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AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES.)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1859.

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 Sixth Annual Report.

2. The Museum is now open to the public daily (Sunday's excepted), from noon till 4 P.M., from May till September; and from noon till 5 P.M., from September till May. During the past year it has been visited by 17,953 persons of all classes, without any detriment to the specimens contained in the Institution.

3. The Trustees have continued to carry on their system of exchange of specimens with Foreign Museums, and have to announce the receipt of a valuable collection of upwards of 200 specimens of North American mammalia and aves, from the Niagara Falls Museum, in excellent condition; also, skins and skeletons of many interesting genera of European and South American animals (the types of which were wanting in the Australian Museum) from the Museum of Natural History of Hamburg. Cases of specimens, in various branches of zoology and ethnology, are on their way from the Royal Copenhagen Museum, and from the Museum of the University of Bologna. In addition to these acquisitions the Trustees have to announce the arrival, in Port Jackson, of five large cases, containing the whole of the casts prepared by the British Museum, of the fossil remains of extinct animals in the National collection; for these the Museum is indebted to the good services of Professor Owen, through the exertions of George Macleay, Esq., and Dr. Bennett.

4. Throughout the year two efficient taxidermists have been employed in setting up and mounting the skins of mammalia and aves; in preparing the various specimens continually presented to the Museum; and in cleaning and preserving from decay the collections already displayed for public inspection.

5. Since their last Report the Trustees have to announce a large addition to the number of mounted specimens exhibited in the large Hall. The number of these is now as follows, viz.:—Of mammalia, 177; skeleton of mammalia, 15; casts of fossil bones, &c., 70; skins of birds, 1,601; skeletons of birds, 9; reptiles, 195; fish, 470; besides the collections of mollusca, insects, radiata, zoophytes, fossils, and minerals; also, ethnographical specimens of various kinds,—a small portion only of which can be made available to the public on account of the want of space necessary for their display.

6. The donations during the past year, from private individuals, have also added many objects of interest to the collection. Amongst these may be recorded a specimen of the hogaxis deer (*Axis porcinus*), from India, and a collection of crustacea and algæ, &c., by His Excellency the Governor General; a young alpaca (*Auchenia Llama*), by Charles Ledger, Esq.; a hunting leopard (*Gueparda jubita*), and an Indian bear (*Ursus labiatus*), by W. Beaumont, Esq., of Botany; a full-grown female sea leopard (*Stenorhynchus leptonyx*), by J. Thomson, Esq., of Shoalhaven; a collection of fossil bones, by F. N. Isaac, Esq., of

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Darling Downs; a fine specimen of the great grey kangaroo (*Macropus major*), together with a collection of reptilia, pisces, and insecta from Clarence River, by J. F. Wilcox, Esq.; a New Zealand owl parrot (*Strigops habroptilus*), by Dr. Renwick; a collection of coins, antiquities, fossils, &c., by the Rev. Dr. Mackay; several rare and beautiful birds, by Alfred Denison, Esq.; and a collection of specimens of various kinds, from Erumanga, &c., by J. B. Turner, Esq. Besides these acquisitions, there have been presented to the Museum during the past year, from various individuals, 25 specimens of mammalia, 54 birds, 45 reptilia, 48 fishes, 74 mollusca, 56 crustacea, 75 insects, 19 radiata, upwards of 200 fossils and geological specimens, 23 botanical specimens, 32 ethnographical specimens, 154 coins, and several other miscellaneous articles.

Amongst the donations to the Library, the Trustees would especially mention a copy of Gay's "Historia de Chili," 22 vols. with 2 vols., of colored plates, from the Colonial Government; and the publications of the Geological Survey of Great Britain, and Museum of Practical Geology, through Sir Roderick Murchison.

7. The Trustees have, as occasion presented, expended such small sums as the means at their disposal would permit in the purchase of such specimens of interest as have presented themselves, but these opportunities do not occur frequently; and it would be a matter worthy of consideration of the Government and the Legislature, whether, looking to the very scanty representation of the class mammalia in the Museum, it would not be desirable that a sum should be specially appropriated annually to the purchase of such specimens as are required to afford to the people of New South Wales an opportunity of examining the representatives or types of the various families belonging to this class, which are found in other portions of the globe, and of comparing them with those belonging to Australia.

