



THE BULLETIN OF THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1963—1964

The Council has pleasure in presenting its Report on the affairs of the Society for the year 1st May 1963 to 30th April 1964.

COUNCIL

Under Article V, section 6, C. C. Skeete Esq., O.B.E., being the Member of the Council, other than an Officer, who had served the longest number of years, retired from the Council. In his stead, H. B. Bannister Esq., was elected; otherwise the council remained unchanged.

MEMBERSHIP

At 1st May 1963 there were 416 members on the roll of the Society, and on 30th April 1964 there were 389, comprising Founder Members 2, Honorary Members 2, Life Members 37, Annual Members 236, Firm and Company Members 9 and Associate Members 103.

The following were admitted to Membership of the Society during the year:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Lieut. Comm. G. A. Briggs
S. K. Chapman Esq.
P. M. Welch Esq.
Mr. Ray Byrne
Mr. K. O. Tunberg
Dr. C. H. A. Walton

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. L. C. Gittens

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council deeply regrets to record the death of V. C. Knight Esq., and Sir William Fitzherbert, Bart., Life Members; of Rev. A. E. Armstrong, C. S. Greaves Esq., John Hammond Esq., J. A. Haynes Esq., H. H. Inniss Esq., Mrs. Gwen King, Dr. W. B. Pollard, E. A. Reece Esq., and Paul Sheldon

Esq., Annual Members, and of Herbert Bayley Esq., an Associate Member.

EXHIBITIONS & LECTURES

The following Exhibitions were held: Cunard Collection of West Indian Prints, Schoolchildren's Art and Handicrafts, Contemporary Art, Paintings by local artists, one-man shows by Sybil Atteck, A. A. Bellott and Dorothea Wiedmann; Tropical Architecture in the Commonwealth and University Paperbacks, both staged by the British Council; Fiehl Reproductions lent by Messrs. William Fogarty, Ltd., and schoolchildren's posters and Christmas cards staged by the Alliance Francaise de la Barbade.

Lectures were given at Meetings of the Society by Arthur Pratt Esq., on "Portugal" and by Professor Sydney Dash, O.B.E. on "Windmills and Copper Walls of Barbados."

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Barbados Arts Council, the Barbados Horticultural Society, the Orchid Circle, the Cactus Circle, the Barbados National Trust and the Women's Civic Circle all used the Society's premises for holding meetings.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

The Children's Gallery was opened by Mrs. Errol Barrow on 6th April. The Council is grateful to the **Bajan** Magazine for donating the diorama depicting the "Public Market" and to J. M. G. Simpson Esq., for donating the diorama of "Charles Fort". Further donations to the diorama depicting "The visit of H.R.H. Prince Alfred to Speightstown" were received from Miss E. Laurie, Mrs. Morris Skinner and Miss B. Sinckler. The Children's Gallery is already proving an added attraction.

Eleven schools sent groups to classes held each term in the Children's Museum. Talks illustrated by an epidiascope and Museum specimens were given on "The Little Seven", "The Geology of Barbados" and a "visit to the Children's Gallery". The total attendance was 883 children. Art classes for schoolchil-

dren were held at Harrison College each term by kind permission of the Headmaster. The total attendance was 726.

In November the Annual Exhibition of Schoolchildren's Art and Handicrafts was held. The number of exhibits in each section continues to increase. \$173.00 was awarded in prizes. The increase in the number of exhibits severely taxes the Society's small staff and voluntary helpers and in the coming year it is proposed to separate the Art and Handicrafts and to hold two exhibitions instead of one.

ART DEPARTMENT

The Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art organised by this Department during February — March showed an increase in the number of works sold over the two previous years.

Out of the commission earned on the sale of paintings etc., in recent years, a range of cells in the Curator's Courtyard has been reconditioned to form a new storeroom at a cost of \$1,376.30. The storeroom vacated will thus be available for conversion into a gallery to house the Cunard collection of prints. An application has been made by the Council to Government for funds to carry out the necessary conversion and to air-condition this gallery.

SOCIETY'S HEADQUARTERS.

The Council records its appreciation to Government for funds provided so that the Public Works Department were able to re-decorate two rooms in the Curator's Quarters, lay a cement floor in the Hall Gallery owing to the wooden floor being eaten by termites, and re-roof the Jubilee Gallery which was leaking badly.

