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REPORT.

THE Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, have the pleasure of presenting this, their Second Annual Report, with copies of their Charter, Constitution, By-Laws, the letters received presenting property to the Museum, and the Report of the Treasurer.

The large and valuable collections, which it was announced in their last Report had been purchased in Europe, have been received during the past year in perfect order, and are now safely deposited in the Arsenal Building in Central Park.

They comprise the entire Museum of the late Prince Maximilian, of Neuwied, Germany, one of the most celebrated private collections in Europe, and especially valuable to the scientific investigators of zoology on account of the large number of *types*, it contains, the results of the Prince's extensive explorations in South America, and rare specimens secured during a long life devoted to this branch of Natural History ; also the Mammals and Siberian birds, numbering **250** specimens, purchased of M. Vedrey, in Paris, and nearly all the selection, comprising **220** mounted Mammals, **2,800** mounted birds and **400** mounted skeletons of mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes from the great collection of the late Edward Verreaux, of Paris.

The Elliot collection of birds, consisting chiefly of North American species and comprising over **2,500** specimens, have been carefully mounted by Mr. John G. Bell, and placed on mahogany stands.

The **10,000** specimens of Lepidoptera presented by Mr. Coleman T. Robinson, and the **4,000** specimens of beetles and insects of other orders, donated by Baron R. Osten Sacken, have also been deposited in the Museum, and are now being prepared for exhibition to the public.

Mr. R. A. Witthaus, Jr., has presented a fine collection of foreign beetles, which he is carefully labelling and placing in the insect cases on the second floor.

In addition to the collections presented by Mr. Robinson, he has accepted the position of Curator of Entomology, without compensation. The Trustees are also under many obligations to Baron Osten Sacken who has rendered valuable assistance in the arrangement of the departments embracing his collection.

The Trustees have been ably seconded in their laborious duties connected with the organization and development of the various departments of the Museum, by Professor Albert S. Bickmore, whose energy in carrying out the views of the Trustees, has contributed largely to its present means, and we therefore take pleasure in recognizing his great usefulness.

It is with special pleasure that the Trustees are able to report that the Department of Public Parks have approved their plans for cases, and that they

are already completed. The Commissioners have caused the second and third stories to be ceiled, painted and rendered very attractive, and have prepared a convenient room for the Trustees and their Committees on the first floor, and also three well appointed work-rooms in the fourth story, where the Curators are arranging and labelling the specimens to be placed on exhibition.

The Trustees would also express their thanks to Hon. Henry Hilton, for his uniform courtesy and the personal interest he has displayed in the success of the institution.

The living animals on the first story have been removed, and the whole building thoroughly cleansed. The stoves formerly used to heat the building have been replaced by steam apparatus, and every precaution taken to preserve the Museum property from the possibility of damage by fire.

The Curators have been very greatly assisted in arranging and providing for the preservation of the collections by the kindness of the Superintendent, the Superintending Architect, and other executive officers of the Department at the Arsenal.

Valuable donations of Mollusca have been received from Professor Bickmore, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Haines and Mr. Steward, and other specimens from other generous donors, as shown in the appended list.

A petition signed by many of our most prominent citizens, was presented to the Legislature of the State, during its present session, asking that "the Department of Public Parks be authorized to erect

a suitable fire-proof building upon the public lands in the city under their charge, for the establishment and maintenance therein of a Museum of Natural History by The American Museum of Natural History, at an aggregate cost of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars," and the Trustees have the pleasure to state that through the courtesy and kind interest of the Department of Public Parks, a section in conformity to the petition was introduced into the bill pertaining to the Public Parks of the City, and that it has become a law, which section we annex to our Report.

Hon. Peter B. Sweeny, President of the Department of Public Parks, has also promised his influence to secure due consideration of our views and plans in carrying into effect the provisions of the above law.

We have therefore, every encouragement to expect that in the immediate future our brightest anticipations will be realized ; and relying upon a continuance of that generous support so freely extended to us heretofore, that our Museum will become worthy of the great metropolis it will adorn, and hoping soon to have it opened not only as an attraction for visitors from all parts of the United States, but as a school in which our own children as well as strangers will acquire information, of which they would otherwise be deprived, we feel that too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of the institution as a means of public education.

