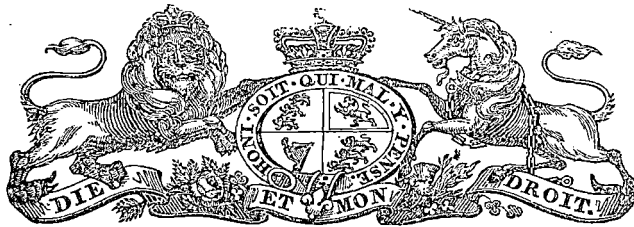


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*To His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens, incorporated by the Act 49 Victoria, No. 34, have the honor to submit to Your Excellency, in accordance with the 11th Section of that Act, this, their Ninth Annual Report.

1. The Museum during the year 1894 has been open to the public on week-days from 10 A.M. until 5 P.M. in the Summer, and until 4.30 P.M. in the Winter; on Sundays, from half-past 2 P.M. till 5 P.M. in the Summer, and until 4.30 P.M. in the Winter.

2. The Trustees have again to report a most gratifying increase of visitors, the average daily attendance being about 150, and on Sundays about 500. The conduct of visitors on all occasions has been most exemplary. The educational resources of the Institution have been largely utilised by teachers and scholars of various schools; the Trustees hope to see still further extension in this direction.

3. The general collections have been steadily added to during the year by exchanges and donations. The Tasmanian Room is now fairly complete with illustrations of the fauna and minerals of the Colony. The plan of setting apart a room for the special exhibition of local Natural History and Geological specimens has proved very attractive to visitors to the Colony, as well as to the residents of Tasmania.

4. The Trustees regret that the long-promised extension of the building according to the original plans has not yet been carried out, and trust that this very necessary work will receive the early attention of the Government, as for want of room a large number of specimens are unable to be shown.

5. The Art Gallery.—Some important alterations, comprising the closing up of side windows and placing skylights in the roof, were kindly undertaken and successfully carried out by a Committee appointed to provide work for the unemployed during the winter months. The change was a very desirable one, and after completion the Gallery was re-opened with some valuable loans, Messrs. Alfred Winter and John Burn, of Hobart, sending some excellent examples of oil and water-colour pictures. A large number of students have availed themselves of the opportunity of studying the pictures. The success attending the Tasmanian Art Gallery has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Trustees. The Trustees would again urge upon the Government the advisability of placing a small annual sum on the Estimates for the purpose of adding from time to time to the permanent collection in the National Gallery of Tasmania.

6. The Trustees regret having to report the death of Mr. C. T. Belstead, a gentleman who for many years took a very great interest in the Museum. His place at the Board has been filled by the election of Mr. Bernard Shaw.

7. The total number of visitors to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery for the year approximately was as follows:—week days, 47,250; Sundays, 26,000. Total, 73,250.

