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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1969 - 1970

The Council has pleasure in presenting its Report on the affairs of the Society for the year 1st May 1969 to 30th April 1970.

COUNCIL

Mr. H. Blair Bannister, being the Member of the Council who had served longest, retired under Article V Section 6. Mrs. Elsie Payne, Ph.D., was elected to the vacancy thus created.

MEMBERSHIP

At 1st May 1969 there were 466 members on the roll of the Society and on 30th April 1970 there were 480, comprising Founder Members 1, Honorary Members 2, Life Members 50, Annual Members 287, Firm & Company Members 13 and 128 Associate Members. The Council is anxious to increase the Membership of the Society and asks Members to help in so doing. The following were elected to Membership of the Society during the year:

FIRM & COMPANY MEMBER

Messrs. Manning & Co. Ltd.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Mr. Nigel Barrow
Dr. K. Codell Carter
Mr. Kenneth V. Eckardt
Dr. Henry Fraser
Mr. Ralph M. C. Greenidge
Mr. James H. Halpin
Mr. David Hanschell

Mrs. S. M. Kupchan
Mr. C. K. Laurie
Mr. Sergei Mengarelli
Mr. Donald Palmer
Mr. Chalmer St. Hill
Mrs. P. S. Virden
Mrs. E. E. Webster

ASSOCIATES

Mrs. M. J. Blon
Miss Ann Toppin

Miss V. R. Ashby
Mr. B. Sandiford

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council deeply regrets to record the death of Mr. E. M. Shilstone, O.B.E., a Founder Member who was Hon. Secretary of the Society from 1933-1959 and President of the Society from 1959-1961. The Society owes Mr. Shilstone an irreparable debt for his work on its behalf. The Council also regrets to record the death of three Annual Members; Mr. Leonard Knight, Mr. R. Bruce Skeete and Mr. Henry A. C. Thomas.

EXHIBITIONS

During the year the following exhibitions were held: School Children's Art Exhibition, the Society's Collection of Paintings, Recent Acquisitions, School Children's Handicrafts, Haitian Paintings, Orchid Circle Exhibition, Contemporary Art and one man exhibitions by J. A. Gairdner and Robert J. MacLeod.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mr. E. Graham Gooding M.A., gave a talk at the Annual Meeting of the Society on "Historical Relics in the Flora of Barbados".

The Barbados National Trust, the Barbados Weather Observers Association, the Barbados Horticultural Society, the Cactus Society, the Orchid Circle and the Barbados Civic Circle all held meetings at the Society's Headquarters.

VISITORS

H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone visited the Orchid Exhibition at the Museum. Among the other visitors to the Museum were a group from the Society of Architectural Historians, Friends of the American Museum in England and the Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation Dr. Malcolm Adiseshiah and other UNESCO representatives.

SOCIETY'S HEADQUARTERS

The Council wishes to express its appreciation to Government for the Annual Grant and for funds provided to enable the Ministry of Communications and Works to carry out repairs at these Headquarters. The verandah to the east of the office and work room which was destroyed by hurricane "Janet" in 1955 has been replaced. This is a great improvement as the verandah roof has been raised and it enables visitors to keep under cover on rainy days. The Society carried out minor repairs amounting to \$651.78.

MUSEUM & LIBRARY

During the year the Society received a highly important gift to the Library, namely the collection of maps of Barbados and the West Indies formed by the late Eustace Maxwell Shilstone donated by Mrs. E. M. Shilstone. Mrs. Shilstone also generously presented to the Society the collection of West India in Mr. Shilstone's Library which the Society's Library did not already possess. Mrs. Shilstone's gift included 26 maps and 17 photostats, 54 books, 67 pamphlets and diaries, notebooks and files containing historical and genealogical material.

Other gifts included a number of specimens of glass and china from Miss Ailsa Fleming; Mr. Jack Warmington added to his former gifts an important collection of 19th century glass as well as other specimens. From Major S. F. Cave 4 photostats relating to the Garrison Buildings. Mrs. Katherine Jenkins gave a silver tea spoon about 1800, a Stevenson plate 1810-35, and a milk glass swan salt cellar c. 1880. Mr. Lawrance Greaves gave a plate of Rye pottery commemorating the Investiture of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, 1969 and Mr. A. G. Nanton a collection of stone implements from St. Vincent.

Dr. E. M. McConney continued his work on the Nominal Index of the Journal. This painstaking work has proved most valuable to the Museum.

