

GENERAL REMARKS.

I would again impress upon members the necessity for entering in the day-books provided upstairs and in the staff-room the works they may take out. Every book taken out without entering means grave inconvenience and possible loss. I repeat what I said last year, that it is most unfair that the Library officers should be blamed for being unable to find a volume, when all the time it has been removed from the Library shelves and never entered.

Rebinding is proceeding steadily on a systematic plan. A buckram binding, plain, stout, and useful, is being adopted for many magazines and periodicals which at one time were clothed in calf or morocco. The saving effected by the cheaper rebinding of books not in frequent use or of no great permanent value, assists me to rebind a large number of valuable works which sadly needed renovation.

A bronze plaster replica of a bust of the late Sir John Hall has been placed upon a suitable pedestal in the main reading-room.

As in former years, I have to express my thanks to the High Commissioner and his staff; to our London Agents, Messrs. Sotheran and Co. and Messrs. Street and Co.; to the various members of my staff; and to the Chairman of the Recess Committee, W. Fraser, Esq., M.P., who, as in former years, has manifested a continuous and deep interest in the general control of the Library.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

In an appendix will be found the Library balance-sheet for the year ended 31st March, 1910, with a copy of the auditor's certificate.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES WILSON,
Chief Librarian.

APPENDIX.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1910.

1909-10.					EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1910.				
Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 31st March, 1909		276	0	5	Purchase of books and periodicals in London, freight, and marine insurance		285	15	6
Treasury grant		600	0	0	Purchase of American periodicals		12	5	6
Treasury private Bill fees		50	0	0	Purchase of books, &c., locally		216	16	2
					Stamp imprest		10	0	0
					Insurance		18	0	0
					Extra papers and advertising		16	4	11
					Sundry small accounts		4	12	0
					Balance in Bank of New Zealand, 31st March, 1909		362	6	4
		£926	0	5			£926	0	5

COPY OF AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Account to the 31st March, 1910, has been examined and found correct, and the balance as shown is found to coincide with the bank pass-book.

R. J. COLLINS,
Controller and Auditor-General.

NOTE.—The balance shown at the end of the financial year (£362 6s. 4d.) will be exhausted (in meeting accounts current) before the receipt of this year's grant.

CHARLES WILSON, Chief Librarian.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (1,500 copies), £2 15s.

Price 3d.]

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