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The Trustees serving for the past year have been Messrs. W. H. Brearley, D. M. Ferry, T. W. Palmer, L. T. Ives, F. Stearns, Wm. A. Moore, Don M. Dickinson, Jas. McMillan, and S. R. Mumford, elected by the corporation, and Messrs. Richard Storrs Willis, C. B. Hubbard, and Geo. S. Davis, appointed by the city.

The Trustees have held eleven meetings.

At a meeting held November 12, it was voted to have medals struck, to be presented to Messrs. Frederick Stearns and James E. Scripps, as souvenirs of their exceptional generosity towards this institution. Designs for these medals have been prepared by Mr. Lewis T. Ives, and the medals themselves will be completed in June.

On January 16 the large picture, entitled "Evangeline," by Samuel Richards, was presented to the Museum by Mr. Bela Hubbard, and was accepted by the Trustees. At the same meeting a committee was appointed to lay before the mayor, common council and board of estimates the pecuniary necessities of the institution, with the great benefit it is and always will be to the public, and to solicit in its behalf a moderate annual appropriation.

On April 23 this committee reported that the expected appropriation had not yet been voted, but that the application would probably have its effect in the future.

On the same date it was decided to close the Museum on Sunday afternoons during the summer months, it having been found that at that period of the year the visitors are chiefly strangers and excursionists.

by Miss Emma S. Hutchins, of Memphis, Tenn.; and a terra cotta bust by the Detroit Sketch Club. The Michigan Natural Gas Company also contributed \$25 towards the cost of introducing natural gas into the school building.

There have been also a number of contributions to the library, which will be acknowledged in a forthcoming catalogue.

The number of persons visiting the galleries for the past year was 14,351, against 16,030 for the previous year. The turnstile receipts, however, were \$841.12, against only \$670.25 for the previous year, thus showing a large increase in paid admissions.

The need of increased space for exhibits is seriously felt. The Stearns collection alone should have double the space it now occupies; a hall for the casts of antique statuary, which are now comparatively hidden away in the school rooms, is needed; there should be a room provided for the Scripps collection, so that the large gallery can be employed for temporary exhibits, and a room is required also for the permanent exhibition of the Balch autotypes.

The new year opens with a movement for the erection of a \$30,000 wing for the relief of this pressure, and it is understood that three citizens have offered \$5,000 each, provided three others will do likewise.

Owing partly to the lack of space, but two special exhibitions have been held the past year. In June was opened an exhibition of paintings, the work of American artists, at which there were exhibited 255 canvases of high average quality, and 97 water colors. Unhappily, neither did the increased turnstile receipts meet the expense of bringing the collection together, nor were there many sales of pictures.

Later in the year Mr. Albert Kahn made an interesting exhibition of 50 architectural drawings, executed by him during a year spent in travel in Europe.

The art schools have been regularly maintained through

The Executive Committee have held 25 meetings during the year, the rule being to meet at the Museum on Monday afternoons at 4 o'clock, for the immediate direction of the affairs of the institution.

Mr. A. H. Griffith has continued his services as Acting Director through the year, with great satisfaction to the Trustees. On September 2, in order to retain him, it was found necessary to increase his salary to \$150 per month.

The principal additions to the art collections during the year have been :

The picture "Evangeline," by Samuel Richards, presented by Mr. Bela Hubbard, valued by the artist at \$6,000.

An elegant and appropriate frame for the picture, "The Marriage of St. Catherine," given to the Museum by Pope Leo XIII., contributed by Richard Storrs Willis, Chas. W. Casgrain, Jas. L. Edson, Alex. Chapoton, Sr., Jeremiah Dwyer, Francis Palms, Thos. F. Griffin, Mrs. Ellen Hammond, James Keena, and Wm. Y. Hamlin. The frame is valued at \$250. The picture was also admirably cleaned by Mr. L. T. Ives, without expense to the Museum.

Several new frames for pictures of the Scripps collection have been contributed by Mr. James E. Scripps, to the value of \$125.

Among other donations of the year have been 80 photographs of objects in the Cesnola collection, presented by W. H. Brearley; 24 frames for photographs; photographs of J. G. Brown, F. K. M. Rehn, Julius Melchers; three reproductions of original drawings by Samuel Richards; 22 large photographs of the masterpieces of American art in the Corcoran Art Gallery, presented by the gallery; a shadow box presented by the Detroit Picture Frame Company; two frames, by Geo. R. Angell; two casts for use of school, by the Women's Club, of Detroit; a gold frame and shadow box, by Hanna & Noyes; a clock, by Black & Connolly; a water-color drawing, framed,

classes have been under the care of Mr. Joseph W. Gies, who has proved a most invaluable teacher. His private interests, however, have led to his resignation and removal to New York, where he will practice his profession. The Trustees are in negotiation with a gentleman of reputation to succeed him.