JOURNAL

Two Journals and two Bulletins were published during the year. The Council wishes to thank advertisers for advertising in the Journal.

For Christmas the Society sold Christmas cards with reproductions of two prints in the Cunard Gallery. This proved to be popular amongst our members and it is hoped to repeat this again.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

During the year groups from 11 schools attended classes held at the Museum. Illustrated talks were given on "Oil", "The Geology of Barbados", and "Volcanoes". The total number attending these classes was 1030.

The School children's Art Exhibition and the School-children's Handicrafts Exhibition were held during the year. The latter exhibition received less exhibits than usual.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS FUND

Purchases made by means of this Fund were chiefly to fill gaps in the Society's collection. For this reason the specimens purchased cost considerably more than was the case a few years ago, owing to the rise in the cost of antiques. A Meissen cabaret of about 1830 consisting of a coffee pot, milk jug, sugar bowl, cup and saucer and tray of about 1830 was among the purchases. Other purchases included specimens of glass, Chinese export ware, etc.

The Council wishes to thank the following for donations to this fund: Messrs. W. Blair, H. Dunphy, R. B. Fiske, Authur Hart, Mrs. K. S. Hochschild, Mrs. B. Hickson Smith, Miss K. Langwill, Mr. P. R. J. Maw, Miss E. Seale, Messrs. R. M. & R. H. Scrivener Ltd., per Mr. R. H. Scrivener, Smale's School per Mrs. Smale, Ronald Tree Esq. Captain H. A. Thorne E.D., Mrs. Robert van den Bergh, Mrs. Larry Valenstein, Mrs. Virginia D. Ward, Mr. Dudley P. K. Wood, Mrs. E. A. Whitford & Dr. Zimmerman.

DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

The Council records its grateful thanks to the Barbados Government for its Annual Grant. To Mr. & Mrs. George Ingham for a donation with which to purchase two showcases. Donations from Barbados Light & Power Co. Ltd., Mt. Gay Distilleries Ltd., West India Rum Refinery Co., Ltd., Mrs. J. A. Haynes, Mrs. H. W. Ince, Mr. S. Strouse and Dr. E. M. McConney were also gratefully received.

The Society received a bequest of \$1,000.00 from Mr. L. E. Howard-Taylor, a former Life Member, and a bequest of \$480.00 from Miss Olive Inniss. The Simpson Fund of \$240.00, 3% Savannah Club Debentures, was paid up during the year and the proceeds placed in a fixed deposit at Barclays Bank D.C.O.

The Council is again indebted to Messrs. Pannell, Fitzpatrick & Co., the Society's Honorary Auditors for freely giving its services.

VOLUNTARY HELP

The Council is grateful for voluntary help with the Journal to Mrs. H. W. Ince, who also wrote a number of labels for specimens during the year, much admired by visitors to the Museum, and for help with exhibitions to Mrs. F. Godson, Mrs. F. D. Gittens, Mrs. H. W. Ince, Mrs. S. L. Inniss, Mrs. E. J. Parry, Miss K. Hollinsed and Mr. H. Connell.

ATTENDANCE

During the year 14,954 persons visited the Museum, an increase of 414 persons. Gate receipts showed an increase of \$325.50.

C. C. SKEETE,

17th June, 1970

Acting-President

THE BARBADOS MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR
TO 30TH APRIL 1970

1969

\$10,261	Opening Balances at 1st May 1969	\$10,410.28
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS

288	Children's Museum	429.49
1,398	Museum Collections Fund	1,251.55
(1,537)	Barbados Museum & Historical Society	....		4,670.26
<u>\$10,410</u>				<u>\$16,761.58</u>

CLOSING BALANCES AT 30TH APRIL 1970

\$ 1,532	Barclays Bank D.C.O. — Current Accounts			\$ 1,952.39
2,578	— Savings Accounts			6,434.12
	Barclays Bank D.C.O. — Deposit Accounts			
2,128	Sugar Gallery Fund	....	....	2,235.00
—	Life Members	....	....	1,000.00
—	E. Howard Taylor Bequest	....	....	1,000.00
—	Simpson Fund	....	....	250.00
—	Olive Inniss Bequest	....	....	500.00
3,488	The Barbados Government Savings Bank	....		3,222.36
684	Cash in Hand	....	....	167.71
<u>\$10,410</u>				<u>\$16,761.58</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the above Summary of Receipts and Payments from the books and records produced to us and certify it to be correctly drawn up in accordance therewith.