8. A set of brief instructions has been drawn up, containing hints for the collection and preservation of specimens in various branches of natural history; these have been printed with a view to their being gratuitously circulated throughout the Colonies.

9. The sum of £500 granted by the Legislature during last year, for the purchase of scientific works for the Museum Library, has been placed at the disposal of Dr. Bennett, George Macleay, Esq., and Professor Owen, in England, with a request that those gentlemen should expend the amount in the best manner possible. The execution by these gentlemen of the duty imposed upon them has fully justified the confidence placed in them by the Trustees. A very valuable collection of books purchased at a very cheap rate has already been transmitted to the Museum, and large consignments are still expected.

10. With a view to rendering the mineralogical collections, or at least a portion of them, available to the public, the Trustees employed a practical mineralogist to name and classify them; owing, however, to that gentleman's lamented decease shortly after he commenced his labors, the work was discontinued. A general collection, according to the classification of Phillips, has, however, been temporarily arranged, as far as practicable, by the Secretary.

11. The Trustees have to record the resignation of George Macleay, Esq., and Dr. Bennett, as Elective Trustees of the Museum, and the election in their stead of Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., and the Honorable R. J. Want, Esq.

12. The Trustees beg to refer to their paragraph in their last Report in which allusion was made to the limited amount of space in the present building, and the urgent necessity which existed, even then, for a large extension of accommodation, should it be the wish of the Government that the Museum should hold out to the public of New South Wales the means of amusement and instruction, which such institutions are so admirably calculated to afford.

The additions made to the collections during the past year have increased the urgency of the necessity for more accommodation, which has for the few last years pressed itself upon the notice of the Trustees. There is, as stated last year, no space for the exhibition of the casts from the antique, for which the Colony is indebted to the generosity of Sir Charles Nicholson. The casts which have just been received from the British Museum, and which are especially interesting, as enabling the geologist and zoologist to compare specimens of past existences with those of the present day, must remain in casks in the basement, for the simple reason that there is no space in the existing Museum where they can

be properly arranged and exhibited. In the same way with reference to other departments of natural history, space is wanted for the display of the specimens actually in the possession of the Trustees; and, as every year must necessarily add largely to our stores, so it must add to the number of specimens withdrawn from the curiosity of the public, and left to moulder and decay in places where no possible use can be made of them.

The books too, which have been purchased with the funds appropriated by the Legislature to this purpose, cannot be properly arranged or classified in the present building, neither can the public have the means of consulting them.

The Trustees trust, therefore, that application will be made to the Legislature to provide funds for the erection of a building which, while it will be an ornament to the City, will at the same time afford to all classes the means of inspecting the whole of the treasures which have been accumulating for so many years in the Museum, and which, when properly arranged in a building constructed for the purpose of exhibiting them, will prove of great advantage to science.

The Trustees must reiterate the expression of their opinion of the desirability of the appointment of a geologist and mineralogist in connection with the Survey Department. The Museum is very rich in mineralogical specimens, but these can only be properly arranged by a person thoroughly conversant with composition, structure, and classification. An effort was made, as already stated in this Report, to secure the services of a competent mineralogist, and the result of his labors, for the short time he was able to devote himself to the work, is seen in the classification of a portion only of the minerals in possession of the Trustees.

13. The Appendix contains an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Trustees on behalf of the Museum, during the year 1859. Appendix No. 2 contains a list of the various donations to the Museum, during the same year, with the names of the donors.

14. The Trustees have the honor to submit this their Report for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and in testimony thereof have caused their corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, this first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

W. S. MACLEAY,

Chairman.

By order of the Trustees,

GEORGE FRENCH ANGAS,

Secretary.

APPENDIX No. I.

CURRENT EXPENDITURE of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, during the year 1859.

1859.		£	s.	d.	1859.		£	s.	d.	
Jan. 1	To balance from last year ..	9	10	0	Salaries during the year..	714	18	8		
" 17	Cash from Treasury....	250	0	0	Requisites for Taxider-					
April 5	Do. do.	250	0	0	mist's Department, &c.)	54	10	2		
" "	Do. do.	100	0	0	Purchase of specimens ..	31	2	6		
July 11	Do. do.	250	0	0	Carpenters' and Turners' }					
Aug. 15	Do. do.	50	0	0	work, &c.....	38	12	5		
Oct. 8	Do. do.	250	0	0	Contingent Expenses : }					
Dec. 2	Do. do.	50	0	0	carriage, freight, &c.. }	33	10	2		
" 21	Do. (for Curator's pas-				Keeping grounds in order.	25	0	0		
	sage from England.)	107	10	6	Stationery, printing,					
					postages, advertising, }	23	16	9		
					&c.....					
					Ironmongery	13	8	6		
					Interest, charged at Bank.	3	1	0		
					Balance	379	0	4		
		£	1,317	0	6		£	1,317	0	6

BUILDING EXPENSES of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, during 1859.

