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NEW SOUTH WALES.

## AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

(REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR 1858.)

Presented to both Houses of Parliament, by Command.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1858.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,  
&c., &c., &c.

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

2. Throughout the past year the Museum has been open to the public during three days of the week, from noon till 4 P.M. from May till September, and from noon till 5 P.M. from September till May; during that period it has been visited by seventeen thousand and eighty-eight (17,088) persons, without any detriment to the specimens contained in the Institution.

3. The Trustees have entered into a system of exchange of specimens with various foreign Museums, and they have already despatched cases of such duplicates as the Museum can spare to the following Institutions, viz.:—to the Royal Museum of Copenhagen, the Royal University Museum of Copenhagen, the Museum of Natural History of Hamburg, and the South African Museum at Cape Town; also to Monsr. Verreaux, of Paris, and Dr. Frick, of Honolulu, in return for specimens already received from them.

The arrival in Port Jackson of H. I. R. Majesty's Austrian Frigate "Novara," on a scientific mission, has enabled the Trustees to open a communication with the Austrian Government, and the Imperial Museum of Vienna. The Trustees despatched, by the "Novara," a large collection of Mammalia, Aves, and Ethnographical specimens, together with casts of the fossil skull and bones of the *Diprotodon*, and other extinct Australian Mammals. In exchange for these specimens the Trustees expect to receive from the Imperial Museum at Vienna an equivalent in such desiderata as the Australian Museum is most in need of.

In return for a series of casts of Australian fossil animals, kindly taken to the British Museum, on behalf of the Trustees, by Randolph J. Want, Esquire, they have received from the Trustees of the British Museum, through Professor Owen, casts of the skulls of *Sivatherium giganteum*; *Megatherium Americanum*; *Ursus spelæus*; of the foot of *Didus ineptus*; and bones of the *Deinornis* or "Moa" of New Zealand. A large collection of Chilian birds (unfortunately in bad condition), and an interesting series of the Mollusca of Chili, have been received from Dr. R. Philippi, the Director of the Museum of Santiago de Chili, in exchange for specimens transmitted last year from this Institution.

4. The donations during the past twelve months have added many new objects to the Museum; amongst the most important of which may be recorded the following, viz.:—An



extensive collection of rocks and minerals from Victoria and South Australia, &c., presented by His Excellency the Governor General; a collection of Miocene fossils from Europe, by the Geologist of H. I. R. Majesty's Frigate "Novara," on behalf of the Imperial Museum of Vienna; two valuable series of fossil bones,—one by F. N. Isaac, Esq., of Gowrie, Darling Downs, and the other by F. W. Roche, Esq., of Dalby; a sea-bear (*Arctocephalus Australis*), by Mr. T. Savage; a large *Carcharias*, by Messrs. Roylance & King; and a valuable set of geological works, by Professor Haidinger, of Vienna. Upwards of three hundred persons have also become donors to the Museum during the past year, of specimens of more or less value to the Institution.

5. The Trustees have expended the sum of £99 5s. 10d, in securing to the Museum such objects of value and interest as have from time to time been presented to them on favorable terms. Of this sum, £60 was devoted to the purchase of an extensive collection of recent and fossil mollusca, from Capt. Radou.

Owing to the liberality of the Government, in granting the sum of ninety-seven pounds (£97), the Trustees have been enabled to possess themselves by purchase, of the scientific library of the late William Swainson, Esq., F.R.S., amounting, in all, to 227 volumes.

The Trustees have also to acknowledge a liberal grant from the Legislature of five hundred pounds for the purchase of scientific works. They have prepared a list of books suitable to the requirements of the Institution, and have placed it in the hands of Professor Owen, George Bennett, Esq., and George Macleay, Esq., with a request that they, being in England, would kindly select the same, or such other works of a similar character as they may deem more advantageous.

6. The Trustees desire also to record the liberality of the Government in undertaking the repairs of the building which become necessary from time to time; also in granting the sum of £140 for the erection of book cases; and an addition of £200 to the annual endowment of the Museum.

7. The Trustees have to record the resignation of Randolph John Want, Esq., the Reverend Robert Lethbridge King, and Frederick Orme Darvall, Esq., as Elective Trustees of the Museum, and the election in their stead of Alfred Denison, Esq., Sir William Macarthur, and Alfred Roberts, Esq. The following gentlemen have been elected Honorary Correspondents on account of their important donations to the Museum, viz., Frederick Rayner, Esq., M.D., H.M.S. "Herald;" John Denis Macdonald, Esq., Assistant Surgeon, H.M.S. "Herald;" Lindsay Buckle Young, Esq., of Gladstone, Port Curtis; and Frederick Neville Isaac, Esq., of Gowrie, Darling Downs.

8. The Trustees are fully impressed with the necessity of having all the specimens properly classified and catalogued, as well as ticketed with their scientific and common names, &c. This important undertaking has been commenced, and has been carried on with as much rapidity as the present limited staff of the Institution will permit.