The Elmwood Cemetery Association offered a prize of \$10 for the best design for a gateway, and the same was awarded to Mr. H. Jackson.

Other prizes offered to the students have been \$25 and \$10 for the best pen and ink sketches, offered by the publishers of *Current History*; one of their finest stoves for the best design suited to their work, offered by the Peninsular Stove Company; \$25, \$15 and \$10 cash prizes for the best stove designs, offered by the Michigan Stove Works, and a set of drawing instruments offered by George R. Angell, for the best work in the architectural class. None of these have yet been competed for.

The faculty of the school for the past year has comprised:

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| Life and advanced antique..... | Joseph W. Gies. |
| Primary antique..... | Alexander Murray. |
| Decorative design..... | Miss Mary McMaster. |
| Modeling..... | Heinrich Vollbracht. |
| Architectural drawing..... | George W. Nettleton. |
| Children's classes..... | Mrs. E. G. Holden. |

the year in all the various branches of drawing from the antique and life, modeling in clay, decorative design and architectural drawing, with six professors. The whole number of pupils in attendance on the various classes, has been as follows:

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| Life classes | 20 |
| Antique..... | 91 |
| Elementary..... | 43 |
| Decorative design..... | 16 |
| Modeling..... | 8 |
| Architecture..... | 16 |

Twenty-five of these pupils studied in two classes, the actual number of different students attending being 169.

As will be seen by the financial report, the school fell far short of being self-sustaining. This was partly owing to some of the least productive classes being continued despite the fact that they involved loss; partly from the reduced scale, of tuition fees adopted a year ago, and partly from the number of free scholarships granted by the Trustees. It is anticipated, however, that the coming year will make a more satisfactory showing.

In May last a committee of two, Wm. Vanderpoel, of the Chicago school, and Mr. McLean, of the Cincinnati school, awarded the Scripps scholarship of \$1,000 for two years' study abroad to Charles Waltensperger, who will proceed to Paris in September next, circumstances having prevented his going last September. It was hoped that other citizens would offer similar scholarships for the past and successive years, but none have yet done so.

In September, five free scholarships for a year's study were awarded to as many of the most promising pupils in the public schools, and the recipients at once entered the classes. This award has created great interest in drawing in the public schools, and it is intended to continue the system.

During the past year the advanced antique and life

The regular revenues and expense of maintenance have been as follows :

| RECEIPTS. | |
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| Tuition | \$1,747 35 |
| Admission to galleries | 841 12 |
| Interest | 693 63 |
| Annual memberships..... | 810 00 |
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| | \$4,092 10 |
| EXPENSES. | |
| Salaries of Acting Director, Clerk and Janitor.. | \$2,814 65 |
| Salaries of teachers | 2,698 63 |
| Exhibitions | 986 97 |
| Printing and advertising..... | 461 49 |
| Heating and lighting..... | 549 09 |
| Models..... | 343 25 |
| All other expenses | 836 36 |
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| | 8,690 44 |

Net deficit

\$4,598 34

To meet the deficit, it will be observed that what had been hoped would prove the nucleus of an endowment fund has been encroached upon to the extent of \$5,000.

In the last report of the Trustees the value of the property of the corporation was estimated as follows :

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| Land and buildings | \$83,666 00 |
| Contents, works of art, furniture, etc..... | 130,099 00 |
| Cash and notes..... | 12,248 71 |
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| Total | \$226,013 71 |

The value of the additions to the art collections during the past year has been.....

6,500 00

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| Diminution in cash resources | \$232,513 71 |
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| | 4,122 76 |

Net assets of corporation, May 1, 1892.....

\$228,390 95

Financial Report for 1891-2.

Balance in treasury per last annual statement \$3,248 71

RECEIPTS.

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| Tuition fees..... | \$1,747 35 |
| Sale of school supplies..... | 109 03 |
| Admission to galleries..... | 841 12 |
| Catalogues (included in admission)..... | |
| Subscriptions to school building paid..... | 750 00 |
| Interest..... | 693 63 |
| Annual memberships..... | 810 00 |
| Investments called in..... | 5,000 00 |
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| | 9,951 13 |

\$13,199 84

EXPENDITURES.

