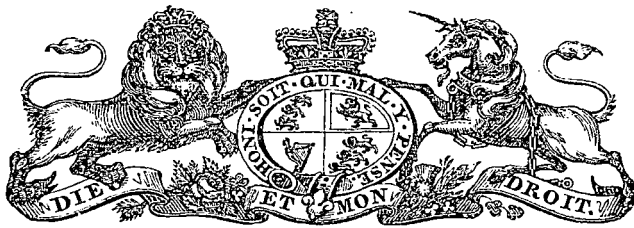


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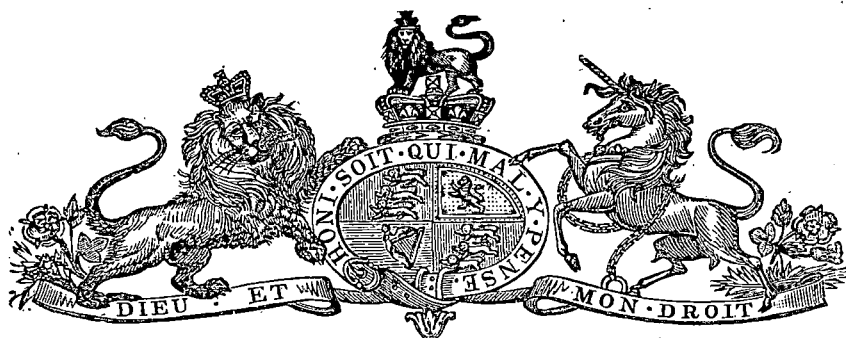
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To His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.

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 Tenth Annual Report.

1. The Museum and Art Gallery during the year 1895 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 2.30 P.M. till 5 P.M. in the Summer, and until 4.30 P.M. in the Winter.

2. It is the pleasure of the Trustees to again report that the Institution has been largely patronised, and, from an educational point of view, has been increasingly useful. Although on Sundays as many as six and seven hundred have visited the Museum and Art Gallery during the afternoon, the conduct of visitors has been most exemplary.

3. At the close of the Tasmanian International Exhibition some valuable Tasmanian minerals were presented to the Museum, and have been placed in the Tasmanian Room. This room is now, owing to want of space, becoming overcrowded, as indeed are most of the rooms in the building.

4. Owing to the increasing collection, the Trustees would again urge upon the Government the necessity of extending the building according to the original plans.

5. The Trustees are greatly indebted to the Captains and Officers of Her Majesty's ships for additions to the Museum collections, many interesting and rare ethnological specimens from the South Sea Islands having been presented to the Museum.

6. The Art Gallery.—The Trustees are pleased to report that the success of the Gallery has been beyond their most sanguine expectations. During the year prior to the close of the Tasmanian International Exhibition a letter was sent to the Royal Commission of England asking if any of the British artists who had paintings at the Exhibition would present or loan any of their pictures. The request was most favourably entertained, a reply being received that several of the artists agreed to lend their paintings for a period of "not less than twelve months," and in three instances the artists very generously presented their paintings to the Gallery. Some 96 oil and water colours have been, and are still in most instances, on loan to the Gallery. The Trustees desire to convey their sincere thanks to the members of the Royal Commission of England, and particularly to the Agent-General of Tasmania (Sir Robert Herbert), for their great help in securing such a valuable loan.

7. The Trustees have again to place on record, with thanks, the very handsome gifts of three oil and one water-colour paintings to the Gallery from Miss Wilson and Miss Ada Wilson; a painting by a French artist, the gift of Sir Francis Smith; and three water-colours, the gift of three English artists—Messrs. Andrew Ulcoq, A. B. Donaldson, and J. Muirhead.

Space being required for the many plants constantly accumulating, it is proposed to at once lay out a portion of the ground at the end of the Gardens near the railway bridge for the extension of the arboretum, and also to utilise a further portion of the old Fruit Square for clumps of Cannas, Palms, and other plants forming distinct features on grass.

The carpet bedding on the lawn near the cottage continues to attract a good deal of attention, plants being utilised in it that by many were not deemed sufficiently hardy for outdoor culture in the Tasmanian climate. The past season has not on the whole been a good one for this style of gardening; the colours in many of the plants have not been fully developed owing to the comparatively cool summer and prevalence of cold westerly winds, but on the whole the beds have been very attractive.

The entrance gates and fences in the vicinity have been repaired and re-painted, and in the nursery yards the walls of one of the propagating pits have been taken down and rebuilt, and the house put in repair. Several bush-house shelters have also been constructed for the shelter of young plants. These structures greatly reduce the amount of watering that would otherwise be required.

Prison labour has as usual rendered great assistance in the performance of all the rougher operations.

During the year eight band performances took place in the Gardens, the attendance at which was close on 10,000 persons. The approximate total number of visitors to the Gardens was 71,800.