The Trustees therefore appeal to all who have at heart the interests of our city, for the means for the future development of our institution.

JOHN DAVID WOLFE,

President.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

Secretary.

All communications should be addressed, AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, CENTRAL PARK, NEW-YORK.

INCORPORATION.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

Passed April 6, 1869.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. John David Wolfe, Robert Colgate, Benjamin H. Field, Robert L. Stuart, Adrian Iselin, Benjamin B. Sherman, William A. Haines, Theodore Roosevelt, Howard Potter, William T. Blodgett, Morris K. Jesup, D. Jackson Steward, J. Pierpont Morgan, A. G. P. Dodge, Charles A. Dana, Joseph H. Choate, and Henry Parish, and such persons as may hereafter become members of the corporation hereby created, are hereby created a body corporate, by the name of "The American Museum of Natural History," to be located in the City of New-York, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in said city a Museum and Library of Natural History ; of encouraging and developing the study of Natural Science ; of advancing the general knowledge of kindred subjects, and to that end of furnishing popular instruction and recreation.

SEC. 2. Said Corporation shall have power to make and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, and to make rules and regulations for the admission, suspension, and expulsion of its members, and their government, the number and election of its officers, and to define their duties, and for the safe keeping of its property, and, from time to time, to alter and modify such Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. Until an election shall be held pursuant to such Constitution and By-Laws, the persons named in the first section of this Act, shall be, and are hereby declared to be the Trustees and Managers of said Corporation and its property.

SEC. 3. Said Corporation may purchase and hold, or lease any real and personal estate necessary and proper for the purposes of its incorporation, provided they shall not hold real estate which shall exceed one hundred thousand dollars in value.

SEC. 4. Said Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the restrictions and liabilities prescribed in the Third Title of the Eighteenth Chapter of the First Part of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

{ SEAL. } Given under my hand and seal of office at the city of Albany, this fourteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

D. WILLERS, JR.,
Deputy Secretary of State.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held at the residence of Theodore Roosevelt, Esq., April 8, 1869, the above charter was unanimously accepted by a majority of the Trustees.

AN ACT

TO DONATE TO THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY A COLLECTION FROM THE DUPLICATE SPECIMENS OF NATURAL HISTORY BELONGING TO THE STATE.

PASSED MAY 8, 1869, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The curator of the State Cabinet, under direction of the regents of the university, is hereby authorized to select from the duplicate specimens of natural history belonging to the State, and those which the State may acquire, and from all other specimens of natural history which may be disposed of by the regents or the State, the first and best series of specimens, subject, however, to the rights of other institutions under existing laws, and label the same with their proper scientific names, and present them in the name of the State to the American Museum of Natural History, in the City of New-York, all of which is to be done at the expense of said Museum.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, } ss. :

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

{ SEAL } Given under my hand and seal of office, at the City of Albany, this seventeenth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

D. WILLERS, JR.,

Deputy Secretary of State.

EXTRACT

FROM LAW RELATIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

§ 2. The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in the City of New-York, is hereby authorized to contract, erect, and maintain in and upon that portion of the Central Park formerly known as Manhattan Square, or any other public park, square or place in said city, a suitable fire-proof building for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therein, under suitable rules and regulations, to be prescribed by the said Board from time to time, a Museum and Gallery of Art, by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, incorporated by chapter one hundred and ninety-seven, laws of eighteen hundred and seventy, or other institutions of like character ; also, a suitable fire-proof building for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therein, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the said Board from time to time, a Museum of Natural History, by the American Museum of Natural History, incorporated by chapter one hundred and nineteen, laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, or other institutions of a like character, at an aggregate cost not exceeding a sum of which the annual interest at the rate of interest at which a fund or stock shall be issued, is thirty-five thousand dollars for each of said buildings, for the use of said corporations or other institutions of a like character ; and it shall be the duty of and lawful for the Comptroller of the City of New-York to create and issue in the manner in this Act provided, such additional amounts of a public fund or stock, to be denominated the "Museums of Art and Natural History stock," as shall be necessary to provide the money required for erecting said buildings be an amount not exceeding the aforesaid limitations.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Corporation shall be styled the AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

ARTICLE II.