PANNELL FITZPATRICK & CO.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

BARBADOS.

12th June 1970

THE BARBADOS MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR TO 30TH APRIL 1970

<u>1969</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
\$ 1,080	Life Members	\$ 120.00
1,935	Annual Members	2,115.53
232	Associate Members	238.00
325	Firm & Company Members	350.00
		2,823.53
\$ 3,572	Government Grant	18,188.00
18,188	Donations & Bequests	2,491.62
96	Sundry Receipts	262.96
102	Gate Receipts	1,881.25
1,556	Sale of Journal, Guides, etc.	2,950.04
981	Exchange	379.83
355	Discount of Sale of Stamps	124.56
98	Interest	989.15
646	Advertising in Journal & Guides	460.98
460	Artists' Sales	4,148.59
2,089	Commission on Artists' Sales	744.60
414	Report Archaeological Conference	79.60
—	Excess of Payments over Receipts	—
1,537		
		\$35,524.71
\$30,094		

<u>1969</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
\$ 7,680	Director's salary	\$ 7,680.00
2,040	Museum Assistant's salary	2,040.00
1,300	2nd Museum Assistant's salary	1,560.00
360	Entertainment Allowance	360.00
		\$11,640.00
\$11,380	Wages	3,776.36
3,180	Printing & Posting Journals & Bulletins	4,182.34
1,906	Stationery & Postage	441.14
509	Water rates	148.80
129	Insurance	817.11
744	Electric Light	484.60
458	Winding & Maintenance of clocks	180.00
180	Telephone	112.50
107	Subscriptions to Journals & Associations	79.76
69	Equipment purchases and repairs	112.67
614	Miscellaneous expenses	103.30
175	Upkeep of Library	6.00
299	Advertising	84.40
236	Repairs to Building	651.78
507	Maintenance	2,457.28
2,188	Artists, sales	4,321.91
1,865	Jubilee Gallery floor & lavatories	—
3,010	Government Debentures 7% 1980/82	—
297	Museum Guide	—
2,241	Prints, Post cards and Christmas cards	1,085.50
—	Showcases	169.00
—	Excess of Receipts over Payments	4,670.26
		\$35,524.71
\$30,094		

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS

Life Members' Account, Barbados Government	5¾%
" " " " "	6¾%
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Dowding Bequest — Government of Australia	5½%
Howell Clarke Bequest — Barbados Government	6¾%

HELD AT 30TH APRIL 1970

Bonds	1968/75	\$ 800.00
Debentures	1978/83	500.00
Debentures	1980/85	300.00
Debentures	1981/86	300.00
Debentures	1980/82	800.00
Stock	1977/80	2,440.00
Debentures	1978/84	500.00
		\$5,640.00

**THE BARBADOS MUSEUM
MUSEUM COLLECTION FUND**

**& HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FOR YEAR TO 30TH APRIL 1970**

<u>1969</u>						<u>RECEIPTS</u>
\$1,583	Donations	....	....	....	....	\$1,063.02
3	Interest	....	....	....	....	38.83
348	Sale of Plants	....	....	....	....	247.08
—	Sales	....	....	....	....	1,195.96
<u>\$1,934</u>						<u>\$2,544.89</u>

<u>1969</u>						<u>PAYMENTS</u>
\$ 383	Purchases	....	....	....	....	\$1,293.09
1	Sundries	....	....	....	....	.25
152	Advertising open houses	....	....	....	....	—
1,398	Excess of Receipts over Payments	....	....	....	....	1,251.55
<u>\$1,934</u>						<u>\$2,544.89</u>

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FUND FOR

\$ 960	Government Grant	....	....	....	....	\$ 960.00
7	Interest	....	....	....	....	21.56
10	Unclaimed prizes	....	....	....	....	—
—	Sundries	....	....	....	....	1.52

YEAR TO 30TH APRIL 1970

\$ 240	Salary — Guide Teacher	....	....	....	....	\$ 240.00
10	Stationery	....	....	....	....	37.50
10	Postage	....	....	....	....	16.44
14	Advertising Exhibitions	....	....	....	....	37.40
	Prizes — School children's Exhibition					
188	Arts and Handicrafts	....	....	....	....	202.00
227	Equipment	20.25
288	Excess of Receipts over Payments	429.49

\$ 977

\$ 983.08

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