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REPORT  
ON THE  
LAHORE CENTRAL MUSEUM  
FOR THE YEAR 1892-93.

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The Report on the Lahore Central Museum for the year 1892-93 submitted with letter from Mr. J. L. Kipling, c. i. e., No. 71, dated the 3rd May 1893.

REMARKS.—It is not necessary to summarize the contents of Mr. Kipling's Report, which is, as usual, brief and to the point.

2. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,118 as compared with Rs. 3,319 in 1891-92. The figures for the present year include Rs. 2,634 for the purchase of a magic lantern, &c., in connection with a scheme for the delivery of courses of popular lectures, chiefly on scientific subjects, in the Victoria Jubilee Institute. These lectures were successfully inaugurated during the past spring, but they had no special connection with the Museum, and the cost of the lantern should not have been treated as part of the expenditure of that institution. A special grant of Rs. 1,060 was made for the purchase of iron safes for the custody of the valuable collection of coins purchased from Mr. C. Rodgers in 1891.

3. In passing orders on the last report submitted by Mr. Kipling, Sir Dennis Fitzpatrick wishes to express his sense of the valuable services rendered by that officer since he assumed the Curatorship in 1875. The excellent work which he accomplished as Principal of the School of Art will be more suitably acknowledged in dealing with the Educational Report.

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ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing remarks be forwarded to the Officiating Curator for information and communication to Mr. Kipling; that the Report with the remarks be forwarded to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture; and that both the Report and remarks be published in the *Punjab Government Gazette*.

By order of the Hon'ble the Lieutenant-Governor,

J. M. DOUIE,

*Offg. Revenue Secretary to Government, Punjab.*







No. 71, dated Lahore, 3rd May 1893.

From—J. L. KIPLING, Esquire, C.I.E., Curator, Central Museum, Lahore,

To—The Revenue Secretary to Government, Punjab.

I HAVE the honor to submit a brief report of the working of the Lahore Museum during the year 1892-93.

The total number of visitors to the Museum during the year was 190,851.

The numbers for last year were 227,099. There is therefore a decrease of 36,248. The average daily attendance last year was 622, but during this year it was only 522. The smallest number of visitors was on Sunday, the 25th September 1892, when only 61 visitors passed through the turnstile. The highest was on the 4th August 1892 (the great day of Moharrum), when 2,913 persons came.

Attendance.

The attendance table for the last five years is—

<u>1888-89.</u>	<u>1889-90.</u>	<u>1890-91.</u>	<u>1891-92.</u>	<u>1892-93.</u>
235,810	226,211	183,980	227,099	190,851

The sickness of the year and the fact that no pilgrimages of any importance took place may perhaps account for the decrease.

An attempt was made on the night of the 16th March 1893 to rob the Museum by a thief, who entered the building from the roof and took a gilded plaster cast of an Australian gold nugget from its case. On discovering the nature of the plunder the thief appears to have dropped it and to have gone the way he came.

The conduct of the visitors to the Museum has been orderly as usual.

Additions.

No additions of any great importance were made to the Museum during the year under report.

It was hoped that before the close of the year the collections of the Museum would have been housed in the new building, which was to be inaugurated by a selected exhibition of Punjab arts and manufactures, but a combination of untoward circumstances prevented the realization of this programme.

The new building is now practically complete. Under the direction of Mr. F. H. Andrews the end wall of the Central Gallery has been decorated in colour as an indication of the treatment to be followed in the general decoration of the building. Designs, models, moulds and casts have been prepared for the enrichment in embossed plaster work of the doorways between each of the galleries, but have not hitherto been fixed. The surfaces of the Museum walls afford an excellent field for the practice of the decorative art, and it is hoped that a small annual allotment may be made in order that the students of the School of Art may continue the work. The painted decoration cost for materials Rs. 70, advanced from the Exhibition Funds, and was intended as an exhibit of the Mayo School of Art.

The Public Works Department has undertaken the erection, in the gallery to be devoted to Buddhist antiquities, of the nearly complete *stupa* discovered by Captain Deane at Sikri near Hoti Mardán and carefully put together by him. This will be fixed on a drum of brick work, so that the very interesting sculptured reliefs will be on a level with the eye. The coin safes specially made for the Museum by Messrs. Chubb and Son have been built into the walls of the apartment set aside for offices.



Mr. C. J. Rodgers, whose services as numismatist to the Museum cannot be too warmly acknowledged, is now cataloguing the collection of coins recently purchased from him for Rs. 12,000.

The item in the accounts here rendered of Rs. 2,633-8-9 for a magic lantern demands a word of explanation. The magic lantern was indented for by Government direct and paid for by Government, and at the request of the Accountant-General it is put down among the Museum accounts. I may mention that the lantern has been successfully used in the Lecture Room of the Science Institute (part of the new Jubilee Museum building) at lectures which were numerously attended. The Lecture Hall was fitted with gallery, seats, rostrum and lantern stand under the direction of Mr. F. H. Andrews.

I was absent on special leave for four months of the year under report, when the duties of the Curator were fulfilled by Mr. F. H. Andrews.

Changes.

During the year under report the Sale Room has continued to decline, the sales amounting to Rs. 2,193-6-9 only against Rs. 3,928 in the previous year. The causes of the decrease were noticed at length in last year's report.

Art Sale Room.

