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No. 117, dated Lahore, 14th July 1898.

From—B. RAM SINGH, Offg. Curator, Lahore Museum,
To—The Revenue Secretary to Government, Punjab.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the working of the Lahore Museum for the year 1897-98.

The total number of visitors to the Museum during the year under report was 232,353 and the average daily attendance 637 against 266,193 and 730 respectively in the previous year. There is a decrease of 33,840 in the number of visitors and of 93 in the average daily attendance, which may be accounted for partly by famine and partly by the plague in Sind and other places which reduced the number of pilgrims who pass through Lahore and pay a visit to the Museum.

The highest number was on 28th May 1897, the day following the Bhadar Kali Fair, when 2,318 visitors passed through the turnstile, and the smallest was on 2nd September 1897, when only 110 men came.

The attendance for the five years is—

1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.
133,904	208,220	298,908	266,193	232,353

The conduct of the public was satisfactory, and there were no thefts or damage, wilful or accidental. Two or three cases of shoe-stealing occurred which were duly reported to the Police, and the culprits were punished.

Antiquities.—The Museum is greatly indebted to Major Deane, C. S. I., Political Officer, Dir and Swat, who presented it with 20 small inscribed stones. These have been deposited in the Museum along with others presented in previous years by the same donor. The inscriptions on these stones have been deciphered by Dr. M. A. Stein of the Punjab University. I have also to express my indebtedness to Mr. J. P. Rawlins, District Superintendent of Police, Abbottabad, for four inscribed stones presented to the Museum. Of these, two were found as follows:—

One found in a spring tank 3 miles from Abbottabad.

One found at Dal Mohat on the Indus bank beyond Torbela in Abbottabad.

Nothing has as yet been heard of the inscribed stone found at Shakkardara of which mention was made in the last report, except that in January last the Deputy Commissioner of Rawalpindi asked the Curator's opinion about the archæological value of the stone, and he was informed that Rs. 10 over and above actual cost of procuring the stone would be a fair value.

Coins.—The Asiatic Societies of Bengal and Bombay very kindly contributed to the Museum a few old silver and mixed metal coins detailed in the accompanying statement. Also the Superintendent of the Madras Museum was good enough to present three Andhara leaden coins with Elephant and Ujjain symbol found in the Kristna District of the Madras Presidency.

Natural History.—There is not much to record under this head, except that Lady Rattigan very kindly presented us with a beautiful stuffed peacock.

Last winter a few prints were made from the negatives of the important stones and sold to Mr. Charles R. Lanman of U. S. A.

Photographs.

I am glad to report that the Public Works Department have repaired the roof of the building with the view to make it *Building.* water-tight, and I hope it will be able to stand the heaviest shower of rain. The outer walls of the building which had half-burnt bricks in some places have been repaired, and proper cement pointing done to them.

Mr. F. H. Andrews, the Curator, proceeded on furlough for about 14 months *Changes.* on 3rd March 1898, after making over the charge of the Museum to me.

For this purpose a further grant of Rs. 2,000 was made in March last, and as the year was about to close the amount *New fittings.* has been spent on the purchase of necessary material for new cases that are being made for the Sculpture gallery.

In addition to the Magic Lantern lectures, a detailed account of which *Lecture Hall of the Victoria Jubilee Institute.* has been given in the Mayo School of Art Report, a few lectures were kindly delivered on Scientific subjects in this Hall by some of the Members of the Science Institute Committee during the last cold weather.

The sales effected during the year amount to Rs. 2,155, which is smaller *Sale Room.* by Rs. 611-10-1 than the previous year. The decrease is due to the prevalence of plague at Karáchi and Bombay which prevented travellers from visiting India.

The usual statements are herewith sent.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Lahore Museum during 1897-9.

Receipts,			Expenditure.		
	Amount.	Total.		Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Balance in hand from last account	18 14 5		Pay of the Curator	1,200 0 0	
2. Government allowance	1,920 0 0		Pay of Regular Establishment	1,282 0 0	
3. Curator's pay @ Rs. 100 a month	1,200 0 0		Pay of extra establishment	149 8 0	
4. Contributions by the Lahore Municipality	135 0 0		Purchases during the year	77 9 0	
5. Famine allowance for two Farrashes for March 1897	3 0 0		Spent on making photographs	261 12 3	
6. Sale proceeds of Sculpture photographs	219 4 0		Printing and binding charges	16 1 0	
7. Amount advanced for fitting by the Museum and recovered from the Public Works Department.	106 4 3		Railway carriage of goods received, &c.	24 3 0	
8. Advance in hand from the Public Works Department for Imprest account	100 0 0		Service labels	10 0 0	
		3,702 6 8	Furniture, &c.	38 10 0	
			Miscellaneous.—Nails, tacks, blacksmith's wages, nephthaline, glue, spirits, coolies, turpentine, matches, dusters, dhobi, &c., &c.	226 15 0	3,286 10 3
			Balance in hand	415 12 5
Total		3,702 6 8	Total		3,702 6 8

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List of Presentations to the Lahore Central Museum for 1897-98.

