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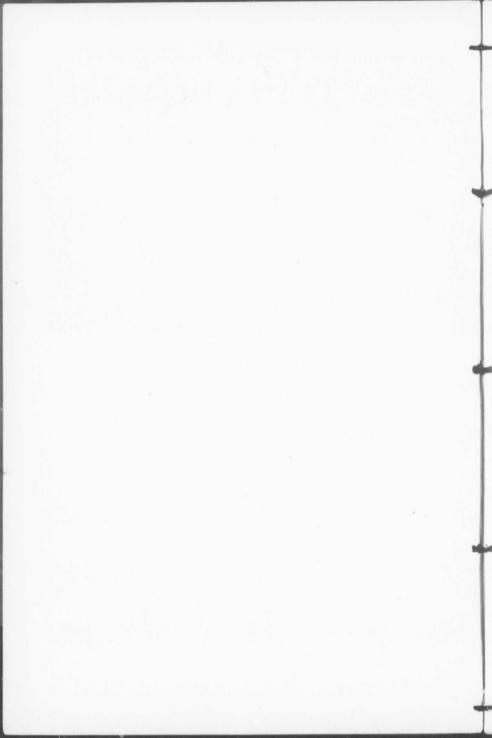
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## Art Association of Ottawa.

(FOUNDED 1879-INCORPORATED 1883.)

#### Patron:—HIS EXCELLENCY THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE Hon. President—Lt.-Col. ALLAN GILMOUR.

#### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1887-88.

PRESIDENT
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Mr. C. Berkley Powell,	Mr. J. Whiteaves,
Mr. W. J. Tilley,	Mr. F. Checkley,
Mr. E. Bourinot, Mr. Marcus Smith.	Mr. W. Campbell.

### Life Members.

The following is a list of Life Members of the Association with the amounts donated and paid prior to the close of 1885-86:—

His Excellency the Marquis		LtCol. Allan Gilmour, in-		
Lorne\$1,000	00 0	creased subsequently to \$1,355	00	
Hon.Sir William Ritchie 100	00 0	Dr. Hamnett Hill 100	00	
Mr. J. H. Pinhey 10	00 0	Mr. Sanford Fleming 100	00	
Mr. G. P. Brophy 10	00 0	Mr. McLeod Stewart 50	00	
Hon. Justice Gwynne 5	00 0	Mrs. Slater 50	00	
	0 00	Mrs. B. Chamberlin 50	00	
Messrs. Bronson & Weston 5	00 0	Mr. Alonzo Wright (increased		
Mr. F. A. Wise 5	0 00	to \$100 in 1887-88) 50	00	
Mr. W. Campbell 5	0 00	Mr. James Gordon 50	00	
Mr George Goodwin 5	0 00	Mr. J. R. Armstrong 50	00	
Mr. J. W. H. Watts 5	0 00	Mr. Marcus Smith 50	00	
Mr. W. A. Frechette 5	0 00		00	
		Mr. G. Wicksteed 50	00	

#### FOR 1885-86:

His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne	\$100	00
Mr. W. A. Allan (increased to \$100 in 1886-87)	50	00
Mr. J. C. Roger (increased to \$100 in 1886-87)	50	00
Alexander McLean	50	00
Hon, F. Clemow	50	00
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#### FOR 1880-87:

Sir James A. Grant		\$55 00
	FOR 1887-88:	
Mr W C Perley		\$50.00

MI. W. O. Lettey 430	00
Life Members who have increased the amount of their donations i	in 1887-88:-
LieutColonel Allan Gilmour \$100	00
Mr. Alonzo Wright 50	00

Payment of a sum of \$50.00 constitutes a Life Member.

### ANNUAL PREMBERS.

List of members and donors for the year 1887-88, who have subscribed and paid 55.00 and over but less than 50.00:

Mr. Thomas Birkett	\$25 00	Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald	5 00
Mr. D. O'Connor	25 00	Mr. J. B. Tyrell	5 00
Mr. J. G. Bourinot	6 00	Mr. H. O'Meara	5 00
Mr. E. Bourinot	5 00	Mr. H. V. Noel	5 00
Mr. A. Stewart	5 00	Dr. H. P. Wright	5 00
Mr. John Christie	5 00	Mr. S. McLaughlin	5 00
Mr. Marcus Smith	5 00	Hon. Sir Adolphe Caron	5 00
Lieut,-Col. D. T. Irwin	5 00	Hon. J. A. Chapleau	5 00
Mr. Fennings Taylor	5 00	Mr. C. B. Powell	5 00
Lieut,-Col. Walker Powell	5 00	Hon. Thomas White	5 00
LieutCol. E. Panet	5 00	Mr. W. Thistle	5 00
Mr. D. Ewart	5 00	Hon. Sir Charles Tupper	5 00
Mr T. Fuller	5 00	Mr. J. Whiteaves	5 00
Mr. F. Gundry	5 00	Mr. J. M. Courtney	5 00
Mr. W. H. Griffin	5 00	Mr. A. Fleck	5 00
Mr. A. M. Burgess	5 00	Mr. Gustavus Wicksteed	5 00
Mr. D. Stark	5 00		
Mr. W. J. Tilley	5 00	Mr. P. B. