

1875.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

## AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES, FOR 1873.)

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1873.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-IN-CHIEF,—

1. The Trustees of the Australian Museum have the honor to submit to your Excellency this their twentieth Annual Report.

2. They have to express their great regret that the presentation of this Report should have been, from circumstances within the knowledge of the Government, delayed to so late a period of the present year.

3. The Museum has been open to the public daily (Sundays excepted), and has been visited during the year by about 60,000 persons. This estimated number has been derived from a careful examination of the Visitors' Book, which displays throughout an obviously gross and culpable exaggeration. The false entries during the year amount to a total of nearly 180,000, and on one particular day alone the number of visitors falsely entered exceeded 3,700. The total number of visitors for the year 1873 estimated and returned by the late Curator and Secretary was 239,829, which is about 100,000 in excess of the total population of Sydney and its suburbs for that year.

4. The Trustees regret they cannot afford any trustworthy information in regard to the exchange of specimens with foreign Museums or with private individuals, because the late Curator and Secretary has failed to record them. The donations to the Museum have gradually fallen off, and are of less amount and value than those of preceding years. A list of donations of which a record has been preserved is appended. (*Appendix No. 2.*)

5. Several scientific works have been added to the Museum Library, but a list of them cannot be appended, as no record has been kept by the late Secretary.

6. The taxidermists have been employed during the year in mounting specimens, and in preserving the exhibits from decay.

7. The vacancies at the Board during the past year have been—by death, Dr. Macfarlane, President of the Colonial Medical Board, an official Trustee; and by the retirement of His Excellency the Governor, Dr. Alleyne, and Alexander Oliver, Esquire, elective Trustees. Dr. Macfarlane was succeeded by Dr. Alleyne, now President of the Colonial Medical Board, and Dr. Bellisario was elected to fill one of the vacancies caused by the retirement of the elective Trustees. Archibald Liversidge, Esquire, Professor of Geology in the University of Sydney, was nominated to fill one of the two vacancies remaining at the end of the year.

8. The Trustees have to state that the funds at their disposal are insufficient to meet more than the actual expenses involved in the maintenance of the existing collection; and that it is impossible, without further endowment, to enlarge or improve in any great degree that portion which is now open to public inspection.

9. They also deeply regret to have to report that, on or about the 25th of December last, a robbery of a singular character of the valuable gold specimens given by the Government was effected. The Trustees respectfully but earnestly urge that further inquiries may be instituted by the Government.

10. The contents of the Appendices are, No. 1—abstract of the receipts and payments of the Trustees on account of the Museum, for the year ending 31st December, 1873; and No. 2—list of donations with the names of the donors, during the same period.

A. W. SCOTT, M.A.,  
Chairman.

CHAS. ROBINSON,  
Acting Secretary.

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## APPENDIX No. 1.

## CURRENT EXPENDITURE of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, during the year 1873.

1873.		£	s.	d.	Dec. 31, 1873—	£	s.	d.	
Jan. 1...	To balance .....	65	5	7	By salaries for the year .....	1,265	0	4	
" 1...	" cash, Colonial Treasurer..	39	11	8	" petty cash and postage .....	93	0	0	
" 7...	" " " " .....	250	0	0	" keeping grounds in order .....	30	6	0	
Mar. 1...	" " " " .....	83	6	8	" stationery .....	28	3	7	
" 15...	" " " " .....	200	0	0	" books and periodicals .....	23	18	6	
April 1...	" " " " .....	250	0	0	" bookbinding .....	21	19	0	
" 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	4	" Taxidermist's department .....	50	3	9	
May 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	4	" purchase of specimens.....	33	0	0	
June 2...	" " " " .....	41	13	4	" cabinets .....	42	0	0	
July 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	4	" glass and glazing exhibit cases.....	26	18	2	
" 1...	" " " " .....	250	0	0	" covering for ditto .....	4	5	9	
Aug. 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	4	" timber.....	18	3	2	
Sept. 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	3	" ironmongery .....	7	9	1	
Oct. 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	3	" ironwork.....	4	16	6	
" 1...	" " " " .....	249	19	11	" plaster of Paris.....	7	5	0	
Nov. 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	3	" tinsmith's work .....	1	10	6	
Dec. 1...	" " " " .....	41	13	3	" packing-cases .....	2	5	0	
					" carpenter's work .....	7	18	0	
					" printing and lithographs .....	3	0	0	
					" wood, coal, and charcoal .....	12	16	0	
					" photographic chemicals .....	4	11	0	
					" sundries .....	5	0	0	
					" balance .....	69	14	2	
		£	1,763	3	6	£	1,763	3	6

## APPENDIX No. 2.

## LIST OF DONATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM DURING THE YEAR 1873.

## MAMMALS.

## PRESENTED BY

A small and rare species of Flying Fox, from the Solomon Islands ( <i>Pteropus</i> ).....	} Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S., &c., &c.
A Phalanger ( <i>Cuscus</i> ) from the Solomon Islands .....	
A Porcupine ( <i>Hystrix setosa</i> ) .....	} Charles Moore, Esq., F.L.S., Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney.
A young Kangaroo ( <i>Macropus major</i> ) .....	
A Monkey ( <i>Cercopithecus</i> ) .....	
A Wallaby ( <i>Petrogale nanthopus</i> ) .....	
The head of an Indian Stag .....	The Hon. Lady Robinson.
A Flying Squirrel ( <i>Belideus sciureus</i> ) .....	Mr. J. Green.
A Native Cat ( <i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i> ) .....	Master G. Campbell.

## BIRDS.

A Swamp Cuckoo ( <i>Centropus phasianus</i> ) .....	Mr. J. Wheeler.
A Silver Pheasant ( <i>Phasianus</i> ) .....	} Chas. Moore, Esq., F.L.S., &c., Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney.
A Brush Turkey ( <i>Talegalla lathamii</i> ) .....	
A White Ibis ( <i>Threskiornis strictipennis</i> ) .....	
A Macaw .....	
An Australian Bustard ( <i>Eupodotis australis</i> ) .....	
A Shining Grackle ( <i>Calornis metallica</i> ) .....	Mr. J. F. Blaxland.
A Gull from North Australia .....	Mr. J. W. Tyas.
Two Torres Strait Pigeons ( <i>Carpophaga luctuosa</i> ).....	Mr. W. Solomon.
A Scaly-breasted Parrakeet ( <i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i> ) .....	Mr. H. Blaxland.
An Owl ( <i>Strix delicatulus</i> ) .....	Mr. Charles Henderson.
A Pigeon .....	Mr. James M'Carthy.
A Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax sp.</i> ) .....	Mr. E. Platina.
A Goatsucker ( <i>Agotheles nova hollandia</i> ) .....	Mr. J. H. Mackay.

## REPTILES.

Two Night Lizards ( <i>Phyllurus platurus</i> ) .....	Miss Bradley.
A Lizard ( <i>Dyptodactylus ornatus</i> ) .....	Mr. Chas. Bell.
A Lizard ( <i>Hinula</i> ) from Molong .....	Mr. Chas. Blakefield.
A collection of Blind Snakes ( <i>Typhlops</i> ).....	} Mr. E. W. Rudder.
A Night Lizard ( <i>Phyllurus platurus</i> ) .....	
A Snake ( <i>Diemenia superciliosa</i> ) .....	Mr. R. Rose.
A Green Tree-snake ( <i>Dendrophis punctatula</i> ) .....	Mr. Hargraves.
A Snake ( <i>Brachysoma diadema</i> ) .....	Wm. Forster, Esq., M.L.A.
A Spine-tailed Lizard ( <i>Phyllurus platurus</i> ) .....	Mr. W. Strathan.
Two Blind Snakes ( <i>Typhlops</i> ) .....	Mr. Wm. Moore.
A Sea-snake ( <i>Pelagus bicolor</i> ) .....	Mr. A. L. Catlett.
A small Green Tree-snake ( <i>Dendrophis punctatula</i> ) .....	Mr. Percy Wells.
A Snake ( <i>Hoplocephalus signatus</i> ) .....	Dr. Hankey, F.R.G.S.
A Green Tree-snake ( <i>Dendrophis punctatula</i> ).....	Mr. E. Sellers.
A Slow-worm or Blind Snake ( <i>Typhlops</i> ) .....	Mr. R. Thatcher.
A Snake ( <i>Hoplocephalus sp.</i> ) .....	E. S. Hill, Esq., C.M.Z.S.

## BATRACHIANS.

A Frog ( <i>Hyla aurea</i> ) .....	Mr. John Cohen.
A Frog ( <i>Pseudophryne australis</i> ) .....	Mr. J. A. Norton.

