

They have also to record with extreme regret the loss by death of Messrs. Walter B. Cumming, J. S. McLachlan, Miles Williams and Robert Wood, life members; together with Colonel Wily, Miss Hall, Mr. Justice Torrance, Mr. Joseph Doutre, Mr. W. J. Patterson and Mr. R. A. Ramsay, annual members.

CONCLUSION.

The Council feel constrained to urge upon the members of the Association, and through them upon the public generally, the extreme importance of advancing the work of the Association, and of infusing into its operations new vigour and vitality. The present crippled state of its finances of necessity precludes its managers from embarking on any enterprise which might lend it attraction, but would at the same time involve the risk of pecuniary loss. It is sincerely to be hoped that this condition will shortly come to an end. Our city is deficient neither in wealth nor intelligence. We ought not merely to possess an art gallery which will attract visitors, but should give proof that we are not behind our neighbours in providing all other appliances which may benefit students, and assist in forming an efficient and prosperous School of Art.

On behalf of the Association,

D. A. WATT,
Hon. Sec.

R. MACKAY,
President.

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