1859.		£	s.	d.	1859.		£	s.	d.
Feb. 2..	To Cash received from }				Jan 1 ..	By Balance from last year.	196	2	7
	Treasury	189	5	11					
	To Balance.....	6	16	8					
		£196	2	7			£196	2	7

APPENDIX No. 2.

DONATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, RECEIVED DURING THE
YEAR 1859.

MAMMALIA.

PRESENTED BY

A species of <i>Dipus</i> from the Desert, near Lake Torrens	A. C. Gregory, Esq.
A <i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i> (Flying Fox)	Master W. Nathan.
A ditto ditto ditto	Mr. Saul Lyons.
A <i>Macropus major</i> (young female)	{ His Excellency the Governor General, &c.
A young Alpaca (<i>Auchenia Llama</i>)	Charles Ledger, Esq.
Malformation of the Horns of a Bullock	Mr. George Macintosh.
An Aboriginal Skull, from Shoalhaven	Mr. W. A. Hines.
Skull of Lynch (the notorious Murderer)	Dr. Sherwin.
A <i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	Alfred Denison, Esq.
A Calf with two Heads, from Braidwood	Mr. S. Gould.
Fœtus of a Calf	Mr. Galvin.
A <i>Mus melas</i>	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
A <i>Belidens</i>	Master Mason.
Skull of a Native of Erumanga	John Turner, Esq.
Nest of a Field Mouse	Mr. Baxter.
An Albino (<i>Petaurista Taguanoides</i>)	J. H. Thee, Esq., J.P.
A Cheetah or Hunting Leopard (<i>Gueparda jubata</i>)	Mr. W. Beaumont.
Skull of <i>Diabolus ursinus</i> , from Tasmania	Henry Edwards, Esq.
Skull of an Aboriginal Female	J. S. Norrie, Esq.
Two species of <i>Mus</i> , from Ancitium and Erumanga	J. B. Turner, Esq.
A male of the great Grey Kangaroo (<i>Macropus major</i>)	J. F. Wilcox, Esq.
A <i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i>	Mr. H. Newman.
Two young ditto ditto	Master A. F. Newman.
An <i>Echidna Hystrix</i>	Mr. James Garner.
An adult female Sea Leopard (<i>Stenorhynchus Leptonyx</i>) from Shoalhaven	James Thomson, Esq.
A Porcine Axis Deer (<i>Axis porcinus</i>), from India	{ His Excellency the Governor General.
<i>Echidna Hystrix</i> and <i>Phascogale lanigera</i>	Master James Buchanan.
A <i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	W. S. Macleay, Esq.
<i>Ursus labiatus</i> , from India	W. Beaumont, Esq.
A young <i>Macropus major</i>	Lewis Samuel, Esq.

AVES.