The several persons named in the Charter, and such others as they may add to their number, which shall not exceed twenty-five in all at one time, shall be the Trustees to manage the affairs, property and business of the Corporation, and in case of the death, accepted resignation, or removal from the State of any Trustee, a new Trustee shall be elected to fill his place by the remaining Trustees; but no election of a Trustee shall be held except at a quarterly meeting of the Trustees, on written notice of not less than one week, specifying that such election is to be held, and the vacancy which is to be filled; and every election of Trustees shall be by ballot, and no person shall be deemed to be elected a Trustee unless he shall receive the votes of at least three-fourths of the Trustees present.

ARTICLE III.

The Trustees shall meet quarterly on the second Monday of every February, May, August and November, at an hour

and place to be designated on at least one week's written notice from the Secretary, and shall, annually, at the quarterly meeting in November, elect the officers and committees for the ensuing year. They shall also meet at any other time to transact special business on a call of the Secretary, who shall issue such call whenever requested so to do, in writing, by five Trustees or by the President, and give written notice to each Trustee of such special meeting, and of the object thereof, at least three days before the meeting is held.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the said Corporation shall be a President, a First and Second Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, an Executive Committee, an Auditing Committee, and a Finance Committee, all to be elected from the Trustees. All these officers shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors shall be elected.

The election of officers shall be by ballot, and the persons having a majority of the votes cast, shall be deemed duly elected.

ARTICLE V.

The President, and in his absence, the First or Second Vice-President, shall preside at all the meetings of the Museum and of the Trustees.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Trustees, of the Executive Committee, and of the Auditing Committee, and shall preserve the seal, archives and correspondence of the Museum, shall issue notices for all meetings of the Trustees, and attend the same.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Museum. He shall keep the accounts of the Museum in books belonging to it, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Trustees. He shall report in writing,

at each quarterly meeting of the Trustees, the balance of money on hand, and the outstanding obligations of the Museum, as far as practicable; and shall make a full report, at the annual meeting, of the receipts and disbursements of the past year, with such suggestions, as to the financial management of the Museum, as he may deem proper.

ARTICLE VI.

The Executive Committee shall consist of five, who shall have the control and regulation of the Collections, Library and other property of the Museum; and shall have power to purchase, sell and exchange specimens and books, to employ agents, to regulate the manner and terms of exhibiting the Museum to the public, and generally to carry out in detail the directions of the Trustees; but the Executive Committee shall not incur any expense or liability for the Museum exceeding two thousand dollars at one time, or exceeding, in all, ten thousand dollars, in the interval between the quarterly meetings of the Trustees, without the express sanction of the Trustees.

ARTICLE VII.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of three, and it shall be their duty to examine and certify all bills presented against the Corporation; and no bills shall be paid unless first approved in writing by at least two members of this Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Finance Committee shall consist of three, including the Treasurer, and it shall be their duty to take charge of and invest the funds of the Museum in its name, and to take all proper measures to provide means for its support.

ARTICLE IX.

A majority of the Trustees for the time being shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but five Trustees meeting may adjourn and transact current business, subject to the subsequent approval of a meeting at which a quorum shall be present.

ARTICLE X.

By-Laws may, from time to time, be made by the Trustees, providing for the care and management of the property of the Corporation, and for the government of its affairs.

Such By-Laws, when once adopted, may be amended at any meeting of the Trustees by a vote of a majority of those present, after a month's notice in writing of such proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XI.

The contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars to the funds of the Museum at one time, shall entitle the person giving the same to be a Patron of the Museum.

The contribution of one thousand dollars, at one time, shall entitle the person giving the same to be a Fellow in Perpetuity.

The contribution of five hundred dollars, at one time, shall entitle the person giving the same to be a Fellow for Life.

Any person may be elected by the Trustees to either of the above degrees, who shall have donated to the Museum Books or Specimens to the value of twice the amount in money requisite to his admission to the same degree, and the President and Secretary shall issue Diplomas accordingly, under the seal of the Museum. The Trustees may also elect Honorary Fellows of the Museum in their discretion.