No.	Description.	Presented by.
1	Eleven inscribed stones received through Dr. M. A. Stein. Two of these were found near Shahbáz Garhi and Shera Amazai territory.	Major Deane, c. s. i.
2	Two inscribed stones, one from a spring three miles from Abbottabad and the other from Dal Mohat on the Indus bank beyond Torbela in Abbottabad.	J. P. Rawlins, Esquire, District Superintendent of Police, Abbottabad.
3	Two inscribed kankar stones, one broken into two pieces. These stones came from Maira at the Bannu nearly off the Salt Range in the Jhelum District of the Punjab.	Ditto. ditto.
4	Inscribed stone found from a mound to the south of the village of Bhái Khán in Amazai territory.	Major Deane, c. s. i.
5	Inscribed stone from a mound near Shingri Village, Iláqa Gadun, close to Mahaban.	Ditto.
6	Inscribed stone in two pieces from a mound near Shingri Village, Iláqa Gadun, close to Mahaban.	Major Deane.
7	Inscribed stone ditto ditto ditto ...	Ditto.
8	Inscribed stone found on a hill near Ránikot, Iláqa Khudu Khel.	Ditto.
9	Inscribed stone ditto ditto ditto ...	Ditto.
10	Three inscribed stones found on the Mahaban hills in Tappa Umarza, Independent territory.	Ditto.
11	One Chinese tray in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, 1887, English make.	Mrs. Lincoln.
12	A case containing some beautiful eggs ...	B. G. Usher Esquire, Professor, Government College, Lahore.
13	One stuffed peacock ...	Lady Rattigan.
14	Specimen of a number of different languages of the world in which the British and Foreign Bible Society has printed and circulated the Holy Scripture.	F. H. Haing of the Punjab Bible and Religious Book Society, Lahore.
15	A copy of Magna Charta ...	Through Mrs. Preston.
16	Sculptured head found in Sikh temples at Amb near Sakroor in Shahpur District.	G. B. Bleazby, Esquire.
17	Anklets, four pairs, made of pewter.	
18	One symbolical coin found in the District Shwebo in Burma, described and figured by Captain Lalter in the journal Asiatic Society, Bengal, Volume XV, page 238, and by Sir Arthur Phayre in the International Numismata Orientalia.	Government of Burma.
19	Two silver coins of the Rája of Assam, <i>i. e.</i> Lakshin Siniha. ...	Asiatic Society, Bengal.
20	Three Aneha deadarn coins with Elephant and Ujjain symbol found in the Kristna District of the Madras Presidency.	Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras.
21	Four ancient coins found in the district of Angul detailed below— (a) One silver coin of the late Independent Sultáns of Bengal. (b) Two silver coins of the Brahmin dynasty of the Deccan, <i>viz.</i> — One of Feroze Shah. One of Ahmad Shah II. (c) Gold coin of Kalinga, year thirty-one.	Asiatic Society of Bengal.
22	Ten Gadhia coins of mixed metal, copper and silver, found at Kaira Gujrat.	Royal Asiatic Society, Bombay Branch.

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List of additions to the Lahore Museum by purchase during the year 1897-98.

No.	Description,	Prices.
		Rs. A. P.
1	Two brass Chandeliers	30 0 0
2	A set of Nepalese Coins	13 9 0
3	A gold and a silver coin	34 0 0 Ct
	Total	77 9 0

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*List of the Books and Pamphlets added to the Museum Library during the year
1897-98.*