A <i>Leptotarsus Javanicus</i> (chestnut-shouldered Duck)	Alfred Denison, Esq.
A Chicken with four wings and four legs (<i>tusus natura</i>)	Mr. A. Macdonnell.
An <i>Aquila leucogaster</i> , an <i>Halcyon Macleayi</i> , a <i>Merops ornatus</i> , a <i>Mahurus melanocephalus</i>	Monsieur Thozet.
A Nicobar Ground Pigeon (<i>Geophilus Nicobaricus</i>) and a minor Grackle (<i>Gracula religiosa</i>), from Java	Alfred Denison, Esq.
A young <i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Master O'Brien.
A New Zealand Owl Parrot (<i>Strigops haloptilus</i>)	Dr. Renwick.
Two Australian Swifts (<i>Cypselus Australis</i>)	Rev. Mr. Turner.
A black-headed Tern (<i>Sterna melanocephala</i>)	Mr. T. T. Brown.
A Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax</i>)	Monsieur Thozet.
A <i>Ptilinopus</i> , two <i>Carpophaga</i> , and a <i>Chalcophaps</i>	Alfred Denison, Esq.
Two specimens (male and female) of <i>Porphila Paddonii</i> , from New Caledonia	John Turner, Esq.
A Hybrid Duck	Mr. W. Beaumont.
A <i>Rallus Levini</i>	Mr. George Frost.
Two <i>Dacelo giganteus</i> , or Laughing Jackass	Mr. Thomas Laury.
A Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>), from England	Mr. James Palmer.
A Red-breasted Turtle (<i>Columba cruenta</i>), from Manila	Alfred Denison, Esq.
A Goatsucker (<i>Eurystopodus albugularis</i>)	Mr. George Frost.
A double Egg of a Fowl	Edward Hill, Esq.
Two nests and egg of Esulent Swallow, and four eggs of <i>Sturna gracilis</i> , from Erumanga	J. B. Turner, Esq.
Two <i>Parra gallinacea</i>	J. F. Wilcox, Esq.
A female <i>Petroica multicolor</i>	Master C. Hooper.
A <i>Thalassidroma Wilsoni</i> or Wilson's Petrel	Mr. G. F. Angas.
A <i>Petroica multicolor</i> (male) and a <i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>	Rev. G. E. Turner.
A <i>Platyercus semi-torquatus</i> , or Yellow-collared Parroquet, and a <i>Macropygia phasianella</i> , or Pheasant-tailed Pigeon	Alfred Denison, Esq.
A <i>Daption Capensis</i>	Mr. Leggatt.
Male and Female of the <i>Nettapus albigennis</i>	Mr. J. F. Wilcox.
An <i>Ardea cinerea</i> , or Grey Heron	Mr. James Butler.
A full-grown domestic Fowl, with 4 legs	Mr. Hamilton.
A Fish Hawk (<i>Haliastur sphænuris</i>)	Master Quarry.
A Straw-necked Ibis (<i>Geronticus spinicollis</i>)	Mr. John Walton.
Two specimens of a new species of <i>Melithreptes</i>	Mr. Eli Waller.
A Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	Mr. John Briley.
A male Rifle Bird (<i>Ptiloris paradiseus</i>)	Mr. E. Maides.
A Nankeen Night Heron (<i>Nycticorax Caledonicus</i>)	Mr. H. Moggridge.
A male Flinder's Cuckoo (<i>Eudynamis Flindersii</i>)	Mr. H. J. Bate.
A <i>Falco</i> , from India, and a <i>Bucco</i> , from Brazil	Mr. Adam Becker.
A <i>Circus Jardinei</i> , or Jardine's Harrier	Mr. George Frost.
Five very small Eggs, laid by a domestic Fowl	Master T. Ironside.
A <i>Sceloglaux Albifacies</i> , and another species of Owl, from Middle Island of New Zealand	Alexr. Macdonald, Esq.
A Black Swan (<i>Cygnus atratus</i>)	{ His Excellency the Governor General.
A Rose Cockatoo (<i>Catua Eos</i>)	Mr. George Macleay.

REPTILIA.