All persons receiving such degrees and diplomas shall be entitled, at all times, to free admission to the Museum and its Exhibitions, but shall not, by virtue of such degrees or diplomas, become members of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII.

No alterations shall be made in this Constitution, unless at a regular quarterly meeting of the Trustees ; nor by the votes of less than two-thirds of all the Trustees ; nor without notice in writing of the proposed alteration, embodying the amendment proposed to be made, having been given at a regular meeting.

NEW-YORK, December 23, 1869.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq., *Comptroller of the Central Park* :

DEAR SIR—The Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History having purchased the extensive collection of Mammals, Birds, Fishes, &c., belonging to the late Prince of Neuwied, the Elliot collection of Birds, besides a part of the Verreaux and other collections of specimens of Natural History, desire to know if the Commissioners of the Central Park will receive them on deposit within the Central Park, and they would suggest the following as the conditions upon which they would like to deposit them, namely :

First—The Commissioners of the Park to provide accommodations in the two upper stories of the building known as the Arsenal and such other rooms as shall from time to time be necessary for the exhibition of the collections deposited by the American Museum, and shall cause them to be furnished with glass cases suitable for the preservation and exhibition of such collections.

Second—The Trustees of the American Museum to employ their own Curators for the care and arrangement of their collection, and to pay them their salaries, all such persons to be subject to the regulations of the Park Commissioners.

Third—The Police force for the protection of the property and the employees for the cleansing and general care of the rooms to be employed and paid by the Park Commissioners.

Fourth—The Trustees and Curators of the American Museum to have free access at all reasonable times to the rooms occupied by their collections.

Fifth—The collections so deposited to be exhibited to the public at least three days in the week in the name of the American Museum of Natural History, the Trustees to have the right to close the collections at such times as shall be necessary for the arrangement and rearranging of the specimens, subject to the regulations of the Park Commissioners.

Sixth—The collections already acquired, and those which may from time to time be acquired and so deposited, to remain the property of the American Museum of Natural History, to be removed by them immediately after the expiration of six months' previous notice in writing to the Commissioners of the Park, or within six months after receiving a written notice from the Commissioners, asking them to withdraw their property from the Park.

Awaiting the favor of an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. A. HAINES, *Chairman Executive Committee.*

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CENTRAL PARK, BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING,
31 NASSAU ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1870. }

DEAR SIR—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo, relating to the deposits of certain collections with the Park Commissioners by the American Museum of Natural History. The terms upon which it is proposed to make these deposits are such as will, I think, secure the object that the Museum and the Park Commissioners equally desire, to wit, an establishment that shall afford opportunity for popular instruction and amusement, and for the advancement of the Natural Sciences. If the plan which insures and combines in this enterprise the interests and means of the private citizen, with those of the public, is productive of all the good results that may reasonably be expected, it will probably be made at once an example and incentive for uniting the energies of those interested in other branches of science and art in similar undertakings.

In accepting these extensive and valuable collections on the conditions specified, permit me to express, on behalf of the Park Commissioners, their high appreciation of the enlightened sentiment that has provided so generously for all interested in this department of science, and, at the same time, the hope that this auspicious beginning may, by the continued augmentation of similar liberalities, become an unequalled treasury of science alike honorable to the public spirit of the citizens by whom it has been inaugurated, and an indispensable aid to those engaged in efforts to increase the knowledge of the science that it is intended to illustrate.

Very respectfully and truly,

ANDREW H. GREEN, *Comptroller of the Park.*

W. A. HAINES, Esq.,

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum.

The above was confirmed by the action of the present Board, per letter below, in answer to our inquiry addressed to the Honorable Peter B. Sweeney, President of the Department of Public Parks.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
81 NASSAU STREET,
NEW-YORK, June 14th, 1870. }

W. A. HAINES, Esq.,

Chairman Executive Committee American Museum, of Natural History :

SIR—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Department of Public Parks, held this day, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the arrangements made by the late Central Park Commissioners with the American Museum of Natural History, and all matters pertaining thereto be referred to Commissioner Hilton, with power to carry out the same, procure the necessary cases, prepare the second and third floors of the Arsenal building for the Exhibition, and make the necessary arrangement therefor.

