By whom Lent.
The Queen Victoria Scarf	Lieut. Dufrayer.
OIL PAINTINGS.	
The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Procession, 1897. Arrival at St. Paul's Cathedral, by Professor L. Tuxen and R. Christensen. (The Horses)	The Artist.
Portrait of William Howitt, by T. Heaphy	A. W. Howitt, Esq.
"Mr. A. W. Howitt burying the remains of Burke the Explorer, 1861," by William Strutt	" "
"Marjorie," by John Longstaff	J. C. Williamson, Esq.
Study of a Boy's Head, by George Clausen, A.R.A.	L. Bernard Hall, Esq.
"Jeanne," by Hugh Ramsay	The Artist.
"Madge," by Hugh Ramsay	" "
Portrait of Charles Schneider, Esq., U.S.A., by Hugh Ramsay	" "
A Lady of Cleveland, U.S.A., by Hugh Ramsay	" "
"The Foil," by Hugh Ramsay	" "
"A Student of the Latin Quarter," by Hugh Ramsay	" "
ENAMELS.	
Cloisonné Vase. Old Japanese	L. Bernard Hall, Esq.
Cloisonné Jar. Old Japanese	" "
POTTERY.	
Porcelain Bowl. Chinese. K'ang-hsi period (1662-1795)	L. Bernard Hall, Esq.
Fruit Stand. Glazed Terra Cotta. Japanese	" "
PEWTER.	
Wine Jug. German, 1829	L. Bernard Hall, Esq.
Dinner Plate. German, 1724	" "
Vessel for Table use. German, 18th century	" "

SCHEDULE IV.

LOANS BY THE GALLERY DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Description.	To whom lent.
OIL PAINTINGS.	
"Winter Morning near Heidelberg," by Louis Buvelot	Geelong Art Gallery.
"Bunyan in Prison," by G. F. Folingsby	" "
"Arab Prisoners," by J. E. Hodgson, R.A.	" "

SCHEDULE V.

TRANSFERS FROM THE NATIONAL MUSEUM DURING THE YEAR 1902.

Description.	
2	copper Coins of Ferdinand VII. of Spain, 1820.
1	" Coin of Alexander I. of Russia, 1817.
1	" " " " 1811.
1	" " Francis I. of Austria, 1816.
1	" " the 1st French Republic, L'an 6.
1	" " Indian, 1700.
1	" Token. John Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, 1792.
1	" Coin. Italian (Ecclesiastical), 1822.
1	" " Phœnician (?).
2	" Coins, Unclassified.

SCHEDULE VI.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING NATIONAL GALLERY CLASSES.

Year.							No.
1890	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
1891	...	...	...	...	...	...	137
1892	...	...	...	...	...	...	127
1893	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
1894	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
1895	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
1896	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
1897	...	...	...	...	...	...	137
1898	...	...	...	...	...	...	161
1899	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
1902	...	...	...	...	...	...	94

NATIONAL MUSEUM.—REPORT OF DIRECTOR.

To the President.

National Museum, Melbourne.

SIR,—

I have the honour to forward reports from the Curators of the Zoological, Ethnological, and Geological departments, and from the Palæontologist. A large amount of work has been done in each department, the additions to the Australian Ethnological collection being of special importance.

It is most urgently desired that the new building facing Russell-street should be completed as soon as possible, or at least made available for use. Until such time as this is done, the work of the Geological and Zoological departments will continue to be most seriously hampered, and only a portion of the collections can be made available to the public. Further still, in the present state of affairs, the work of certain members of the staff is not only carried on with difficulty, but under conditions which are injurious to health.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

W. BALDWIN SPENCER.

NATIONAL MUSEUM.—REPORT ON THE ZOOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

*To the Director of the National Museum.*National Museum,
20th March, 1903.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the following Report, dealing with the work of the Zoological Department of the National Museum for the year 1902 :—

I am pleased to be able to report that the collections, both on exhibition and in store, are in a very satisfactory condition. They have been carefully and systematically examined, and although the few remaining old mammals, which were in a bad state when removed from the old Museum building, have continued to give some trouble, this by constant attention has been greatly minimized.

To insure greater safety to the collections, however, the Museum was closed to the public for one day during November last, when the whole of the animals in the large groups were thoroughly examined and disinfected.

It is necessary to again draw your attention to the want of further accommodation for the reference and duplicate collections. These are now so crowded that it is difficult to find space for the additions which are being received from time to time, while the work of overhauling them, necessary to keep them in safe condition, involves almost double the time that would otherwise be required.

It is also greatly to be regretted that the large and valuable invertebrate collections which have cost thousands of pounds, and upon which years of work have been expended, still remain in the basement, where they are inaccessible to the general public.

In view, however, of the numerous inquiries made from time to time, a special effort was made, and a temporary clearance effected in the west gallery to permit of the Australasian collection of shells being removed from the basement and placed on view. This was accomplished just prior to the Christmas holidays, and the opportunity thus afforded for the study of this group has been freely availed of by students and others. As time permits during the present year, this collection will be properly classified, remounted and re-labelled.