9. Having given this brief statement of the proceedings of the past year, the Trustees feel that they would not perform their duty to the Institution placed under their care, or to the public generally, for whose benefit it was established, were they not to call the attention of the Government to the deficient accommodation provided in the present building for even the existing specimens; and to the want of means at the disposal of the Trustees to enable them to secure the services of persons competent to undertake the classification of those specimens. The existing building contains only one large room fitted for the exhibition of specimens of Natural History. Into this space are crowded animals, birds, reptiles, fishes, a large collection of insects, crustacea, shells, and geological specimens; also, a variety of ethnographical objects, illustrative of the history of the Aborigines of Australia and of the Polynesian Archipelago; while a collection of casts from the antique, most valuable as illustrative of the highest condition of art, can only be seen in detached positions, in bad lights, and other interesting collections cannot be seen at all. The result of this state of things is, that while each department of Natural History is insufficiently represented, a large number of specimens being necessarily packed away in drawers, out of sight of the public, admission can only be given to see these during three days in the week, and that for a shorter period than is desirable. Were the building even capacious enough to receive  
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and exhibit in one room all the specimens at present in the possession of the Trustees, this latter inconvenience would still remain, as it would be absolutely necessary to keep the Museum closed during two or three days in the week, to enable those gentlemen upon whose gratuitous services the Trustees are obliged to rely for the classification of the specimens in particular branches of Natural History, to pursue their labors without interruption. The Trustees have already brought this subject under the notice of the Government, and have submitted a plan, by which, while the appearance of the present building would be improved, space would be given for the separate classification of all the existing specimens, and for the large additions which may reasonably be expected to flow into the Museum from New South Wales itself, as well as from other countries with which the Trustees are in correspondence. There can be little doubt that the amount of accommodation provided in the plan submitted by the Trustees, will not be in excess of the demands of the Institution.

As soon as the public are aware that a proper and convenient building is prepared for the reception of specimens, it is expected that contributions will pour in from all parts, and that collections will be offered for sale upon favorable terms. The Trustees beg, therefore, to urge upon the Government the necessity of commencing the erection of the additions to the present building with as little delay as possible.

With reference to the want of means at the disposal of the Trustees to enable them to procure the services of persons competent to carry out the proper classification of specimens, it is evident that this, which was not urgently felt until the building was in a state to admit of an attempt at scientific arrangement, will become more and more pressing every day.

The Trustees feel, indeed, that the time has already arrived when the services of a scientific Curator are indispensable to the Institution, and regret that the annual sum now at their disposal is inadequate to pay the salary of such an officer, in addition to those of the other necessary servants of the establishment. In reference to this point, it must also be borne in mind that, owing to the comparatively unexplored state of this portion of the Globe, specimens in every department of Natural History, hitherto undescribed, are being frequently discovered, and presented to the Museum; and it is highly desirable that the Curator should be possessed of sufficient learning, skill, and experience, to enable him to describe and classify such new contributions with accuracy.

In connection with the duties of Curator, the Trustees do not conceive they are overstepping the proper limit of their responsibility in suggesting to the Government the appointment of a competent Geologist and Mineralogist, whose services during a portion of the year could be made available to assist in the classification and arrangement of the minerals in the Museum, while during the remainder of the year he might be prosecuting his researches in the field, in connection with the Survey Department.

The Trustees may be allowed to remark that even now applications are being constantly made by persons visiting the Museum to see the collection of minerals. These applications indicate the existence of a want which could be only adequately supplied by the completion and proper classification of a series of specimens.

10. The Appendix contains an abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Trustees on behalf of the Museum, during the year 1858.

11. Appendix No. 2 contains a list of the various donations to the Museum during the year 1858, with the names of the donors.

12. The Board have the honor to submit this as their Report for the year 1858, and in testimony thereof have caused their Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed, this seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.) E. DEAS THOMSON,  
Chairman.

By order of the Trustees,  
GEORGE FRENCH ANGAS,  
Secretary.



## APPENDIX No. 1.

CURRENT EXPENDITURE of the Trustees of the AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, during the year 1858.

1858.		£ s. d.	1858.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1	To Balance from last year	178 11 3		Salaries, during the year ..	831 12 0
" 14	" Cash from Treasury ..	250 0 0		Requisites for Curator's } Department .....	109 6 10
April 10	" Do. do. ..	250 0 0		Purchase of Books .....	98 0 0
July 25	" Do. do. ..	300 0 0		Purchase of Specimens .....	99 5 10
Oct. 16	" Do. do. ..	300 0 0		Table for display of Native } woods .....	12 19 9
" 24	" Grant for purchase of } Swainson's Books ..	97 0 0		Stationery, printing, ad- } vertizing, and postage ..	15 4 0
				Ironmongery, &c. ....	10 19 9
				Keeping grounds in order ..	27 15 0
				Contingent expenses, car- } riage, freight, &c. ....	38 13 9
				Water, fuel, &c. ....	30 6 10
				Engraving Diploma .....	15 15 0
				Casts of fossil animals for } exchange .....	73 0 0
				Interest charged at Bank ..	3 2 6
			Dec. 31	Balance .....	9 12 0
		1,375 11 3			1,375 11 3

BUILDING EXPENSES of the Trustees of the AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, during the year 1858.