PRESENTED BY

A Turtle (<i>Testudo</i>), from the Figis	{ His Excellency the Governor General.
A Black Snake (<i>Trimeresurus</i>)	Master J. Abbott.
A <i>Tiliqua Whitei</i>	Master G. Abbott.
A Tree Frog (<i>Hyla</i>)	Mr. John Purkis.
A Death Adder (<i>Acanthopis Brownii</i>)	Master J. W. Abbott.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i>	Mr. Isaac Chapple.
Eggs of the <i>Varanus Australis</i> , or Monitor Lizard.	Mr. Horatio Tozer.
A Snake (<i>Furina</i>), from Rockhampton	Monsieur Thozet.
A <i>Varanus Australis</i>	Mr. H. B. Alderton.
A <i>Trachydosaurus</i> (young specimen)	Dr. George Bennett.
A <i>Tortrix</i> , from the South Sea Islands	Dr. Roberts.
A Diamond Snake (<i>Morelia punctata</i>)	Mr. James Buchanan.
Ditto ditto ditto	Master J. Bayliss.
A <i>Phyllurus</i> , a broad-tailed Lizard	Mr. Ferris.
Three <i>Ophidians</i> and five <i>Batrachians</i> , from Clarence River	Mr. J. F. Wilcox.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i>	Mr. Jordan Wainwright.
A <i>Phyllurus</i>	Mr. James Martin, M.L.A.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i>	Mr. George Frost.
An <i>Amphisbæna</i>	Mr. Arthur Blaxland.
A Snake, from the Clarence River	Mr. Baldock.
A <i>Phyllurus</i>	Captain Thomas Brown.
A <i>Morelia punctata</i>	Master Conlon.
A Grass Snake (<i>Ophisaurus</i>)	Master M. Clinton.
The following Snakes, viz.:—Two <i>Hydrophis doliata</i> ; one <i>Ophisaurus</i> ; one <i>Morelia variegata</i> ; one <i>Acanthopis Brownii</i> ; five varieties of <i>Lapemis</i> ; one <i>Pelamis bicolor</i> ; and four other species	Dr. Roberts.
A Brown Snake	Master Stokes.
Eggs of <i>Ophisaurus</i>	Dr. Roberts.
An <i>Ophisaurus</i>	Master J. Westbrook.
Eight Lizards, from the Clarence	Mr. J. F. Wilcox.
Two specimens (living) of an <i>Emys</i>	Captain O'Reilly.
A <i>Phyllurus</i>	Mr. E. O'Brien.
A Diamond Snake (<i>Morelia punctata</i>)	Miss C. S. Raphael.
A small Tortoise, found imbedded in a rock near Maitland	{ His Excellency the Governor General.

PISCES.

An <i>Ostracion</i>	Mrs. Shell.
A <i>Zeus</i> , a <i>Pleuronectes</i> , and a <i>Solea</i>	{ His Excellency the Governor General.
A <i>Hippocampus</i>	Mr. Robert Cropley.
A <i>Torpedo</i>	Mr. G. F. Angas.
A <i>Muraena</i>	Mr. W. Weaver.
Jaws of a <i>Percoid</i> Fish	Mr. Bough.
A <i>Priacanthus</i>	Edward Hill, Esq.
A <i>Sphyrana flavicanda</i>	Dr. Roberts.
A <i>Remora</i> (<i>Echeneis Naucratus</i>)	Mr. R. Sadlier.
A <i>Diodon</i>	Mr. W. Smith.
Two <i>Syngnathides</i>	Dr. Foulis.
A <i>Clupeoid</i> Fish	Mr. Mackay.
Two <i>Echeneis Naucratus</i>	Mr. George Mulhall.
A <i>Macquaria Peclii</i> , from the Clarence River	Mr. J. F. Wilcox.
A Banded <i>Chatodon</i>	Master W. G. Kirchner.
A <i>Coryphina</i> , a <i>Psettus</i> , a <i>Plotosus</i> , and a <i>Chatodon</i>	Mr. J. F. Wilcox.
A <i>Chironectes</i>	Mr. S. Brown.
A <i>Syngnathus</i>	Messrs. Bedford and Buckley.
A <i>Pristis serratus</i>	Henry Edwards, Esq.
An <i>Acanthurus</i>	Mr. T. Lawn.
An <i>Eques</i>	Master E. Kirchner.
Four specimens of <i>Plotosus Ikapor</i> , from New Caledonia	Mr. J. B. Turner.
A <i>Cheilodactylus</i>	Mr. S. Brown.
A <i>Chironectes</i>	Rev. W. B. Clarke.
A black <i>Chironectes</i>	Mr. T. K. Cranmer.
A <i>Muraena</i>	Mr. John Hunter.
A <i>Labrus</i> and a <i>Balistes</i>	Master A. Kirchner.
A striped <i>Chironectes</i>	W. Macleay, Esq.
A black <i>Chironectes</i>	Mr. R. Melville.
A <i>Muraena</i>	Master F. O'Brien.
An <i>Amphisile</i> from New Caledonia	Mr. J. B. Turner.
Ten Fish from Port Jackson	Master Dunn.
A <i>Hippocampus</i>	Master J. Solomon.
An Eel from South Sea Islands	Mr. Tilley, H.M.S. "Cordelia"
A <i>Balistes</i>	Mr. H. Wulff.
A Saw Fish (<i>Pristis serratus</i>) and 5 young ones	Mr. Isaac Joseph.
A <i>Syngnathus</i>	Mr. James Beattie.
A <i>Carcharias</i>	Master Mulligan.

MOLLUSCA, &c.

