

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE INDIAN MUSEUM
1912-1913

I.—Report of the Superintendent.

I have the honour to submit to the Trustees my annual report for the financial year 1912-1913. It is divided into four sections under the following heads:—(1) General, (2) Museum Buildings, (3) Servants on duty in the Public Galleries and (4) Visitors.

1. GENERAL.

The Museum Act of 1910, which gave the officers in charge of Sections seats on the Board of Trustees and made it possible to draw up a new constitution for the Museum as a whole, came into force in June of that year. The new by-laws in which the constitution were embodied did not receive the final sanction of the Government of India until March 1912, but were actually put in practice as soon as the Act became law. We have, therefore, had nearly three years in which to estimate the effect of the changes then introduced. They have been on the whole extremely beneficial. The scientific and artistic development of the Museum has proceeded in this period at a rate hitherto unprecedented. It is not surprising, however, considering the conflicting interests which had to be taken into account in drawing up

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Statements on the following items are appended :—

- (1) Specimens sent out during the year to specialists for identification or for study (Appendix C).
- (2) Specimens returned that were sent out in previous years (Appendix D).
- (3) Exchanges and presentations made during the year (Appendix E).
- (4) List of donors during the year (Appendix F).
- (5) Type specimens of new genera, species, sub-species and varieties added to the collection during the year (Appendix G).

IV.—PUBLIC GALLERIES.

All the cases in the Ethnological gallery were repaired and a large number of labels that had become unsightly were renewed during the year and the mythological and musical exhibits rearranged. The energy and care displayed by Babu Mohini Mohun Dutt, clerk in charge, who has carried out these changes with very little supervision, should be specially mentioned.

In the large Mammal gallery, in addition to two minor exhibits, a specimen of the Indian one-horned rhinoceros presented by Lieutenant-Colonel J. Manners-Smith, V.C., C.V.O., C.I.E., and mounted by Rowland Ward, has been placed on exhibition. Work on the renovation and rearrangement of the main Invertebrate gallery continued throughout the year. Several new specimens were set up and the labels and arrangement of many old ones changed.

A great deal of work has been done in the Insect gallery, in which a large proportion of the specimens have been renewed and displayed to greater advantage.

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- (14) To Mr. A. W. Acton :—9 species of Colubridae.
- (15) To Mr. E. Brunetti :—44 species of Diptera as well as a few unnamed specimens.
- (16) To Dr. W. Horn :—3 species of Cicindelidae.
- (17) To the Trivandrum Museum :—7 species of Crustacea and 3 species of Reptilia.
- (18) To Mr. A. S. Hirst :—21 species of Phalangidae.
- (19) To the National Museum, Dublin :—20 species of sponges.
- (20) To Dr. J. H. Ashworth :—1 species of Reptilia and 1 species of Diptera.
- (21) To Dr. E. Zugmayer :—1 species of Reptilia and 3 species of Fish.
- (22) To the Government College, Lahore :—9 species of Pedipalpi and 7 species of Heterocera.
- (23) To the Museum of the City of Milwaukee, U. S. A. :—the horn of a rhinoceros.
- (24) To Col. A. W. Alcock, C.I.E., F.R.S. :—1 species of Reptilia.
- (25) To Dr. E. Ellingsen :—6 species of Pseudoscorpions.
- (26) To Dr. Max Weber :—20 species of Mollusca.
- (27) To Dr. Maurice Pic :—1 species of Lampyridae.
- (28) To Capt. W. H. Evans :—102 specimens of Lepidoptera.
- (29) To Mr. H. B. Preston :—1 species of Mollusca.
- (30) To the University Museum, Oxford :—1 species of Medusa.
- (31) To Mr. Beaulieu :—9 species of Cetoniinae.
- (32) To Mr. F. Hannyngton :—16 species of butterflies.