F. ABBOTT, *Superintendent.*

PLANTS and Seeds received at the Botanical Gardens during the Year 1895.

From the Botanic Gardens, Bangalore, India—Seeds.	From Mr. S. Purchase, Nurseryman, Parramatta, N.S.W.—Plants.
From the Botanic Gardens, Madras—Seeds.	From Messrs. Shepherd & Co., Nurserymen, Sydney, N.S.W.—Plants and Seeds.
From the Botanical Gardens, Calcutta—Seeds.	From Wm. Bull & Co., Seedsmen, &c., London—Seeds and Plants.
From the Botanical Gardens, Sabarumpur, N.W. Provinces India—Seeds.	From Messrs. Vilmorin & Co., Seedsmen, Paris—Plants, Bulbs, and Seeds.
From the Botanical Gardens, Kew, London—Seeds.	From Mr. J. Latham, Seedsman, Hobart—Seeds and Plants.
From the Botanical Gardens, Jamaica—Seeds.	From Messrs. J. Smith & Sons, Nurserymen, Victoria—Plants.
From the Botanical Gardens, Queensland—Seeds.	From Messrs. Creswell & Son, Seedsmen, Hobart—Seeds.
From the Botanical Gardens, Sydney—Seeds.	From Mr. F. Walker, Seedsman, Launceston—Plants.
From Baron Ferd. von Müeller, Government Botanist, Melbourne—Various sendings of Seeds.	From F. Back, Esq., Hobart—Tree Ferns.
From the University, California—Seeds of Coniferae.	From E. L. Hall, Esq., Strahan—Seeds and Plants.
From the Botanic Gardens, Port Natal—Seeds.	
From the Acclimatisation Society, Queensland—Seeds and Plants.	
From Messrs. Damman & Co., Germany—Seeds.	
From Messrs. Brunning & Sons, Nurserymen, St. Kilda—Plants and Seeds.	

Plants and Seeds sent from the Botanical Gardens during the Year 1895.

To the Botanic Gardens, Sydney—Seeds.	To Messrs. Shepherd & Co., Seedsmen, Sydney—Seeds and Plants.
To the Botanic Gardens, Queensland—Seeds.	To Mr. S. Purchase, Nurseryman, Parramatta—Seeds and Plants.
To the Royal Horticultural Society, London—Seeds.	To Messrs. J. Veitch & Sons, Nurserymen, Kew, London—Seeds.
To the Botanic Gardens, Jamaica—Seeds.	To Messrs. Damman & Co., Seedsmen, &c., Germany—Seeds.
To the Botanic Gardens, Calcutta—Seeds.	To Baron Ferd. von Müeller, Government Botanist, Melbourne—Seeds.
To the Botanic Gardens, Port Natal, South Africa—Seeds.	To Mr. J. Latham, Hobart—Seeds and Plants.
To the University of California—Seeds.	To Messrs. C. F. Creswell & Son, Hobart—Seeds and Plants.
To the Acclimatisation Society, Queensland—Seeds and Plants.	To Mr. F. Walker, Seedsman, Launceston—Plants.
To Messrs. Vilmorin & Co., Seedsmen, &c., Paris—Seeds.	To E. L. Hall, Esq., Strahan—Plants and Seeds.
To Mr. Wm. Bull, Seedsman, London—Tree Ferns.	
To Messrs. Brunning & Son, Nurserymen, St. Kilda, Victoria—Plants and Seeds.	
To Mr. J. Smith & Sons, Nurserymen, Victoria—Seeds and Plants.	

Plants supplied for planting Public Places.

J. G. Davies, Esq., M.H.A.—24 Plants for Fingal.	The Hon. the Premier, for Schoolhouse, Launceston—40 Plants.
Rev. Father Murphy, for Church, New Norfolk—20 Plants.	The Railway Station, Ross—24 Plants.
The Westbury Municipality—70 Plants.	The Railway Station, Scottsdale—12 Plants.
Hon. Wm. Moore, M.E.C.—24 Plants.	F. Belstead, Esq., for West Coast—36 Plants.
The Hamilton Municipality—104 Plants.	For planting Public Streets, Parattah—120 Plants.
Crosby Gilmore, Esq., M.H.A., for Beaconsfield Hospital—100 Plants.	The University Grounds—8 Plants.
Crosby Gilmore, Esq., M.H.A., for Lefroy Cemetery—50 Plants.	H. Murray, Esq., M.H.A.—51 Plants.
Dr. Macfarlane, for New Norfolk Asylum—73 Plants.	F. Back, Esq., Railway Department—50 Plants.
	F. Back, Esq., for Railway, Zeehan—60 Plants.
	The Hon. the Minister of Lands, for Zeehan—60 Plants.

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