No.	Description.	From whom.
1	Agricultural Statistics of the Lower Provinces of Bengal for 1895-96 ...	Bengal Government.
2	Agricultural Ledger Series	Government of India.
3	Archæological Survey of Western India, Gujrât Architecture, by James Burgess, C. C. E.	Ditto.
4	Annual Report of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Assam, for 1896-97.	Assam Government.
5	Annual Report of the Civil Veterinary Department, Bengal, for 1896-97	Bengal Government.
6	Annual Report of the Agricultural Farm, Dehra Dun	North-Western Provinces Government.
7	Annual Report of Government Experimental Farms, Poona and Surat, for 1896-97.	Bombay Government.
8	Annual Report of the Government Agri-Horticultural Gardens, Lahore	Punjab Government.
9	Annual Report of the Sibpur, Dumraon and Burdwan Experimental Farms for 1896-97.	Bengal Government.
10	Annual Progress Report of the Archæological Survey Circle, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, for 1897.	North-Western Provinces and Oudh Government.
11	Annual Report of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture for 1896-97, Bombay.	Bombay Government.
12	Annual Note on crop experiments carried out in Assam, 1896-97 ...	Assam Government.
13	Annual Report on the Provincial Museum, Lucknow, for 1897 ...	North-Western Provinces and Oudh Government.
14	The Bower Manuscript	Government of India.
15	Descriptive Catalogue of coins of the Indo-Scythian Sakas and Kushans, by A. Cunningham.	Government of India.
16	Kew Bulletin	Government of India.
17	Crop Experiments, Bombay Presidency, 1896 97 ...	Bombay Government.
18	Catalogue of the Indian Museum, Parts I and II ...	Government of India.
19	Epigraphia Indica, Volume III, Part 8th, and Volume IV, Parts 5th, 6th and 7th.	Government of India.
20	Epigraphia Indica, Volume V, Part I	Ditto.
21	Fauna of British India, Volumes I and IV	Punjab Government.
22	Final Report of Dr. J. Walter Leather, F. I. C. F., C. S., Agricultural Chemist to the Government of India.	Government of India.
23	List of Antiquarian remains in the Central Provinces and Berar, compiled by Henry Cenciuss, M. R. A. S.	Central Provinces and Berar Government.
24	Judicial and Administrative Statistics for British India for 1895-96 ...	Government of India.
25	Indian Monumental Inscription, Volume I, Bengal ...	Bengal Government.
26	Hand-book of Commerical Products, No. 10, 1897 ...	Government of India.
27	Monographs on Dyes and Dying in Bengal, by N. N. Banerjee ...	Bengal Government.
28	Monographs on Cotton and Woollen Fabrics in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts.	Hyderabad Government.
29	Memoirs of the Geological Survey of India, Volume XXVII, Part 2nd, Volume I, Part 2nd, Ser XVI and Volume I, Part 3rd.	Geology Department.
30	Monumental remains of the Dutch East India Company in the Presidency of Madras.	Madras Government.

*List of the Books and Pamphlets added to the Museum Library during the year
1897-98—concluded.*

No.	Description.	From whom.
31	Note on the Rail and River borne Trade of the Punjab for the quarter ending 31st March 1897.	Financial Commissioner, Punjab.
32	Note on the Rail and River-borne Trade of the Punjab for the quarter ending 31st December 1896.	Ditto.
33	Note on the Rail and River borne Trade of the Punjab for the quarter ending 30th September 1897.	Ditto.
34	Progress Report of the Archæological Survey of Western India for months of September 1895 to April 1896.	Government of India.
35	Progress Report of the Archæological Survey of Western India for the year ending 30th June 1897.	Ditto.
36	Revised list of Antiquarian remains in the Bombay Presidency, Volume VIII.	Bombay Government.
37	Returns of the Rail-borne Traffic of the Central Provinces during the quarter ending 30th September 1897.	Central Provinces Government.
38	Report on the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Burma, for 1896-97.	Government, Burma.
39	Resolution on the Management of the district gardens in the Central Provinces for 1896-97.	Central Provinces Government.
40	Report of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Bengal ...	Bengal Government.
41	Report of the Director of the Botanical Survey of India for 1896-97 ...	Government of India.
42	Report on the Nagpur Experimental Farm in the Central Provinces for 1896-97.	Central Provinces Government.
43	Resolution on the Management by Government of Private Estates in the Central Provinces for the Revenue year 1895-96.	Ditto.
44	Report on Sanskrit Manuscript in Southern India ...	Madras Government.
45	Report on Experimental Cultivation in the Southern Shan States for the year 1896-97.	
46	Return of the Rail-borne Traffic of the Central Provinces during the quarter ending 30th June 1897.	Central Provinces Government.
47	Report on the Internal Trade of the Punjab for 1896-97 ...	Punjab Government.
48	Report on the workings of the Cotton Duties Act during 1896-97 ...	Ditto.
49	Resolution on the Revenue Administration of the Central Provinces for 1895-96.	Central Provinces Government.
50	Report on the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Central Provinces, for 1895-96.	Ditto.
51	Report of the External Land Trade of the Punjab for 1896-97 ...	Punjab Government.
52	Records of the Geological Survey of India ...	Geology Department.
53	Report on the Administration of the Punjab and its Dependencies, 1895-96.	Punjab Government.
54	Statistical Atlas of India, 1895 ...	Government of India.
55	Selections from the Records of the Government of India (Home Department) No. C C X L II, Volume II, 1875-94.	Ditto.
56	The Remarks near Kasia in the Gorakhpur District, by Vincient A. Smith, I. c. s., 1896.	
57	The Tribes and Castes of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Volumes I, II, III and IV.	Central Provinces Government.
58	The Plants and Drugs of Sind, by J. A. Murray, Esquire ...	
	<i>Purchase.</i>	
1	Indian Antiquary.	

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