## FISH.

A rare Fish ( <i>Orthogoriscus mola</i> ) .....	Mr. H. Moor, of Ulladulla.
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## MOLLUSCA

## MOLLUSCA AND CRUSTACEANS, &amp;c.

PRESENTED BY

A miscellaneous collection of Shells, &c. &c. ....	Mr. J. E. Tassnidge.
A Fresh-water Cray-fish ( <i>Potamobius sp.</i> ) .....	Master J. Stewart.
A Crinoid Star-fish, from the Clarence River Heads .....	Mr. Pegus.
A Sea-egg or Echinus, allied to the genus <i>Spatangus</i> .....	E. S. Hill, Esq., C.M.Z.S.
A Crustacean .....	Mr. R. C. Want.

## GORDIIDÆ, &amp;c.

A Hair-worm ( <i>Gordius</i> ).....	Mr. O. Rossbach.
A Worm ( <i>Mermis sp.</i> ).....	Mr. E. B. Daley.

## ETHNOGRAPHICAL SPECIMENS.

A "Tally-stick" .....	Mr. F. A. Dibbs.
An Iron Spear-head, from Wales .....	The Right Rev. the Bishop of Bathurst.

## LEPIDOPTERA.

A Moth.....	Dr. Milford.
A Moth ( <i>Antheraea eucalypti</i> ) .....	Hon. Henry Parkes, M.L.A.

## ARACHNIDÆ.

Spiders, &c., in spirits of wine .....	{ The Right Reverend Dr. Turner, Bishop of Grafton and Armidale.
A Spider ( <i>Habronestes sp.</i> ) .....	

## SPECIMENS OF GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY.

A series of specimens of Tin Ore .....	Mr. W. Langley.
Specimens of Compact Oolitic Limestone from Cooma .....	Mr. Campbell, District Surveyor.
Specimens of Wolfram .....	Mr. Thos. Flanders.
A collection of Rock Specimens from the Long Drive Tunnel at Wimbledon .....	Miss T. M. Lean.
Specimens of Tin from "The Ancient Briton" Tin Mine .....	{ Mr. J. Harris, E.C.
Lignite from Lal-Lal, Victoria .....	
A specimen of Tasmanian Coal.....	Mr. J. Orange.
Specimens of Copper Ore, green and blue Carbonate.....	{ Professor Liversidge, University of Sydney.
Specimens of Quartz, Ironstone, &c., from the Diamond-drift of Bingera; also, specimens of Tin-stone, Pyrites, &c.....	
Specimens of Minerals, Precious Opal, &c., &c. ....	
A fragment of Opal from Gulgong .....	Mr. S. L. Bensusan.
Specimens of Wood-tin from Grenfell.....	Mr. J. Garvey.
	Mr. R. Scott.

## FOSSIL REMAINS.

A fragment of a molar tooth, and portion of the anterior half of first left upper incisor tooth of a <i>Diprotodon</i> , from Young.....	{ Dr. G. Bennett, F.L.S.
The tibia of a Moa ( <i>Dinornis sp.</i> ) .....	
A fossil Shell .....	Dr. Bennett, F.L.S.
Fossil Bones from Gulgong .....	Mr. S. S. Samuels.
	Mr. L. F. Plunkett.

## BOOKS AND PAPERS.

Mammalia, Recent and Extinct: an Elementary Treatise for the use of the Public Schools in the Colony of New South Wales. By A. W. Scott, Esq., M.A. ...	{ The Author.
A Catalogue of the described Diurnal Lepidoptera of Australia. By G. Masters...	
The Transactions of the Entomological Society of New South Wales, Part fifth of Vol. II; containing descriptions of numerous Australian Coleoptera, new to Science. By Wm. Macleay, Esq., F.L.S., &c. ....	{ The Author.
Fossil Mammals of Australia: a Review of Professor Owen's papers on this subject, reprinted from the <i>Sydney Mail</i> . By G. Krefft, F.L.S. ....	

## PAINTINGS.

An Oil Painting by A. Claxton, representing an imaginary section of the Diving Cave at Vavau, one of the South Sea Islands.....	{ Lady Dowling.
A Painting in oil—Portrait of Dr. Townson, LL.D. ....	

Australian Museum.

EDWARD P. RAMSAY,  
Curator.