Three specimens of a <i>Fusus</i> from Figis	Mrs. Shell.
Two specimens of <i>Harpa ventricosa</i> and a <i>Cypræa argus</i>	Dr. Bennett.
Eighteen Tasmanian Shells and ova cells of <i>Fusus</i>	H. Edwards, Esq.
Four specimens of a <i>Mesodesma</i> , New Zealand	Master H. Miller.
Two <i>Harpa ventricosa</i> , two <i>Cassidea</i> , two <i>Bulla ovum</i> , two <i>Strombus canarium</i> , two <i>Natica</i> , and a <i>Vermetus</i>	Rev. Dr. Mackay.
<i>Planorbis</i> and <i>Helix</i> from Clarence River	Mr. J. F. Wilcox.
Twelve specimens of <i>Helix Cunninghami</i> and <i>H. Frazeri</i>	Monsr. Thozet.
Four specimens of <i>Fissurella</i> from Newcastle	Henry Edwards, Esq.
A <i>Triumphalia Comingii</i> from New Caledonia	Rev. R. L. King.
<i>Pyrula canaliculata</i> , from Florida; <i>Pyrula carica</i> , New York; <i>Haliotis ruber</i> , California; <i>Haliotis Californicus</i> , from Upper California; <i>Mya arenaria</i> , from New York; <i>Unio Housei</i> , from Siam; and <i>Alasmodonto complanata</i> , from the Ohio River	Mr. George F. Angas.

CRUSTACEA.

PRESENTED BY

A <i>Neptunus pelagicus</i> , and thirty-one specimens of <i>Crustacea</i> dredged off the Coast	His Excellency the Governor General.
Eight <i>Crustacea</i> , from Tasmania	
A <i>Megalopa</i> , a <i>Ranina</i> , and a <i>Serolis</i>	His Excellency the Governor General.
A <i>Cardiosoma</i> , two <i>Gelasinus</i> , two <i>Pagurus</i> , one <i>Cyclograpsus</i> , and two <i>Pinnotheres</i> , &c., from New Caledonia	
An <i>Acanthonyx</i>	Mr. R. M. Pearson.

INSECTA.

A <i>Podacanthus Typhon</i> and a <i>Saturnia</i>	Master Levinge.
A <i>Saturnia</i>	Mr. Charles Moore.
A <i>Charaxes</i>	Rev. G. E. Turner.
A <i>Sphinx Australasicus</i>	Miss M. L. Baxter.
An <i>Arctus</i>	Mr. Valentino Hermann.
A <i>Sphinx Australasicus</i>	Mr. Laury.
A <i>Diura japonica</i>	Miss Keyes.
A <i>Ctenomorpha</i>	Mrs. A. Miles.
Fourteen <i>Lepidoptera</i> , twenty-two <i>Coleoptera</i> , nine <i>Neuroptera</i> , five <i>Hymenoptera</i> , two <i>Orthoptera</i> , four <i>Diptera</i> , from Clarence River District	Mr. J. F. Wilcox.
Male and Female of <i>Ornithoptera Richmondia</i> , and two specimens of <i>Orthorinus</i> , from the Richmond	A. A. Lyeester, Esq.
Lava cases of a <i>Trichopterous</i> insect from New Caledonia	Mr. J. B. Turner.
A <i>Diura Titan</i> , from Fitz Roy River	Mr. John Watson.
A <i>Saturnia</i>	Miss Levinge.
Two Centipedes	Master John Griffiths.
Two Beetles of the genus <i>Curculio</i>	Mr. A. Becker.
A <i>Podacanthus Typhon</i>	Mrs. Burdekin.
A <i>Cossus</i>	Mrs. Dyer.

GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY.