Respectfully,

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

C. D. P. P.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New-York :

The undersigned, citizens of the City of New-York, respectfully petition that authority may be given to the Department of Public Parks in said city to erect suitable fireproof buildings upon the public lands in said city under their charge, for the establishment and maintenance therein of a Museum of Art by THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, incorporated by Act of April 13, 1870, and a Museum of Natural History by the AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, incorporated by Act of April 6, 1869, at an aggregate cost not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars for each corporation.

JOHN DAVID WOLFE.....	13 Madison Avenue.
JOHN TAYLOR JOHNSTON.....	8 Fifth Avenue.
JAMES BROWN.....	38 East 37th Street.
ROBERT L. STUART.....	154 Fifth Avenue.
WILSON G. HUNT.....	82 White Street.
S. J. TILDEN.....	15 Gramercy Park.
WM. C. BRYANT.....	Roslyn L. I.
ROBERT COLGATE.....	14 West 23d Street.
D. JACKSON STEWARD.....	150 Fifth Avenue.
E. D. MORGAN.....	411 Fifth Avenue.
ADRIAN ISELIN.....	23 East 26th Street.
WILLIAM T. BLODGETT.....	182 Broadway.
BENJ. H. FIELD.....	21 East 26th Street.
JOHN A. DIX.....	8 West 21st Street.
I. N. PHELPS.....	229 Madison Avenue.
JAMES STOKES.....	37 Madison Avenue.
RICHARD MORTIMER.....	20 East 23d Street.
SAMUEL B. F. MORSE.....	5 West 22d Street.
JAMES B. COLGATE.....	22 East 23d Street.
DARLING, GRISWOLD & CO.....	Fifth Avenue Hotel.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.....	Canal Street.
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W. M. HALSTED.....	584 Fifth Avenue.
WM. S. GAIDLER.....	8 East 23d Street.
B. H. HUTTON.....	144 Duane Street.
D. WILLIS JAMES.....	Park Avenue, 39th Street.
W. E. DODGE, JR.....	262 Madison Avenue.
BENJ. B. SHERMAN.....	16 West 20th Street.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.....	28 East 20th Street.
EDWARD MATTHEWS.....	101 Fifth Avenue.

MORTON, BLISS & CO.....	30 Broad Street.
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JAMES M. BROWN.....	31 East 30th Street.
HOWARD POTTER.....	37 East 37th Street.
A. A. LOW.....	31 Burling Slip.
W. A. HAINES.....	376 Broadway.
S. H. WALES.....	520 Fifth Avenue.
RICHARD BUTLER.....	45 West 46th Street.
J. F. KENSETT.....	Association Building.
C. L. TIFFANY.....	255 Madison Avenue.
WILLIAM S. ANDREWS.....	7 Murray Street.
GEORGE OPDYKE.....	50 West 47th Street.
PARKER HANDY.....	22 West 10th Street.
JOHN H. HALL.....	63 Park Avenue.
WM. L. ANDREWS.....	16 East 38th Street.
WILLIAM J. HOPPIN.....	878 Broadway.
SAMUEL G. WARD.....	103 Madison Avenue.
LUCIUS TUCKERMAN.....	220 Madison Avenue.
GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS.....	Roslyn, L. I.
HENRY G. MARQUAND.....	21 West 26th Street.
HENRY CLEWS.....	42 Wall Street.
ROBERT HOE, JR.....	29 West 19th Street.
WM. H. RAYNOR.....	137 West 42d Street.

NEW-YORK, *June 27, 1870.*

WILLIAM A. HAINES, Esq., }
Chm. Ex. Com., Am. Mus. Nat. Hist. }

DEAR SIR:—Allow me to present to the American Museum of Natural History, through you, a collection of land and freshwater shells, collected in Switzerland and Wurtemberg.

Yours very respectfully,

FRANK DAULTE.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *April 16, 1870.*

To the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History.

GENTLEMEN:—Having received from Col. Nicholas Pike, U. S. Consul at Mauritius, some bones of that extinct bird, the Dodo, I take pleasure in presenting the most complete set of them to you for the Museum.