The Barbados Horticultural Society generously contributed one half the wages of a gardener to help with the grounds.

MUSEUM & LIBRARY.

During the year several gifts were made to the Museum and Library. Mr. George Ingham added to his previous gifts an especially interesting paperweight with an intaglio portrait of Sir Winston Churchill K.G., O.M., made for the American Paperweight Association by the Baccarat Co. Mr. Tree presented a framed watercolour of the Battle of the Saintes 1782 with the names of the English and French ships taking part. Mr. Dudley P. K. Wood gave a coloured lithograph of Needham's Point 1813, and an engraving of H. E. Sir George Beckwith, Governor of Barbados, 1810—1815, and 19 hand-coloured plates from Griffith Hughes, *The Natural History of Barbados* 1750. A gift of much local interest was that of 3 small cannon formerly used by Michael Cavan's

ships — the predecessor of Messrs. Gardiner Austin Co. Ltd., for saluting, about 1800, which were donated by Bruce Austin Esq.

Dr. E. M. McConney, who has completed the index of Volume XV of the Journal of the Society sent a copy of his labour of love to the Library, where it and the preceding indices are very useful.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS FUND

The Museum Collections Fund made purchases of specimens during the past year amounting to \$683.65. The Council wishes to thank especially Mr. & Mrs. Jack Skinner for kindly donating \$42.78, part of the proceeds of opening their home "Bay Mansion" to the public. The Council is indebted to C. C. Shepherd Esq., and Ronald Tree Esq., for donations to this fund.

During the year the number of acquisitions to the museum and Library amounted to 140, of which 53 were acquired by purchase and 87 by gift.

JOURNAL

The November 1963 issue of the Journal is the latest to be published. The Council is grateful to advertisers for their continued support. Two Bulletins were published during the year.

DONATIONS

The Council would like to thank the following for donations towards the work of the Society:

Miss V. Law
Barbados Light & Power Co. Ltd.
West India Rum Refinery Ltd.
Miss Nell Manning
Mount Gay Distilleries Ltd.

ATTENDANCE

During the year 9,433 persons visited the Museum.

AUDITORS

The Council wishes to record its grateful thanks to Messrs. Fitzpatrick Graham & Co., the Society's Honorary Auditors.

VOLUNTARY HELP

The Council is grateful for voluntary help in connection with the Journal to Mrs. H. W. Ince; in connection with exhibitions to Mrs. D. A. Clarke, Miss K. Hollinsed, Mrs. H. W. Ince, Mrs. J. Walcott and Mr. H. C. Connell; to Mrs. Evelyn Robinson for drawing specimens for catalogue purposes and to Mrs. H. W. Ince for her continued help in printing labels.

W. A. YEARWOOD
Vice President,
15th June, 1964.

THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1964.

1/1/62 —
30/4/63

\$4,851	Opening Balance at 1st May, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	\$4,545.35
	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS						
263	Art Department	...	...	...	...	\$ —
—	Barbados Museum & Historical Society — General Account	...	...	...	...	1,059.16	
—	Museum Collections Fund	...	...	...	...	440.91	1,500.07
<u>\$5,114</u>							<u>\$6,045.42</u>
	LESS						
	EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS						
166	Barbados Museum & Historical Society — General Account	...	...	...	...	\$ —
344	Museum Collections Fund	...	...	...	...	—
59	Children's Museum	...	...	...	...	146.05	
—	Art Department	...	...	...	...	1,186.35	1,332.40
<u>\$4,545</u>							<u>\$4,713.02</u>
	CLOSING BALANCES AT 30TH APRIL, 1964						
\$ 714	Barclays Bank D.C.O. — Current Account	...	...	...	...	\$ 334.77	
198	Barclays Bank D.C.O — Savings Account	...	...	...	...	1,635.17	
3,208	The Barbados Government Savings Bank	...	...	...	...	2,254.48	
425	Cash in Hand	...	...	...	...	488.60	
<u>\$4,545</u>							<u>\$4,713.02</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We hereby certify that we have prepared the above Summary of Receipts and Payments from the books and records furnished us, and certify it to be correctly drawn up in accordance therewith.

