

GENERAL.

The Membership during the past four years has been as follows:

	1895	1896	1897	1898 to June 1899
Governors.....	19	19	18	18
Life Members.....	68	67	68	66
Annual Members.....	527	565	625	716

In 1898-99:—Family tickets, 558; Single tickets, 123; Associate tickets, 35.

In 1898-99:—164 New Members joined the association, comprising 118 Family, 33 Single and 13 Associates tickets. There were 48 resignations and 13 deaths.

The number of visits to the Gallery during the last four years have been:—

	1895	1896	1898	1898 to June 1899
By Members.....	17,212	17,653	20,180	37,205
Free visitors.....	1,154	3,180	2,196	7,612
Paying visitors.....	4,624	4,472	3,220	3,237

Considerable expense has been incurred this year in alterations and improvements in the Electric wiring throughout the building and in changing the lighting arrangements in the New Gallery by bringing the lights nearer to the walls and putting reflectors behind each light, a very much better result being obtained.

OBITUARY.

The Council have to regret the removal by death of Mr. Gilman Cheney, Mr. R. R. Grindley, Mr. Robert Moat and Mr. H. E. Murray, Life Members; and of Lady Abbott, Mr. Harry Abbott, Q.C., Lt.-Col. F. Caverhill, Mr. Wm. Denoon, Mr. J. Y. Gilmour, Mr. C. G. Hope, Mr. J. Henry Smith and Mr. S. C. Stevenson, Annual Members.

On behalf of the Council.

ROBERT LINDSAY,
Secretary.

JAMES ROSS,
President.