A fossil plant (<i>Glossopteris</i>)	Rev. Mr. Cooper.
Twenty-six specimens of Rocks, and fossil wood	Mons. Thozet.
Fragments of rock, shewing part of the cavity from whence a small living Tortoise was extricated, from the Railway cutting near Maitland; also fossils from the carboniferous beds in the same locality	W. Keene, Esq., Government Examiner of Coal Fields.
Thirteen specimens of fossil ferns, Manganese, Gypsum, Silica, Meteorolites, and Betroidal Limestone	Rev. W. A. Quick.
Two fossil <i>Echinodermata</i> , <i>Orbitulites</i> ; fossil wood from Egypt; <i>Pterichthys</i> , from Banffshire; two specimens of Blood-stone, six specimens of granite (polished) from Aberdeen	Rev. Dr. Mackay.
Fossil <i>Brachiopoda</i> , from Tasmania	Master W. Boyd.
Ninety-six fossil bones, from Darling Downs	F. N. Isaac, Esq.
Fossil wood, from Richmond River	Mr. W. Orr.
Two specimens of coal, and three of fossil wood, from Illawarra	Mr. S. B. Newton.
Tufa, <i>Stalactites</i> , Quartz and Agate, and cast of <i>Eurydesmus</i>	Miss Blaxland.
Fossil <i>Entomostroaca</i> from the shale of the mountain limestone, River Don, Tasmania; and concretions of sand and shell, from Middle Harbor	Rev. W. B. Clarke.
Gigantic crystals of Quartz, from Wide Bay	W. H. Walsh, Esq.
Eight geological specimens, from Carwell, New South Wales	The late Dr. Gygas.
Four specimens of silver lead ore, from South Australia	A. McLean, Esq.
Specimens of quartz and gold in the matrix, &c., from Adelong Quartz Reef	J. Fairfax, Esq.
Specimen of trachite and feldspar	Master O'Reilly.
A fossil bone, from Darling Downs	The Hon. Louis Hope.
A specimen of Landscape stone	Dr. Bennett.

BOTANICAL SPECIMENS.

A cone and sample of wood from the Lebanon cedar; specimens of Irish flax, shewing the several processes of manufacture	Rev. Dr. Mackay.
Twenty specimens of indigenous woods, from Port Curtis	Mons. Thozet.
Fungus, from an Ironbark Tree	Miss Blaxland.
Twenty-nine samples of New Zealand timber	His Excellency the Governor General.

ETHNOGRAPHICAL SPECIMENS.

An Aboriginal Tomahawk	Mr. H. L. Wilson.
A Spear, and four reed Flutes	A native of Ware.
A Peruvian "Inca Plate," and a Sling of Alpaca wool	Charles Ledger, Esq.
An Australian Boomerang	Mr. J. Riordan.
Italian Mosaic work, Tessellated pavement, Ancient Pottery, Mummy Cloth, Russian Relics from the War, &c.	Rev. Dr. Mackay.
A Stink-pot, a Gingal, and a Matchlock, from China	Captain Sullivan.
A Figian Dress	Mr. W. Hunt.
Indian Writing, on a Pandanus leaf, and ear ornament	Miss Blaxland.
Model of a War Canoe, 16 feet long, from New Hanover; Carvings from Admiralty Islands; Malay Slippers, Carved Betel Box, from Balli; Spear with obsidian head, from Port Essington	Mr. John T. Brown.
Two pearl fish-hooks, from the S. S. Islands	Miss Tanner.
Six Chinese Syce silver Buttons, from the Pirates at Coolan	Sergeant Medcalf, H. M. S. "Niger."
A Chief's wig, from Ovalau, Fijis	Hon. Mrs. Hope.

COINS, &c.

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One hundred Greek and Roman, and Græco-Egyptian coins, in copper, three ancient Roman silver coins, one ancient Greek silver coin, one gold Turkish coin, twenty-one English silver coins, from Elizabeth to George III.	} Rev. Dr. Mackay.
A silver franc of Napoleon I., a four real piece of Isabella II., and fifteen copper coins	
Nineteen copper coins	Mr. A. C. West. Mr. Edwin Tunks.

BOOKS.

Gay's "Historia de Chili," 22 vols., and 2 vols. of colored plates	The Colonial Government.
Acts and Ordinances of New South Wales, for 1858	The Colonial Government.
Professor Jamieson's directions for collecting and preserving specimens of Natural History	} W. S. Macleay, Esq.
Botanical Reports, by Dr. Muller; "Synopsis Filicum Africæ Australis," by Dr. Pappe; Dr. Hochstetter's Lecture on the Geology of the Province of Auckland, New Zealand	
Professor Owen's Address to the British Association, and a Paper on the <i>Nototherium</i> , by Professor Owen	} His Excellency the Governor General.
The Natural History Catalogues, published by the British Museum, 105 volumes	
The publications of the Geological Survey of Great Britain, and of the Museum of Practical Geology	} Professor Owen, V. P. R. S. &c., British Museum. The Trustees of the British Museum, per Dr. J. E. Gray, F.R.S.
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