Year ended the 30th June, 1898, and of their contents, valuable or otherwise, Letters have been disposed of.

kinds received, with the disposition made of them.

How disposed of.	—	—	—	—
DEAD LETTERS :—				
Returned to Great Britain, including all foreign letters not enumerated below (of these were registered. 539)	17,349			
Returned to United States (" .. 628)	82,475			
" France (" .. 60)	875			
" Newfoundland (" .. 8)	656			
" Japan (" .. 16)	173			
" New South Wales (" .. 3)	154			
" New Zealand (" .. 3)	137			
" Hong Kong (" .. 3)	118			
" Victoria (" .. 2)	93			
" Other colonies and foreign countries (of these were registered..... 20)	589			
1,282				
Letters of British, colonial or foreign origin remaining on hand on 30th June, 1898 (of these were registered 44)	44			
		82,663		
Books, postal cards, &c., of British and foreign origin, also returned.....	.....	50,917		
			133,580	
Registered letters returned to writers, including those of foreign origin.....	10,083			
Registered letters in hands of postmasters.....	10			
Registered letters failed of delivery to writers owing to refusal to redeem, want of address, &c., found to be of no value and destroyed.....	858			
Registered letters in Dead Letter Branch awaiting claim.	87			
		11,038		
Letters found to contain value, returned to writers.....	4,059			
" " in hands of postmasters..	8			
" " failed of delivery to writer and found to be of no value.....	1			
Letters found to contain value, in Dead Letter Branch awaiting claim.....	304			
		4,372		
Registered and value letters in hands of postmasters or in Dead Letter Branch on 30th June, 1897, and since disposed of, as follows :—				
Delivered.....	463			
Destroyed.....	594			
In Dead Letter Branch	319			
		1,376		
			16,786	
Ordinary dead letters returned to writers.....	.....	174,421		
" with printed addresses returned to senders.....	.....	23,808		
" returned to government departments	.....	8,223		
" without signatures or postmarks, accounts, &c., destroyed.....	111,559			
Returned dead letters destroyed.....	38,143			
		149,702		
			356,154	
Dead books, parcels, &c., forwarded to address.....	876			
" returned to senders.....	54,297			
" of no value, disposed of.....	15,033			
" remaining in Dead Letter Branch	1,581			
		71,787		
Circulars, postal cards, &c., destroyed or otherwise disposed of.....	.....	265,119		
			336,906	
				843,426
Carried forward.....	.....	.....	.....	843,426