In addition to the ordinary routine work and supervision of the work of the staff, &c., my time has been occupied to a large extent with detail work in connexion with the identification and relabelling, &c., of the specimens on exhibition and in the reference and duplicate collections, with the naming and labelling of the various specimens donated from time to time to the Museum, and with such systematic work as could be done at odd times when the opportunity occurred.

A large amount of information has been supplied, both personally and by letter, while numerous specimens of various kinds have been received for identification and information. Inquiries of this nature have been rather more numerous during the past than in the previous year. Every facility has been afforded to students for the examination of specimens in the collections.

The taxidermists have been occupied chiefly with preparing cabinet skins for the reference and duplicate collections of the various animals received. A limited number of mammals, birds, &c., have, however, been mounted and placed on exhibition. Among these might be mentioned a young Grey Kangaroo, a group of Rose-breasted Robins with nest and natural surroundings, a Whistling Eagle, Johnstone's Crocodile, Torpedo Fish, Port Jackson Shark, and a Basking Shark.

In addition, a large number of the birds on exhibition have been regrouped, and nearly all mounted on uniform black stands.

The articulators have prepared a large number of disarticulated skeletons and separate bones for the reference collection, as well as cleaned and remounted many of the old mounted skeletons on exhibition.

In addition, a fine skeleton of the Green or Edible Turtle, and a skull of the Orang-outan have been mounted as disarticulated specimens and placed on exhibition.

The whole of the spirit collections have again been carefully watched, and, although very much overcrowded, are in a good state of preservation.

The invertebrate collections, including Entomology, have also been thoroughly examined and attended to, and are in a safe condition.

The chief acquisitions made by purchase during the year consist of a Mountain Zebra (*Equus zebra*), a Brindled Gnu (*Connochætes taurina*), a pair of Lesser Kudus (*Strepsiceros imberbis*), a Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*), and a Snow Leopard (*Felis uncia*). These are all excellent examples, and most valuable additions to the collections.

A large specimen of the rare Basking Shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*), measuring nearly 13 feet long, which was captured off Williamstown, was also secured, and is now on view in the large shark case.

The donations during the year have been numerous, and embrace many very valuable additions to the collections. The large series of mammals, birds, reptiles, &c., from Central and Northern Australia, collected and presented by Mr. F. J. Gillen and yourself, is especially valuable and interesting, containing as it does specimens from parts of Australia hitherto untouched by the collector. The greater part of this collection is yet to be determined, but, so far, a large number of the species are found to be new additions to the Museum collections, while one Lizard (*Varanus spenceri*) is new to science.

The Museum is also greatly indebted to the Council of the Zoological and Acclimatisation Society of Victoria for continuing to present to the Museum animals that have died in their Gardens. The more important of these are :—Nilghai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*), Equine Deer (*Cervus equinus*), Zebu (*Bos indicus*) male and female, Dorcas Gazelle (*Gazella dorcas*) male and female, Camel (*Camelus dromedarius*), Malay or Sun Bear (*Ursus malayanus*), Collared Pockary (*Dicotyles tajacu*), Marsupial Wolf (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*) adult and young, Ostrich (*Struthio camelus*), Emu (*Dromæus novæ-hollandiæ*), Cassowary (*Casuarius galeatus*), and a Crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*).

Among the other donors may be specially mentioned : Messrs. F. L. Billingham, A. G. Campbell, F. J. Ellemor, S. W. Fulton, F. E. Grant, and W. H. F. Hill.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAS. A. KERSHAW,

Curator of the Zoological Collections.

NATIONAL MUSEUM.—REPORT ON THE GEOLOGICAL, MINERALOGICAL, AND ETHNOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS.

To the Director of the National Museum.

National Museum, 14th March, 1903.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the following Report for the year 1902 :—

1. MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS.

Owing to the large accessions to the Ethnological section and the work thereby entailed, there has been no opportunity of completing the re-arrangement of the Mineral and Rock collections. A number of good specimens of Crocoite and Stolzite were secured, minerals which, in the near future, may become very scarce and difficult to obtain. Many specimens have been submitted for identification, and for information as to their value and uses. The very unsatisfactory laboratory accommodation has proved a serious handicap to this work, which is of considerable economic importance. Since Mr. Chapman entered upon his duties as Palæontologist good progress has been made with the determination and exhibition of the specimens in his charge.

His report, which is attached, gives details of the work done.

2. ETHNOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

This collection has been enriched by an unprecedented number of donations during the year, mainly owing to the liberality of yourself and Mr. F. J. Gillen in presenting to the Museum the major portion of the collection made during the expedition through Central Australia in 1901-2. The Museum is also indebted to you for numerous valuable objects collected on a previous expedition, and of which many are figured in your work on "The Native Tribes of Central Australia."

These collections form a very important addition to the Australian section, as they include a number of objects of a sacred character most difficult to obtain.

The large bark canoe, which you brought from the Western part of the Gulf of Carpentaria, has proved a source of great interest.