1858.		£ s. d.
January 1	By Balance from last year .....	196 2 7

## APPENDIX No. 2.

DONATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1858.

## MAMMALIA.

## Presented by

Tail of <i>Delphinus metis</i> (Porpoise) .....	Master O'Brien.
A two-headed Calf ( <i>Iusus natura</i> ) .....	Mr. Peter Tancred.
A Mole ( <i>Talpa</i> ) from California .....	Mr. J. T. Thornton.
A Sea Bear ( <i>Arctocephalus Australis</i> ), Shoalhaven .....	Mr. Thomas Savage.
A young Bandicoot ( <i>Perameles nasuta</i> ), N. S. Wales .....	Master Wall.
A Porcupine Ant-eater ( <i>Echidna Hystrix</i> ), Illawarra .....	Mr. G. W. Brown.
A Native Bear ( <i>Phascogale fuscus</i> ), N. S. Wales .....	A. M'Lean, Esq.
An Opossum ( <i>Phalangista vulpina</i> ), N. S. Wales .....	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
Two specimens of the Pigmy Squirrel ( <i>Acrobates pygmaeus</i> ) .....	Miss Mackintosh.
An Opossum ( <i>Phalangista vulpina</i> ) .....	Mr. Trickett.
Two Opossums ( <i>Phalangista vulpina</i> ) .....	Mr. J. Turton.
A brush-tailed Phascogale ( <i>Phascogale penicillata</i> ) .....	Charles Blaxland, Esq.
A white variety of the vulpine Opossum .....	Mr. W. Dind.
A white-bellied Beaver-rat ( <i>Hydromis leucogaster</i> ) .....	Mr. W. Mayne.
A long-nosed Bandicoot ( <i>Perameles nasuta</i> ) .....	Mr. James Palmer.
A young <i>Perameles nasuta</i> .....	Mr. George Frost.
A black Opossum ( <i>Phalangista</i> ), Tasmania .....	Mr. James Palmer.
A Musang ( <i>Fiverra musanga</i> ), from Java .....	Mr. W. Beaumont.
A Brush-tailed rock Wallaby ( <i>Petrogale penicillata</i> ) .....	Mrs. George Bennett.
A Porcupine Ant-eater ( <i>Echidna Hystrix</i> ) .....	Mr. Walter Scott.
A Native Cat ( <i>Dasyurus Maugei</i> ), black variety .....	Mr. George Uhr.
Skeletons of an <i>Antechinus</i> , and a Bat ( <i>Plecotus</i> ) .....	Master J. A. Broughton.
An Axis Deer ( <i>Cervus Axis</i> ), from India .....	Mr. James Palmer.
A female and young of <i>Dasyurus Maugei</i> .....	Mr. J. B. Rodd.
Skeleton of the Dugong ( <i>Halicore Dugong</i> ), Moreton Bay .....	W. B. Tooth, Esq.
An Opossum ( <i>Phalangista vulpina</i> ), and a Native Cat ( <i>Dasyurus Maugei</i> ) .....	Mr. G. F. Sandrock.
3 specimens (one male and two females) of the Water Mole ( <i>Ornitho- } rhynchus paradoxus</i> ) .....	Dr. Bennett.
A Rock Wallaby ( <i>Petrogale</i> ) .....	Alfred Denison, Esq.
A Porcupine Ant-eater ( <i>Echidna Hystrix</i> ) .....	Mr. J. Barlow.
A Porcupine Ant-eater ( <i>Echidna Hystrix</i> ) .....	Mr. R. Macintosh.
A Great Kangaroo ( <i>Macropus Major</i> ) .....	Mr. H. R. Webb.
A female Wallaby ( <i>Petrogale</i> ) .....	E. S. Hill, Esq.
An <i>Echidna Hystrix</i> .....	Mr. J. Phegan.

## AVES.

A Hornbill Cuckoo ( <i>Scythrops Nova Hollandiae</i> ) .....	Master Reginald Blaxland.
A Green Parrot ( <i>Lorius</i> ); two specimens (male and female) of the } Indian Partridge; a small Lory from S. Sea Islands; a Parson } Bird ( <i>Prothemadera Nova Zelandiae</i> ); a New Zealand Sheldrake } ( <i>Tadorna</i> ); an <i>Emberiza schaniulus</i> , or Black Headed Bunting. }	Alfred Denison, Esq.



AVES—(Continued).