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| Teachers' salaries..... | \$2,698 63 |
| Models..... | 343 25 |
| Prizes to students..... | 27 00 |
| Salaries Assistant Director, Clerk and Janitor... | 2,814 65 |
| Expense of June exhibition..... | 986 97 |
| Light..... | 229 01 |
| Fuel..... | 320 08 |
| Laundry..... | 32 03 |
| Postage..... | 168 25 |
| Water taxes and street sprinkling..... | 30 50 |
| Printing reports and catalogues..... | 229 75 |
| General printing and advertising..... | 231 74 |
| Repairs and alterations..... | 83 34 |
| General expenses..... | 490 24 |
| Expense of introducing natural gas..... | 50 00 |
| Frames, costumes and casts..... | 15 35 |
| Library..... | 18 10 |
| Cost of plans for building extension..... | 300 00 |
| Tuition fee refunded..... | 5 00 |
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| | 9,073 89 |

Balance May 1, 1892..... \$4,125 95

In hands of Treasurer..... \$4,124 45

In hands of Acting Director..... 1 50

\$4,125 95

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| Allan Shelden. | Mrs. Wm. L. Crane. |
| Mrs. Grace Palmer Rice. | R. R. Goodell. |
| Jas. H. Vhay. | Ford H. Rogers. |
| W. J. Burton. | Samuel E. Pittman. |
| John N. Bagley. | Rev. Reed Stuart. |
| F. J. Schwankovsky. | John P. Fleitz. |
| G. W. Chandler. | J. L. Hudson. |
| Wm. Y. Hamlin. | Geo. H. Russell. |
| Oliver D. Goodell. | Geo. Hendrie. |
| Chas. W. Casgrain. | Mrs. J. B. Mulliken. |
| E. H. Butler. | Jos. D. Clark. |
| Mrs. John J. Bagley. | Geo. H. Barbour. |
| George Dingwall. | A. C. Miller, M. D. |
| Theo. H. Eaton. | Geo. E. Wasey. |
| Dr. Morse Stewart. | O. W. Shipman. |
| Sidney D. Miller. | Phillip Breitmeyer. |
| Frederick Stearns. | Stephen Pratt. |
| F. K. Stearns. | Geo. Whitney Moore. |
| Rev. H. P. DeForest. | F. J. Towar. |
| Mrs. W. H. Wells. | Bruce Goodfellow. |
| John H. Bissell. | Mrs. H. Dudgeon |
| Geo. B. Remick. | James T. Hurst. |
| Leon Coquard. | Caroline Godfroy. |
| Mrs. D. L. Filer. | Oliver Goldsmith. |
| | Total, 88. |

Annual members contribute \$10 a year to the support of the institution. They are entitled to free entrance to the Museum at any time when open, including all special exhibitions, receptions, lectures and private views, for themselves, families and non-resident guests.

Trustees for 1892-3.

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| Thomas W. Palmer..... | Term expires 1893 |
| Lewis T. Ives..... | “ “ 1893 |
| Frederick Stearns..... | “ “ 1893 |
| William A. Moore..... | “ “ 1894 |
| Collins B. Hubbard..... | “ “ 1894 |
| Don M. Dickinson..... | “ “ 1894 |
| James McMillan..... | “ “ 1895 |
| George S. Davis..... | “ “ 1895 |
| Samuel R. Mumford..... | “ “ 1895 |
| James E. Scripps..... | “ “ 1896 |
| Bela Hubbard..... | “ “ 1896 |
| Richard Storrs Willis..... | “ “ 1896 |

Members of the Corporation.

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Russell A. Alger. | William A. Moore. |
| Clara A. Avery. | Samuel R. Mumford. |
| Henry P. Baldwin. | Simon J. Murphy. |
| George W. Balch. | Cyrenius A. Newcomb. |
| William H. Brearley. | Thomas W. Palmer. |
| Mrs. W. H. Brearley. | Joseph Perrien. |
| Christian H. Buhl. | James E. Scripps. |
| Don M. Dickinson. | George H. Scripps. |
| James L. Edson. | Allan Shelden. |
| Charles Endicott. | Mrs. E. C. Skinner. |
| Fred. E. Farnsworth. | Mrs. H. H. H. Crapo Smith. |
| Dexter M. Ferry. | Martin S. Smith. |
| John L. Harper. | Frederick Stearns. |
| Mrs. E. G. Holden. | Mrs. J. T. Sterling. |
| Bela Hubbard. | Edward W. Voigt. |
| Collins B. Hubbard. | Hiram Walker. |
| Lewis T. Ives. | E. Chandler Walker. |
| George V. N. Lothrop. | John L. Warren. |
| James McMillan. | David Whitney, Jr. |
| George F. Moore. | Mrs. R. Storrs Willis. |

List of Annual Members for 1892.