Yours respectfully,

J. CARSON BREVOORT.

NEW-YORK, *Sept. 1, 1870.*

W. A. HAINES Esq., }
Chairman Ex. Committee. }

DEAR SIR:—I desire to present to the American Museum of Natural History my collections contained in thirteen boxes now placed in the Arsenal Building, Central Park.

They comprise a part of the shells and alcoholic mollusca which I collected during my travels in the East Indian Archipelago ; also four skeletons of the sea otter from Alaska. The alcoholic collection contains most of the species found on the shores of Amboyna and the three islands adjacent, in sufficient numbers to afford ample material for studying their anatomy. It was chiefly to obtain such specimens and to ascertain beyond a doubt their precise *habitat*, that I travelled to the Molluccas.

Respectfully yours,

ALBERT S. BICKMORE.

NEW-YORK, *Sept.* 29, 1870.

W. A. HAINES, Esq.

DEAR SIR :—I have taken the liberty of directing to your care the package herewith sent. It contains copies of my two works on the Fossils of South Carolina, to be presented to the Library of the American Museum of Natural History, now in course of formation at the Park.

Very respectfully yours,

FRANCIS S. HOLMES.

NEW-YORK, *Nov.* 1, 1870.

To the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History.

GENTLEMEN :—I wish to give the Museum a Conchological Collection consisting of about one thousand species, represented by four thousand specimens. Yours very respectfully,

COLEMAN T. ROBINSON.

NEW-YORK, *April* 8, 1871.

To the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History.

GENTLEMEN :—I beg you to favor me by accepting a small collection of exotic coloeleptera, which I herewith present to the museum.

Hoping that this small contribution will soon be lost among others, I remain yours respectfully,

R. A. WITTHAUS, JR.

NO. 9 EAST 32D STREET, }
NEW-YORK, *April* 10, 1871. }

To the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park, N. Y. :

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith beg your acceptance of the following donation to the Conchological Department of the American Museum of Natural History : 50 species, 100 specimens of shells from my own collection.

Wishing you every success, I remain very respectfully yours,

ALBERT STORER.

PATRONS,

By the payment of twenty-five hundred dollars.

JOHN DAVID WOLFE,
JAMES BROWN,
ALEX. T. STEWART.

FELLOWS IN PERPETUITY,

By the payment of one thousand dollars.

ROBERT L. STUART,
WILLIAM A. HAINES,
WILLIAM T. BLODGETT,
D. JACKSON STEWARD,
WILLIAM E. DODGE,
PETER COOPER,
WILLIAM ASPINWALL,
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D. WILLIS JAMES,
EDWARD MATHEWS,
RICHARD ARNOLD.

FELLOWS FOR LIFE,

By the payment of five hundred dollars.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN,
BENJAMIN H. FIELD,
HOWARD POTTER,
CHARLES W. GRISWOLD,
SAMUEL F. B. MORSE,
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SAMUEL HAWKS,
BENJAMIN AYMAR,
JOHN SNEDEN.

MEMBERS FOR LIFE,

By the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars.

HENRY PARISH,
HENRY L. BARBEY,
THEODORE W. RILEY,
ROBERT B. MINTURN,
C. N. POTTER.

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HOWARD POTTER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

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1870.	
Mounting Elliott Collection and Labor on European Collections.....	\$1,894 12
Purchases in Europe.....	1,118 75
Printing.....	255 10
Insurance.....	21 25
Architect's Bills.....	355 00
Salaries.....	2,303 92
Freight and Expenses on European Collections.....	1,813 16
Dec. 31, Balance.....	762 36
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	8,523 66
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1870.	
By Balance per Account, Cash 31st Dec., 1869.....	\$3,101 83
Cash from W. G. Hunt.....	200 00
" " Gouveneur Kemble.....	500 00
" " Edward Mathews.....	1,000 00
" " Robert L. Stuart.....	1,000 00
" " Alexander Stuart.....	1,000 00
" " James Lenox.....	1,000 00
" " Robert L. Stuart.....	603 11
Dec. 31, Interest.....	118 72
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	\$8,523 66

Examined and Approved.

ROBERT COLGATE, }
HENRY PARISH. } *Auditing Committee.*