Presented by

A Spine-tailed Swallow ( <i>Acanthylis caudacuta</i> ); a spotless Gallinule ( <i>Porzana immaculata</i> ), and an Allied Harrier ( <i>Circus assimilis</i> ); a Bittern ( <i>Botaurus melanotus</i> ); a Chinese Quail ( <i>Synoicus chinensis</i> ); a black backed Porphyrio ( <i>Porphyrio melanotus</i> ); a Water Rail ( <i>Porzana fluminea</i> ); a <i>Rallus aquaticus</i> ; a Ground Parroquet ( <i>Pezoporus formosus</i> ), and a <i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i> , from N. S. Wales	Mr. George Frost.
A <i>Hæmatopus fuliginosus</i> , or Sooty Oyster Catcher	Mr. C. Kidman.
A <i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i> , or black throated Crow Shrike; 2 specimens of an Owl ( <i>Athene rufa</i> ); and 3 Javanese Birds, viz.:— 1 <i>Artamus</i> , 1 <i>Dicrurus</i> , and 1 <i>Myophonus flavistris</i>	Mr. James Palmer.
An Australian Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax carboideus</i> )	Master George Palmer.
A <i>Scythrops Novæ Hollandiæ</i> , or Hornbill Cuckoo; 2 <i>Xema Jamesonii</i> , or Jameson's Gulls; a Musk Duck ( <i>Biziura lobata</i> ); a large Bittern ( <i>Botaurus melanotus</i> ); a New Holland Darter ( <i>Plotus Novæ Hollandiæ</i> )	Dr. William Houston.
60 Eggs of various Australian Birds	Master E. T. Wills.
A Honey-eater ( <i>Meliphaga Novæ Hollandiæ</i> )	Alfred Broughton, Esq.
An Australian Goshawk ( <i>Astur approximans</i> )	Mr. Michael Gannon.
A little Bittern ( <i>Ardetta pusilla</i> ); a black-throated Grebe ( <i>Podiceps gularis</i> ); a large Bittern ( <i>Botaurus melanotus</i> ), New South Wales.	Mr. John Morgan.
An Owl ( <i>Athene strenua</i> )	Mr. James Clarke.
3 specimens of <i>Lobivanellus personatus</i> , and an Australian Roller ( <i>Eurystomus Australis</i> )	Master J. Connolly.
A Tawney-shouldered Podargus ( <i>Podargus humeralis</i> )	Master L. O'Brien.
A <i>Porphyrio melanotus</i> , or Black-backed Porphyrio	Mr. Francis O'Brien.
A Peacock and Peahen ( <i>Pavo muticus</i> ), pied variety	Mr. Eli Waller.
An Australian Gannett ( <i>Sula Australis</i> ), and a Java Sparrow	Mr. Eli Bunting.
A Spotted Goatsucker ( <i>Eurystopodus guttatus</i> )	Mrs. Blair.
A pied Crow-shrike ( <i>Strepera graculina</i> ); a Coach-whip bird ( <i>Psophodes crepitans</i> ); and a Porphyry-crowned Finch ( <i>Amadina castanotis</i> )	Mr. George Hudson.
A <i>cuonulus cinereus</i> ; a <i>Pardalotus punctatus</i> ; a <i>Malurus Lamberti</i> ; 2 <i>Meliphaga Novæ Hollandiæ</i> ; a <i>Zosterops dorsalis</i> ; a <i>Pachycephala gutturalis</i> ; a <i>Meliphaga sericea</i> ; 2 <i>Anthus Australis</i> ; 3 <i>Estrela temporalis</i> ; an <i>Anthochaera mellivora</i> ; and a <i>Glyciphila</i>	Geo. Macleay, Esq., M.L.A.
An Owl ( <i>Strix delicatulus</i> )	Mr. Allan.
Two eggs of the African Ostrich ( <i>Struthio camelus</i> )	Mr. M. Burdekin.
A musky Parroquet ( <i>Tricoglossus concinnus</i> )	Dr. Bennett.
A <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i> , or Warbling grass Parroquet	Master J. Hudson.
An <i>Epthianura albiglans</i> ; 3 <i>Halcyon sanctus</i> ; a <i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i> ; and a <i>Tringa</i>	Mr. Richard Harnett.
Two specimens of <i>Grallina Australis</i> ; 4 <i>Ptilotis leucotis</i> ; and a <i>Hiaticula nigrifrons</i>	Mr. J. Wheeler.
A specimen of <i>Anas punctata</i> (white variety)	Mr. G. W. Brown.
A <i>Talegalla Lathamii</i> , or Brush Turkey	Master Charles Blaxland.
Two specimens of the <i>Malurus cyaneus</i> , or blue Wren	Mr. Joseph Clark.
An <i>Ichtheatus leucogaster</i> , or white-bellied Sea Eagle	Mr. J. J. Clarke.
A <i>Nycticorax Caledonicus</i> , or nankeen Heron	Mr. John Jones.
A <i>Xema Jamesonii</i> , or Jameson's Gull	Capt. Prout.
A species of <i>Porphyrio</i> (allied to <i>P. melanotus</i> ), New Caledonia	Mrs. Angas.
A Canary ( <i>Fringilla canaria</i> )	Mr. J. Armstrong.
A Turkey Chick with four legs	Mr. Richard Banks.
A black eye-browed Albatross ( <i>Diomedea melanophrys</i> )	Mr. H. J. Marr.
A specimen of <i>Mycteria Australis</i>	Mr. T. A. Newall.
A red-necked Avocet ( <i>Precurvirostra rubricollis</i> )	Captain Patullo.
A great-billed Heron ( <i>Ardea rectirostris</i> )	Mr. John Tanner.
A Bass' Straits Tern ( <i>Thalasseus poliscercus</i> )	Mr. G. H. Deering.
Male and female of the double banded Dottril ( <i>Hiaticula bicincta</i> )	Master M'Crane.
A Chicken with four legs	Mr. John Scott.
Three very small eggs of the Common Fowl	Mr. James Wheeler.
A white Heron ( <i>Herodias syrmatorphorus</i> )	Mr. Ward.
A white Heron ( <i>Herodias syrmatorphorus</i> )	Mr. S. Harris.
A young Duck with four legs and two heads	Mr. F. J. Lander.
A Lory, from New Caledonia	Mr. Hugh Davis.
A <i>Janagra citrinella</i> and a <i>Trochilus glaucopsis</i> , or blue fronted Humming Bird, from South America	A. A. Leycester, Esq.
A <i>Mycteria Australis</i>	Mr. John Paris.
A <i>Menura Alerti</i> , from Richmond River	Mr. W. Beaumont.
A Cape Pigeon ( <i>Daption Capensis</i> )	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
A white Swan ( <i>Cygnus olar</i> )	Mr. John Miller.
Nest and egg of the yellow Robin ( <i>Eopsaltria Australis</i> ), and skull of <i>Strigops halroptilus</i> , from New Zealand	Mr. George Smith.
Three specimens of black eye-browed Albatross ( <i>Diomedea melanophrys</i> )	Mr. L. H. Sibthorpe.
A double egg, laid by a Common Fowl	
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REPTILIA.

