

MISCELLANEOUS.

The large oil-painting, by W. R. Wyllie, Esq., R.A., of the battleship "New Zealand," presented to the Dominion by the artist, and formerly being in the Library, has been removed from the wall on the main staircase, and is now, I understand, in the Dominion Museum. A fine oil-painting (an enlarged copy, by Mr. J. Macdonald, of the Museum staff) of a smaller portrait of Governor Hobson has been placed in the position formerly occupied by Mr. Wyllie's picture.

I desire to draw attention to the necessity for replacing the chairs in the downstairs rooms by new furniture. In the newspaper and sociology rooms there are hardly two chairs of the same pattern, and some are almost beyond adequate renovation. The shabbiness of the furniture in these rooms has more than once been the subject of remark by oversea visitors. It is to be hoped that during the recess the downstairs rooms will be furnished with a set of entirely new chairs of comfortable pattern.

I have to tender my thanks to the Chairman of the Joint Library Committee, G. J. Anderson, Esq., M.P., and the Chairman of the Recess Committee, the Hon. J. Rigg, M.L.C., each of whom has devoted much personal attention to the control of Library matters; also to the Government Printer and to the High Commissioner and his staff.

The Library orders for books and periodicals purchased in London have, as usual, received prompt attention from Messrs. Sotheran and Co. and Messrs. Street and Co.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

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

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CHARLES WILSON,
Chief Librarian.

APPENDIX.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
1913.			High Commissioner's imposts for books		
March 31.	Balance at the Bank of New		and periodicals	242	13 0
1914.	Zealand	521 11 6	Books and periodicals purchased locally ..	273	12 3
January.	Treasury—		American periodicals, newspapers, &c. ..	13	3 7
	Private Bill fees	125 0 0	Second-hand and other books bought at		
	Annual grant	600 0 0	auction sales	99	4 6
	Stamp impost refund	15 0 0	Fire insurance	18	0 0
			Extra newspapers, advertising, &c. ..	11	6 11
			Sundry small accounts	2	14 6
			Stamp impost	15	0 0
			Balance at Bank of New Zealand, less		
			unrepresented cheque, £1 16s. 6d. ..	585	16 9
		<u>£1,261 11 6</u>		<u>£1,261 11 6</u>	

Copy of Auditor's Certificate.

Account to the 31st March, 1914, has been examined and found correct, and the balance as shown, plus outstanding cheque, is found to coincide with the bank pass-book.

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

NOTE.—The balance shown at the end of financial year (£585 16s. 9d.) will probably be exhausted (in meeting current accounts and commitments) before the receipt of this year's grant.

CHARLES WILSON,
Chief Librarian.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (850 copies), £2 5s.