A detailed statement of accounts and detailed lists of acquisitions to the Museum are appended.



*Statement of Annual Receipts and Expenditure of the Lahore Museum for the year 1892-93.*

No.	Receipts.	Amount.		Total.		Expenditure:	Amount.		Total.	
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
1	Balance in hand from last account ... ..	23	14 4			Pay of the Curator, Museum ... ..	1,200	0 0		
2	Government allowance for the year ... ..	1,920	0 0			Do. regular establishment ... ..	1,026	0 0		
3	Curator's pay at Rs. 100 a month ... ..	1,200	0 0			Do. extra establishment ... ..	144	0 0		
4	Special grant for magic lantern ... ..	2,633	8 9			Purchases during the year as per detailed list ... ..	563	12 0		
5	Do. for Chubb's patent safes ... ..	1,059	10 2			Furniture for the Museum ... ..	144	5 0		
6	Contributions from Lahore Municipality ... ..	180	0 0			Printing charges ... ..	3	0 0		
7	Miscellaneous receipts ... ..	135	0 0	7,152	1 3	Books and Journals ... ..	77	8 7		
						Railway carriage of articles received ... ..	154	15 0		
						Magic lantern with slides, &c. ... ..	2,633	8 9		
						Chubb's patent iron safes ... ..	1,059	10 2		
						Miscellaneous expenses—				
						Nails, tacks, hinges, glue, gum, cloth, oil, naphthaline, spirits, coolies, string, paints, matches, turpentine, &c., &c.	111	6 6	7,118	2 0
						Balance in hand ... ..			33	15 3
	<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..			<b>7,152</b>	<b>1 3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..			<b>7,152</b>	<b>1 3</b>

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*List of presentations to the Lahore Museum during the year 1892-93.*

No.	Description of articles.	Presented by
1	Four silver coins of Sher Shah ... ..	Asiatic Society of Bengal.
2	Three silver coins of Muzaffar Shah II ... ..	Ditto ditto.
3	One gold Fanum found in the Dharwar District ... ..	Bombay Branch Royal Asiatic Society.
4	One silver Gaddhia coin found in the Nasik District ... ..	Ditto ditto.
5	One silver Gupta coin found in the Kaira District ... ..	Ditto ditto.
6	Two silver rupees of Aurangzeb ... ..	Darbár of Gwálor.
7	One gold coin of Jehángír found in the Delhi District ... ..	Asiatic Society of Bengal.
8	Nine gold coins of Sháhjehán found in the Delhi District ... ..	Ditto ditto.
9	Four gold coins of Aurangzeb found in the Delhi District ... ..	Ditto ditto.
10	Three silver coins of Bactrian Apollodotus found in the Delhi District... ..	Ditto ditto.
11	Two silver coins of old Hindu Kuninda variety ... ..	Ditto ditto.
12	Three ditto ditto ditto ... ..	Ditto ditto.
13	One silver coin of Muez-ud-dín ... ..	Ditto ditto.
14	Two pairs hemp shoes, Kángra ... ..	D. MacDougall, Esquire.
15	Specimens of scientific apparatus manufactured in the Punjab Science Institute Workshop ... ..	...
16	Collection of manufactured silk ... ..	Director, Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Punjab.
17	Specimens of opaque quartz ... ..	Ganpat Rai Lachmi Narain of Delhi.

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## List of additions to the Lahore Museum by purchase during the year 1892-93.

No.	Detail.	Price.	
		Rs.	A. P.
1	A musical instrument containing a Sitár, Tambura and Táús, all combined together ...	22	0 0
2	A model of canon in clay ... ..	3	0 0
3	A goat knife ... ..	3	0 0
4	Two quotations from Qurán ... ..	20	0 0
5	Sword hilt ... ..	8	0 0
6	Brass engraved huqqa ... ..	5	0 0
7	Two old brass huqqas ... ..	7	0 0
8	Mother-pearl huqqa and a glass huqqa ... ..	30	0 0
9	An old dagger ... ..	7	0 0
10	A salver and a water-pot, brass and copper embossed work, Tanjore ... ..	60	0 0
11	Clay model of Muhammadan prayers... ..	115	0 0
	Ditto Tázia or tomb ... ..		
	Ditto Katha ... ..		
	Ditto funeral procession ... ..		
	Ditto Marriage procession ... ..		
	Six clay figures ... ..		
12	Manguee with cobra ... ..	5	0 0
13	Clay models of <i>Krishna</i> , <i>Bhil</i> and a woman with child ... ..	20	0 0
14	A pair enamelled bangles, Kángra ... ..	31	7 0
15	Enamelled necklace, ditto ... ..	63	13 0
16	Ditto ditto, Hazára ... ..	24	0 0
17	Ditto belt, ditto ... ..	12	0 0
18	Ditto forehead ornament, Hazára... ..	24	0 0
19	Ditto necklace, Mooltan ... ..	7	8 0
20	Ditto ditto, ditto ... ..	21	0 0
21	Ditto broach, ditto ... ..	7	8 0
22	Ditto belt buckle ... ..	5	8 0
23	Ditto ditto ... ..	15	0 0
24	Ditto bangles (a pair) ... ..	20	0 0
25	Silver necklace, Hoshiárpur ... ..	24	0 0
26	Three carved stones ... ..	3	0 0
	Total ... ..	563	12 0

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