A Snake ( <i>Furina</i> )	Mr. Ed. Byers.
A Black Snake ( <i>Trimeresurus</i> )	Mr. Peter Collins.
A Gecko, or Night Lizard	Mr. Delohery.
A Diamond Snake ( <i>Morelia punctata</i> )	Master J. Frazer.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i>	Master J. Jones.
A <i>Morelia punctata</i> or Diamond Snake	Master F. O'Brien.
Three tails of the Rattlesnake ( <i>Crotalus horridus</i> ), from California	Mr. J. T. Thornton.
A Banded Snake ( <i>Tortrix</i> )	Mr. Williams.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i> and a Gecko Lizard	Mr. J. W. Andrews.
A Diamond Snake ( <i>Morelia punctata</i> )	Mr. J. M. Chapman.
Three specimens of <i>Furina</i>	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
Two specimens of <i>Amphisbæna</i>	Chas. Moore, Esq.
Jaws of the Indian Gavial ( <i>Gavialis Gangetius</i> )	Mr. J. Russell.
A Long-necked Tortoise ( <i>Emys longicollis</i> )	Mr. John Hanlon.
A Brown Snake	Mons. C. E. Jeannerat.
A Gecko Lizard ( <i>Phyllurus</i> )	Mr. W. Meek.



## REPTILIA—(Continued).

Presented by

A Lizard allied to <i>Chlamydosaurus</i> .....	Mr. R. W. Newman.
A Diamond Snake ( <i>Morelia punctata</i> ) .....	Miss Newman.
A Lizard ( <i>Chlamydosaurus</i> ) .....	Mr. George Sherrar.
A Carpet Snake ( <i>Morelia</i> ) .....	Edmund Day, Esq.
Two Lizards of the Genus <i>Gecko</i> , from Vannicolo .....	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
A specimen of <i>Chlamydosaurus Kingii</i> , Wide Bay .....	Mr. Hugh Houston.
Eggs of <i>Varanus Australis</i> .....	Mr. J. McCall.
A Slow Worm ( <i>Amphisbæna</i> ) .....	Mr. W. Wright.
A Diamond Snake ( <i>Morelia punctata</i> ) .....	Mr. C. Evans.
2 specimens of ( <i>Amphisbæna</i> ) .....	Mr. James Evans.
A Brown Snake .....	Mr. Thos. Hart.
Two Snakes from San Christoval .....	Nelson Ramsay, Esq.
A Diamond Snake ( <i>Morelia punctata</i> ) .....	Mr. Venables.
Skull and 7 Vertebrae of <i>Crocodylus Vitoratus</i> , from the Fitz Roy River .....	Mr. Joseph Wilmot.
A Gecko ( <i>Phyllurus</i> ) .....	Mr. A. Blaxland.
A Sleeping Lizard ( <i>Trachydosaurus Whitet</i> ) .....	Mr. B. P. Rodd.
A Monitor Lizard ( <i>Varanus Australis</i> ) .....	Mr. Alderton.
Two <i>Chalcides</i> and a Rock Lizard .....	Master W. Wall.
Two Water Snakes ( <i>Hydrophis</i> ), New Caledonia .....	Mr. W. C. Brown.
A large <i>Python</i> from Batavia .....	Dr. Roberts.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i> .....	Mr. W. Beer.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i> .....	Mr. Reuben Dennis.
A Lizard ( <i>Trachydosaurus Whitet</i> ) .....	Mr. S. Parkins.
A <i>Varanus Australis</i> or Monitor Lizard .....	Rev. G. E. Turner.
A Lizard allied to <i>Chlamydosaurus</i> .....	Mr. W. Tulle.

