BOROUGH OF LEICESTER
MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

COMMITTEE.



SIXTEENTH REPORT

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

From 1st April, 1905, to

LEICESTER:

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Use of Collections.

There was an increased demand on the part of students, teachers, and others, for the loan of specimens for educational purposes. To some, grants of duplicate specimens were made.

The collections, principally the insects, shells and local bird groups, were also, as in previous years, made use of by individuals, and parties of students in the charge of their teachers, for the purpose of drawing and sketching. This is done systematically by some of those visiting the institution regularly, and the experience gained is proving of material advantage in the subsequent work of the pupils who thus utilize the collections.

In addition, permission was granted to a number of persons to reproduce by photography the objects in the cases. These included Invertebrates and some Archæological objects.

Visits by Schools.

The number of students from schools and other centres who visited the institution during the years 1905-7 is a satisfactory proof of its growing usefulness, many of them having paid successive visits with a view to studying sections of the exhibits in a systematic manner. As pointed out by the Staff, this is the way to derive real benefit therefrom.

Many donations will be found in the appended lists of acquisitions, and the Committee desires to cordially thank the donors, amongst whom should be mentioned:—MR. W. Bell, DR. F. W. Bennett, MR. H. N. Dixon, M.A., F.L.S., Messrs. Ellis and Everard, Mrs. F. L. Foord-Kelcey, Messrs. A. Laxton Hames, W. E. Nicholson, F.L.S., and E. Pattison, Dr. J. R. Plant, The Rev. H. P. Reader, M.A., Mr. C. E. Stretton, c.e., and Mr. C. Stretton, A.R.I.B.A.