FITZPATRICK GRAHAM & CO.

HON. AUDITORS.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

11th June, 1964.

ART DEPARTMENT

1/1/62 -
30/4/631/1/62 -
30/4/63

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

\$ 62 Interest	\$ 57.62	\$ 57 Transport & Freight of Pictures	\$ 46.50
2,820 Artists' Sales	1,811.93	8 Postage	2.44
344 Commission on Artists' Sales	266.57	166 Advertising & Duplicating	57.13
165 Gate — Contemporary Art		2,799 Artists' Work Sold	1,864.69
Exhibition	109.27	42 Miscellaneous Expenses	89.17
1 Sundry Receipts	4.49	— New Storeroom	1,376.30
— Excess of Payments over		57 Repairs to Fixtures & Fittings	—
Receipts	1,186.35	263 Excess of Receipts over	
		Payments	—
<u>\$3,392</u>	<u>\$3,436.23</u>	<u>\$3,392</u>	<u>\$3,436.23</u>

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

1/1/62 -
30/4/631/1/62 -
30/4/63

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

\$ 960 Government Grant	\$ 960.00	\$ 320 Salary — Guide Teacher ...	\$ 240.00
8 Interest	3.65	385 Art Teachers' Fees	290.00
924 Donations to Children's Gallery		17 Sundries & Exhibits	9.25
Fund	233.81	1,139 Children's Gallery	683.26
34 Donations under Deed of		7 Postage	12.25
Covenant	68.00	13 Advertising & Duplicating ...	14.50
46 Sundry Receipts	10.75	150 Prizes — Children's Art and	
59 Excess of Payments over		Handicrafts Exhibition	173.00
Receipts	146.05		
<u>\$2,031</u>	<u>\$1,422.26</u>	<u>\$2,031</u>	<u>\$1,422.26</u>

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS FUND

\$1,907 Donations	\$ 392.78	\$2,342 Purchase of Exhibits	\$ 683.65
87 Sales	700.00	14 Travelling & Transport	3.85
64 Interest	35.79	45 Miscellaneous Expenses	—
344 Excess of Payments over		1 Postage ... ..	.16
Receipts	—	— Excess of Receipts over	
		Payments	440.91
<u>\$2,402</u>	<u>\$1,128.57</u>	<u>\$2,402</u>	<u>\$1,128.57</u>

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 YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1964

GENERAL ACCOUNT

1/1/62 — 30/4/63		1/1/62 — 30/4/63	
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
\$ 420	Life Members ...	\$ 7,000	Director's Salary ...
3,351	Annual Members ...	2,080	Museum Assistant's Salary ...
397	Associate Members ...	390	Entertainment Allowance ...
450	Firm & Company Members ...		
			\$ 5,520.00
			1,680.00
			360.00
			\$ 7,560.00
640	Donations — Museum ...	2,213	Wages ...
159	" — Cunard Gallery ...	3,713	Printing and Publishing Journals ...
		295	Stationery and Postage ...
		170	Water Rates ...
		202	Insurance ...
		199	Electric Light ...
10,040	Government Grant (Recurrent) ...	45	Winding and Maintenance of Clocks ...
2,900	" " (Non Recurrent) ...	132	Telephone ...
		82	Subscriptions to Journals and Associations ...
		2,460	Purchase of and Repairs to Equipment ...
54	Sundry Receipts ...	641	Miscellaneous Expenses ...
820	Gate Receipts ...	26	Upkeep of Library ...
		68	Advertising ...
		950	Purchase of Government Bonds ...
801	Sale of Journals & Guides ...	47	Purchase of Post Cards ...
552	Exchange ...	165	Transfer to Art Department ...
65	Discount on Sale of Stamps ...	1,660	Showcases ...
326	Interest ...	48	Payment in Error — Art Department ...
780	Advertising in Journal ...	30	" " — Children's Museum ...
500	Sale of Painting ...		Transfer to Museum Collections Fund ...
145	Refunds ...		Ceiling Jubilee Gallery ...
50	Covenants ...		Cunard Gallery ...
166	Excess of Payments over Receipts ...		Excess of Receipts over Payments ...
		\$ 17,183.94	
		\$ 22,616	\$ 17,183.94