## PISCES.

A Sucking Fish ( <i>Echeneis</i> ) .....	Mr. George Johnson.
Two small Fish belonging to the family <i>Clupeidae</i> .....	Mr. G. W. Hudson.
Jaws of a Shark from Moreton Bay .....	Henry Lane, Esq.
A Porcupine Fish ( <i>Diodon</i> ) .....	Mr. Thomas Leggatt.
A Fish of the genus <i>Ostracion</i> .....	Miss Brennan.
A Fish of the family <i>Scombridae</i> .....	Mr. T. Dunn.
An Eel allied to the genus <i>Ophisaurus</i> .....	Mr. R. Heany.
A Butterfly Gurnard ( <i>Trigla</i> ) .....	Master R. Hayes.
A Fish of the genus <i>Saurus</i> .....	Mr. Nobbs.
A Sucking Fish ( <i>Echeneis</i> ) .....	Master W. Smart.
A Fish of the genus <i>Serranus</i> .....	Mr. James Clayton.
Skeleton of a <i>Monacanthus</i> .....	Miss M. Cox.
An <i>Ostracion</i> .....	Master J. W. Smart.
A specimen of <i>Blepharis fasciatus</i> , and a <i>Scolopsis</i> .....	George Thornton, Esq.
A <i>Scolopsis</i> .....	Mr. W. Bartlett.
A Fish (one of the <i>Cyclopteridae</i> ) .....	Captain Loring, R.N.
A Fish of the family <i>Gadidae</i> .....	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
A <i>Chironectes</i> .....	Mr. Job Reece.
An <i>Ostracion</i> .....	Mr. F. Sisemore.
A <i>Tetraodon</i> .....	Mr. B. Skinner.
A Fish of the genus <i>Syngnathus</i> .....	Mr. Duncan MacKellar.
Five Specimens of Fish, from San Christoval .....	Nelson Ramsay, Esq.
A small Shark ( <i>Scyllium</i> ) .....	Mr. Charles Catlett.
A <i>Chironectes</i> .....	Mr. Richard Banks.
A <i>Platycephalus</i> .....	Master Smart.
An <i>Ostracion</i> , and 4 <i>Hippocampi</i> , from Tasmania .....	Henry Edwards, Esq.
A Shark (13 feet in length) belonging to the genus <i>Carcharias</i> , caught in Port Jackson .....	Messrs. Roylance and King.
A Flying Fish ( <i>Exocoetus</i> ), New Caledonia .....	Master W. C. Brown.
A <i>Hippocampus</i> .....	Mr. E. Johnson.
A Percoid Fish .....	Mr. Richard Banks.
A <i>Tetraodon</i> .....	Mr. H. Fitzhardinge.
A young Shark ( <i>Scyllium</i> ) .....	Mr. James Graham.
A Flying Fish ( <i>Exocoetus volitans</i> ), India .....	Mr. John Miller.
A sample of tanned Shark's Skin .....	Mr. Horatio Tozer.
A Clupeoid Fish .....	Mr. Obed West.

## MOLLUSCA, ZOOPHYTES, &amp;c.

Four Specimens of <i>Cleidotherus Chamoides</i> .....	Master W. Wall.
Forty Shells, from various localities .....	Mr. John T. Brown.
An <i>Octopus</i> , or Cuttle Fish .....	Mr. John Hayes.
Two Specimens of <i>Pecten irradians</i> , from North America, and 2 of a new species of <i>Bulinus</i> , from New Caledonia .....	Mrs. Angas.
A <i>Loligo</i> , from the Cape of Good Hope .....	Mr. James Stewart.
A collection of the common Marine Shells of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands .....	Dr. Frick, L.L.D.
The following Shells from New Zealand, viz.:— <i>Helix Busbii</i> , 2 species of <i>Psammobia terebratula</i> , <i>Pectunculus</i> , <i>Amphibola avellana</i> , <i>Melampus</i> , <i>Docina</i> , and <i>Elenchus</i> .....	Professor Smith, M.D.
A large <i>Spondylus</i> , S. S. Islands .....	Mr. W. Andrews.
A <i>Paracella</i> , Middle Harbour .....	Capt. Loring, R.N.
A <i>Mondonta</i> , Long Bay .....	Mr. R. Elzey.
Two Specimens of <i>Oliva porphyris</i> , from Panama .....	Mr. J. J. Kyle.
Portion of Wood destroyed by the attacks of <i>Teredo navalis</i> , from the Wharf at Newcastle, New South Wales .....	B. H. Martindale, Esq.
A specimen of <i>Ostraea</i> , curiously deformed .....	Mr. T. Wilson.
Specimens of <i>Veletta</i> , <i>Ianthina exigua</i> , and <i>Glaucus</i> , from Norfolk Island .....	Captain Loring, R. N.
The following Shells from the Channel Islands, viz.:— <i>Trochus magus</i> , <i>Tapes virginea</i> , <i>Pectunculus glycymeris</i> , <i>Trivia Europea</i> , &c. ....	Mr. James Snow.
Specimens of a <i>Paludina</i> , from the Namoi .....	Mr. C. W. Birch.
Twenty-four shells from Ceylon, viz.:—5 <i>Pyrula rapa</i> , 2 <i>Pyrula fica</i> , 1 <i>Rapana</i> , 2 <i>Bulla ampulla</i> , 2 <i>Murex haustorium</i> , 2 <i>Murex anguliferus</i> , 2 <i>Ranella Elegans</i> , 1 <i>Conus hebraeus</i> , 1 <i>Purpura fica</i> , 1 <i>Fulgur</i> , 2 <i>Oliva</i> . .....	Mrs. Harriet Miller.