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| George N. Brady. | E. W. Meddaugh. |
| Mrs. Kinzie Bates. | Marvin Preston. |
| J. F. Joy. | J. G. Dickinson. |
| Calista G. Hart. | E. G. Swift. |
| W. H. Brearley. | Frederick T. Sibley. |
| Wm. J. Chittenden. | A. W. McVittie. |
| Frank J. Hecker. | R. Storrs Willis. |
| C. H. Buhl. | Miss Clara Avery. |
| E. C. Walker. | W. R. Candler. |
| E. W. Pendleton. | Mrs. Jeremiah Dwyer. |
| Wm. Look. | Ralph Phelps, Jr. |
| Hon. H. P. Baldwin. | W. C. McMillan. |
| Mrs. H. H. H. Crapo Smith. | Hugh McMillan. |
| Wm. A. Moore | Gen. R. A. Alger. |
| Geo. G. Booth. | V. K. Moore. |
| D. M. Ferry. | Henry Plass. |
| C. A. Newcomb. | Jas. L. Edson. |
| Bela Hubbard. | L. E. Clarke. |
| Joseph Perrien. | E. T. Barnum. |
| George V. N. Lothrop. | T. F. Griffin. |

- Hine, Kittie, Detroit.
 Henkel, Lucille, Detroit.
 Hall, Miss G. P., Detroit.
 Hall, Miss, Detroit.
 Harvey, Fred., Detroit.
 Hendrie, Sallie, Detroit.
 Harris, Miss D. B., Detroit.
 Heywood, L., Detroit.
 Higginson, S., Detroit.
 Harris, Mrs., Detroit.
 Harris, J., Detroit.
 Irvine, John, Detroit.
 Jahn, E., Detroit.
 Jahn, Fred. A., Detroit.
 Jackson, H. W., Detroit.
 Jarves, Marion, Detroit.
 Johnston, Geo., Detroit.
 Kohler, Miss, Detroit.
 Keen, Miss, Detroit.
 Kuhn, Leona, Detroit.
 Kimball, Mrs., Port Austin.
 Kuhn, Guido, Detroit.
 Leipsiger, Mr., Detroit.
 Leonard, Edna, Detroit.
 Lang, Jas., Detroit.
 Lewis, F. B., Detroit.
 Lewis, J. A., Detroit.
 Lowe, A., Detroit.
 Leighton, Miss, Armada.
 Lamont, Mr., Detroit.
 Maurice, Edith, Detroit.
 Moeller, John, Detroit.
 McKay, Murray, Detroit.
 Miller, Miss, Detroit.
 Mumford, Thos., Detroit.
 Michaels, Miss Nellie, Detroit.
 Monchamp, N., Detroit.
 Maslin, Mr., Detroit.
 Merz, Chas., Detroit.
 Milton, A., Detroit.
 Manning, J. W., Detroit.
 Mumford, Gertrude, Detroit.
 Moran, V., Detroit.
 Moloney, T. P., Detroit.
 Miller, W. B., Detroit.
 McWilliams, Robert, Detroit.
 McPherson, John, Detroit.
 McLoughlin, E., Detroit.
 McKay, Miss, Detroit.
 Newberry, Catherine, Detroit.
 Nicholson, Miss, Detroit.
 Nearey, Maggie, Detroit.
 O'Brien, J. D., Detroit.
 Perkins, Miss M. S., Detroit.
 Perrier, Miss Julia, Detroit.
 Potter, Harry, Detroit.
 Proschaski, James, Detroit.
 Patee, F. A. M., New Boston.
 Parker, Marian S., Detroit.
 Paltus, Kerwine, Detroit.
 Peugeot, Miss S., Detroit.
 Pike, B., Detroit.
 Phillip, J., Detroit.
 Parsons, Chas., Detroit.
 Reeg, Miss, Detroit.
 Rogers, Wm., Detroit.
 Reisher, L. T., Detroit.
 Radcliffe, Miss, Detroit.
 Raper, Henry, Detroit.
 Scranton, Miss L., Detroit.
 Schuck, A. G., Detroit.
 Scripps, Grace M., Detroit.
 Santee, M., Scranton, Pa.
 Snyder, Louise, Petoskey.
 Sporer, B., Detroit.
 Soper, Jas., Detroit.
 Staggs, Mr., Detroit.
 Sterling, J., Detroit.
 Schneider, C., Detroit.
 Stanton, Miss, Oxford.
 Taylor, Ned, Detroit.
 Taylor, Walter, Detroit.
 Traver, Chas. W., Ann Arbor.
 Turnbull, Miss N., Detroit.
 Vickery, O., Sandstone.
 Walsh, J., Detroit.
 Waltenasperger, Chas., Detroit.
 Williams, Chas., Detroit.
 Woodruff, J., Detroit.
 Warren, Gertrude, Detroit.
 Wiley, Miss Gertrude, Detroit.
 Wilde, Harry, Detroit.
 Wilby, Carlton, Detroit.
 West, Thos., Detroit.
 Wheaton, Ruth, Detroit.
 Woodruff, J., Detroit.
 Wilebrantz, Mr., Detroit.
 Wunch, C., Detroit.
 Zabroski, C., Detroit.
 Ziegler, Miss, Detroit.
 Young, Clara, Detroit.

