

One observes first from these tables that gifts and dues play the leading rôle. This is due to growth in the ranks of art associations and historical societies—a matter of peculiar interest in the light of the common statement that historical societies are things of the past. Endowment and city support come next—excepting State support of which we shall speak presently. Tracing the distribution of support from these sources, one notes a marked gravitation toward art.

County support deserves a word by itself because this source has been under scrutiny for some years by those who believe that it holds large possibilities of development. The figures are not reassuring.

The State and the Nation distribute their appropriations curiously among the new museums of the biennium. There is a total neglect of art—which is contrary to the disposition of every other important source of support. Science has almost a monopoly. Inquiry into individual cases shows that State support is largely directed toward State museums which deal with science because of the interest of the State in mineral, plant, and animal resources. It also shows that national support is given entirely to outdoor museums.

Tables 7 and 8 give comparable data for museums established in the decade.

TABLE 7.—Public museums founded in the decade 1921-1930, grouped by principal source of income

Principal source of income	Number of museums by field					
	Art	Science	History	Industry	General	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Endowment.....	13	4	6	2		25
Gifts, dues.....	23	11	60	6	4	104
City.....	16	6	5		6	33
County.....	1	1	9			11
State.....		4	10			14
Nation.....		11	2			13
Library.....	4	3	7		1	15
Firm.....			1	2		3
Private.....	3	4	11			18

TABLE 8.—Aggregates of total incomes in 1930 of public museums founded in the decade 1921-1930

Principal source of income	Approximate aggregates of total incomes by field					
	Art	Science	History	Industry	General	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Endowment.....	\$100,000	\$8,000	\$72,000	\$65,000		\$245,000
Gifts, dues.....	190,000	57,000	60,000	1,275,000	\$16,000	598,000
City.....	520,000	20,000	5,000		34,000	579,000
County.....	10,000	5,000	9,000			24,000
State.....		70,000	12,000			82,000
Nation.....		20,000	4,000			24,000
Library.....	5,000	2,000	4,000		8,000	19,000
Firm.....			5,000	2,000		7,000
Private.....	20,000	2,000	4,000			26,000

¹ Complete figures not available.