CRUSTACEA, &c.

A Crab of the genus <i>Porcellana</i> , from Tasmania.....	Presented by Rev. H. Savigny.
30 specimens of Crustacea, of the genera <i>Hippolyte</i> , <i>Alpheus</i> , <i>Callinidæ</i> , <i>Pagurus</i> , <i>Pilumnus</i> , <i>Dorippe</i> , <i>Maia</i> , &c. ....	The Secretary.
A large <i>Nereis</i> , from Manly .....	Mr. A. Macdonnell.
An <i>Astacus</i> , 4 <i>Gelasimus</i> , and 1 <i>Sesarma</i> .....	Master W. Wall.
A <i>Nereis</i> from Newcastle, New South Wales .....	Mr. A. Flood.
Portion of a <i>Palinurus</i> from Vannicola .....	Mr. Frank Mitchell.
A Swimming Crab ( <i>Neptunus pelagicus</i> ) .....	Dr. M'Ewen.
A <i>Portunus</i> .....	Mr. George Hudson.
4 samples of Beche-le-mer, from New Calidonia .....	Captain Prout.
A Crab of the genus <i>Xantho</i> , from Nea-foo .....	Mrs. Angas.
A <i>Potamobius serratus</i> , from Goulburn River .....	Mr. Charles Thatcher.
A Crab of the genus <i>Maia</i> , a new species <i>Renina</i> , and 4 specimens of <i>Macropthalmus</i> , from New Calidonia .....	Captain Todd.
A Crab from Chowder Bay .....	Master J. W. Smart.

INSECTA, &c.

A specimen of <i>Trigonoderus Childreni</i> .....	Miss Byrnes.
A specimen of <i>Podocanthus Typhon</i> .....	Miss T. Coffie.
Ditto ditto ditto .....	Mrs. Robberds.
A <i>Trigonoderus Childreni</i> .....	Mr. T. Simpson.
A <i>Sphinx Australasicus</i> .....	Mrs. W. Harvey.
A <i>Phasma</i> .....	Mr. John Sherrar.
A <i>Podocanthus Typhon</i> .....	Mr. Way.
A <i>Diura Titan</i> , or Titan-tailed Spectre .....	Mr. John Folkhard.
A <i>Sphinx triangularis</i> .....	Miss Macdonald.
A <i>Mantis</i> .....	Master T. O'Brien.
A collection of <i>Lepidopterous</i> and <i>Coleopterous</i> insects from the Brazils..	Mr. A. Polack.
A <i>Diura violascens</i> , or Violet-winged Spectre .....	Mr. Eli Waller.
A specimen of <i>Sphæria Taylora</i> from the Manning, and an Insect of the family <i>Stenocoridae</i> ..	Dr. Stephenson.
44 diurnal and 28 nocturnal <i>Lepidopterous</i> Insects of New South Wales, collected at Ash Island .....	The Misses Scott.
100 Australian Insects .....	Mr. G. Hudson.
A <i>Phasma</i> .....	Master F. Scarr.
A specimen of the Hercules Beetle, <i>Scarabeus Hercules</i> , from Guiana ..	Mrs. Steventon.
An <i>Exstosoma tiarata</i> , or Dilated-bodied Spectre .....	Master Charles Harpur.
A small insect of the family <i>Fulgoridæ</i> .....	Mr. G. Woodcock.

GEOLOGICAL AND MINERALOGICAL SPECIMENS.

