

11. Apparatus for teaching persons of deficient faculties.

- a. Persons physically deficient, such as the deaf, dumb, and blind.
- b. Persons mentally deficient, such as idiots, imbeciles, and the insane.

12. Physical training, or means for promoting the health of the body.

5. In organizing the Museum, the Committee on Education hope to have the co-operation of all who are interested in the object.

Books, diagrams, maps, apparatus, &c., intended for the Museum, may be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Science and Art.

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SUMMARY.

It may be useful to make a general summary of the information given in detail in various parts of the report.

In nearly all the Museums and Libraries in connexion with the Department throughout the kingdom, a considerable increase in the number of visitors has taken place during the last year. The total number of persons amounted to 366,838, being an increase of 35,362 persons on the return for 1855. This number would no doubt have been still greater if it had not been found necessary to close the Central Art Museum for the last three months of the year, with a view of removing it from Marlborough House to South Kensington.

The Botanical Gardens in Dublin have been visited by 32,900, and the Zoological Gardens in that city by 124,976 persons; in the former case, the increase is 2,050 visitors: in the latter case, the decrease is 13,000.

The Exhibition of the Soulages collection was visited by upwards of 48,000 visitors, and the agricultural and other exhibitions of the Royal Dublin Society by 14,691 persons.

The geological surveys in Great Britain and Ireland continue to be carried on as rapidly as the present number of surveyors will permit. In England, 1,149 square miles have been surveyed, and sections illustrating the coal-fields have been levelled over 300 miles. In Scotland, the counties of Edinburgh and Haddington are nearly completed. In Ireland, 1,604 square miles of country have been surveyed, and sections have been run along 417 miles of rugged coast. The Ordnance maps now include many of the most important mining districts of the kingdom, the inhabitants of which naturally desire to have a correct survey of their mineral resources as soon as possible. To accomplish this, a small increase in the number of surveyors is recommended. The Mining Record Office continues to amass and publish important statistical returns regarding the mineral produce of the kingdom.

The Schools of Art were attended, in 1856, by 12,337 persons, and taught