Total, 169.

Officers for 1892-3.

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| <i>President</i> | THOMAS W. PALMER |
| <i>Vice-President</i> | JAMES McMILLAN |
| <i>Secretary</i> | COLLINS B. HUBBARD |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | SAMUEL R. MUMFORD |
| <i>Acting Director</i> | ARMOND H. GRIFFITH |

Regular Trustee Meetings.

On the second Saturdays of July, October, January and April, at

3 P. M.

List of Students for 1891-2.

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| Adams, Miss E., Detroit. | Correy, George, Detroit. |
| Anderson, A., Detroit. | Conney, Miss, Detroit. |
| Allen, Mr. R., Grosse Isle. | Corbett, Marie, Detroit. |
| Allis, Mr. Harry, Detroit. | Carstens, Hattie, Detroit. |
| Atkinson, L. W., Detroit. | Cooper, Miss, Leesville. |
| Beyer, A., Detroit. | Campbell, Vasey, Port Austin. |
| Barlor, M., Detroit. | Corby, Miss W., Detroit. |
| Bateson, Miss M., Detroit. | Carter, Julia, Detroit. |
| Bryant, Edna, Detroit. | Clark, J. S., Detroit. |
| Barnard, Mary, Detroit. | Coles, A., Detroit. |
| Bissell, Alice, Detroit. | Davis, Bert, Detroit. |
| Bissell, Blanche, Detroit. | Dufrene, Mary, Detroit. |
| Blaine, B., Detroit. | Davis, Miss, Detroit. |
| Benson, S., Detroit. | Davis, Maud, Jackson. |
| Ball, Walter, Detroit. | Davis, Chas. B., Detroit. |
| Bates, Mr., Detroit. | Eberts, Miss N., Detroit. |
| Blass, R., Detroit. | Fay, B. F., Detroit. |
| Burger, Ed., Detroit. | Fair, T. S., Detroit. |
| Boutelle, May, Detroit. | Farrand, Miss, Detroit. |
| Brown, Miss Isabelle, Detroit. | Foster, Harry, Detroit. |
| Burke, A., Detroit. | French, Miss, Fort Wayne. |
| Bishop, Florence, Flint. | Fuller, Mr., Detroit. |
| Beard, Mrs. B., Marquette. | Fairbairn, Marion, Detroit. |
| Bradshaw, A. J., Cheboygan. | Fuller, A. W., Detroit. |
| Baker, I. R., Detroit. | Gibbons, Thos., Detroit. |
| Brandon, Miss, Detroit. | Gibbons, Geo., Detroit. |
| Brady, Hugh, Detroit. | Gibbons, Chas., Detroit. |
| Bateson, R., Detroit. | Gibson, Thos., Detroit. |
| Bamford, Miss, Detroit. | Grenier, E., Detroit. |
| Clark, Miss Nellie, Detroit. | Griffin, Claude, Detroit. |
| Christie, Miss D., Detroit. | Goodison, Bertha, Ypsilanti. |
| Cullen, J., Detroit. | Hesselbacher, Miss J., Detroit. |
| Chamberlain, Chas., Dexter. | Hart, Miss Marion, Detroit. |
| Campau, Elise, Detroit. | Huebner, Mr., Detroit. |