A specimen of Flinty Opal, from Moreton Bay.....	H. Killier, Esq.
21 mineral specimens, from California .....	Mr. J. T. Thornton.
Fossil impressions of plants, from Newcastle .....	Master E. T. Wills.
3 Fossil bones of <i>Dinornis</i> , from New Zealand.....	Mr. Edward Ford.
4 Fossil bones of <i>Dinornis</i> , and 8 Stalactites, from the caves of Massacre Bay, New Zealand .....	Mr. Richard Mackay.
Eight Stalactites, from Massacre Bay, New Zealand .....	Mr. Daniel Mackay.
A specimen of indurated clay, from Hunter River .....	Mr. Joseph Turton.
Specimens of Auriferous Quartz, from Clunes, Victoria.....	Hon. E. Deas Thomson.
Manganese ore, Port Curtis .....	D. De Bohn.
Specimens of Gold and Quartz, from Adelong .....	Mr. T. J. Bryan.
Tooth of <i>Diprotodon</i> .....	Mr. E. A. Bell.
Two specimens of Columnar Sandstone, from Pyrmont.....	Dr. Salter.
Mineral specimens, from Richmond River .....	W. Wilson, Esq.
Coal, with Kauri Gum, and coloured earth, from New Zealand; 153 mineral specimens, from Victoria and South Australia; also, 8 casts of fossil bones of marsupial animals, from Darling Downs, and a bone of <i>Dinornis didiformis</i> , and 90 fossils from Illawarra..	His Excellency the Governor General.
Tarsal bone of <i>Dinornis didiformis</i> , New Zealand .....	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
Four specimens of Chalcedony, from Moreton Bay. ....	Mr. J. Williams.
Two specimens of fossil wood, from the petrified forest, near Cairo, Egypt	Mr. L. Spyer.
Right ramus of lower jaw of a <i>Zygomaturus</i> , and 11 fragments of various bones of the same animal; upper jaw of <i>Macropus</i> , with 25 other fossil bones, from Darling Downs, &c. ....	F. W. Roche, Esq.
30 Fossil shells, from Illawarra .....	Mr. W. Steventon.
Portion of the jaws of a fossil Wombat .....	Mr. James Wilson.
130 Specimens of fossil bones, from King's Creek, Darling Downs.....	F. N. Isaac, Esq.
5 Specimens of fossil shells of the genus <i>Spirifer</i> .....	Mr. Perrot.
A specimen of coal, from Borneo .....	Henry Moore, Esq.
2 Stalactites from Wellington .....	Mr. A. C. Baird.
Geological specimens (1 to 31) illustrating the geological formation of the country from Rockhampton to South Australia, collected by the Expedition in Search of Dr. Leichhardt .....	A. C. Gregory, Esq.
A sample of Burwood clay .....	Dr. W. Houston.

BOTANICAL SPECIMENS.

Specimen of Acacia gum, on the branch .....	Mr. W. Newell.
Blossom of the Cocoa-nut Palm .....	Dr. Roberts.
8 specimens of Indigenous Woods, from Shark's Bay .....	Lieut. Onslow, R. N.
34 specimens of <i>Algae</i> , from Manly and Pittwater .....	Miss Berkelman.
Specimens of Gum Resin, from Isle of Pines .....	Capt. Loring, H.M.S. "Iris."

ETHNOGRAPHICAL SPECIMENS, &c.

Indian Spear, and Bone Ornament, from California .....	J. T. Thornton, Esq.
A Paper-knife made from the wood, &c., of York Minster .....	Mr. E. H. Lomas.
A Russian Policeman's cap and jacket; a pair of Russian leg-irons; shears, and latch, from Kertch; also Chinese shoes .....	Mrs. Leslie.
An Aboriginal Stone Adze, Murrumbidgee .....	Master F. Broughton.
A "Momo," or carved Mask, New Calidonia .....	W. Ramsay, Esq.
Head-dress and Ornaments of opossum fur, from the Aborigines of Shark's Bay .....	Lieut. Onslow, R. N.



## ETHNOGRAPHICAL SPECIMENS, &amp;c.—(Continued.)

Presented by

Pouch, with sling and stones, from San Christoval; and a Native Dress from Mallicollo .....	N. Ramsay, Esq.
4 Aboriginal weapons, and 2 Shields (Port Curtis) .....	Mr. J. Wilmot.
Portion of William Tell's Temple at Lake Lucerne .....	Mr. W. H. Grant.
A Flute, from the natives of New Caledonia .....	Master W. C. Brown.
An Aboriginal Fishing Net, from Cooper's Creek .....	Mr. C. F. Gregory.

## COINS, BOOKS, &amp;c.

Two copper coins (British), A.D. 1757 & 1765 .....	Mr. W. South.
A conglomerate mass of coins, from the remains of a fire in California ..	Mrs. Barnett.
A half-crown piece of William and Mary (1689) .....	Mr. Benjamin Simms.
A certificate of membership of the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco	Mr. G. H. Smith.
A small Dutch coin .....	Mrs. Mayne.
A 2d. of George III., and a farthing of George II. ....	Mr. J. S. Dobson.
A reichs thaler of Frederick the Great (A.D. 1765), and a shilling of George III. (A.D. 1787) .....	Mr. S. J. Cohen.
84 copper coins, of various periods .....	Mr. Obed West.
A Portuguese copper coin .....	Master G. R. Sotheron.
A copper coin of George II., A.D. 1736 .....	Mr. John Pierce.
5 silver and 20 copper coins of various periods .....	Mr. C. H. Grant.
A French assignat, A.D. 1791 .....	Mr. George Hall.
A Pamphlet "On Measurements, as a Diagnostic Means for distinguish- ing the Human Races" .....	Messrs. Scherzer and Schwartz, H.I.R.M. Fri- gate "Novara."
Report of the Museum of Santiago de Chili .....	The Chilean Consul.
A Series of 13 elaborate Drawings made by Mr. Rhodius from the Elgin Marbles, in 1826 .....	Mr. Charles Rhodius.
A Pamphlet entitled "Facts for Factories," Bombay, 1857 .....	The Hon. the Colonial Se- cretary.

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