During the last five years this section of the Ethnological branch has made such marked progress that it is worthy of record here. In 1897 the entire collection occupied a bay and a half in the South Gallery, and consisted of 1,190 specimens, many of which were duplicates. In 1899 the East Gallery, containing a space greater than that of the whole of the South Gallery, was given up to this section, and new cases built to accommodate it. Since then, from time to time, other cases have been introduced in order to provide for its rapid increase. At the end of 1902, the year covered by this report, the public collection consisted of 1,775 specimens.

Besides these we held in reserve, for reference or exchange, 2,217 specimens, making a total of 3,992, or an increase of 2,802 specimens in five years. As regards actual numbers, the public collection may not appear large, but this is accounted for by the fact that practically no duplicates are exhibited, which, while in no way detracting from the value of the collection, allows each object, by the greater amount of space given to it, to be seen and studied to advantage.

Two new cases were specially constructed, one to contain the ceremonial objects and the other for an exhibit illustrating the method of burial practised by the Binbinga tribe. In addition to these, other cases were introduced to accommodate new specimens. Notwithstanding this, however, many of the cases are unduly taxed, and means are being taken to relieve the pressure by the further construction of cases.

A card catalogue of the Australian section has been completed, and the work of similarly cataloguing the whole of the reserve collections is in hand. The public catalogue, although only published in 1901, has, in some respects, been almost rendered useless by the introduction of so much new material.

In August, in company with yourself, a visit was made to Hinkson's Siding, near Koondrook, on the Murray, for Ethnological research, which proved very successful. Fourteen aboriginal skeletons, more or less complete, and a few stone implements were obtained, also certain interesting facts were gathered with regard to the nature of the mounds, and the mode of burial adopted by the Murray tribes.

The Middens at Altona Bay were visited last July, but we were not rewarded by the discovery of any axes. Some grinding stones, cores and flakes were obtained, and Mr. Chapman, who accompanied me, secured some photographs of the Middens.

Re-labelling of the other Ethnological collections is being proceeded with, and is well advanced. No additions of note, either by purchase or donation, were made during the year. These collections are much in need of more space, the greater part of the collection made by Mr. Graham Officer in the Solomon Islands on behalf of the Museum being stored, also those from North and South America, North Africa, Borneo, Malay Archipelago, and Egypt. The situation of the gallery containing these collections renders it difficult to effect a sufficient extension without some radical alterations.

It is pleasing to be able to mention that little trouble has been experienced with moths and other pests, and that the collections are generally in good order and condition.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. HENRY WALCOTT,

Curator of the Mineralogical and Geological Collections.

NATIONAL MUSEUM.—REPORT OF THE PALÆONTOLOGIST.

*To the Curator of the Geological and Mineralogical Collections.*National Museum,
7th March, 1903.

SIR,—

After the preliminary work of unpacking and generally inspecting the collections of fossils placed in my charge, the work of selecting a series of specimens to illustrate Australian, and particularly Victorian, palæontology was commenced.

This has been progressing, in conjunction with other necessary work, with the result that there are now on view 15 table-cases of typical Australian fossils, including the Cambrian, Ordovician (Lower and Upper), and the Silurian.

I have introduced certain noteworthy features, such as explanatory diagrams and illustrations, into the arrangement of these cases, in order to make them more interesting, both to students and the public.

Our collections of Palæozoic fossils have been considerably enriched by the purchase of the valuable series formed by the Rev. A. W. Cresswell, M.A., and Mr. F. Spry, respectively, and the donation by Mr. G. Sweet, F.G.S., of the entire series of Cambrian fossils now on exhibition.

The large fossils and casts have been repaired and re-painted, and the whole labelled in accordance with the latest nomenclature.

These exhibits are arranged in the Upper Gallery of the Museum on the north-east side, which was thrown open to visitors last November.

I have prepared and hung in the Gallery two long, coloured geological sections, one illustrating the geology of Victoria, running through the State in a west to east direction, and the other taken through Melbourne from Brunswick to Ormond Point, near St. Kilda. Every care has been taken to render these correct according to the latest information, and in working out these details I have been greatly assisted by the friendly help of Prof. Gregory, F.R.S., and Mr. T. S. Hall, M.A.

One thousand and thirty-seven fossils have been determined, most of which are now exhibited.

Since a large number of the Palæozoic fossils of Victoria are still awaiting description, this work has been taken in hand, and I have figured and described (*Proc. R. Soc., Vict.*, vol. XV., pt. II.) fourteen fossils in the National Museum, ten of which are new to science; two new genera have also been established to receive two of these fossils.

The very comprehensive and valuable collection of fossils in the Museum, brought together under the direction of the late Sir Frederick McCoy, was a distinct and agreeable surprise to one who, although familiar with the English national collection, did not anticipate meeting with anything at all comparable in the southern hemisphere; and these, chiefly the foreign specimens, will be most valuable for purposes of comparison with those of Victoria.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FREDK. CHAPMAN, Palæontologist.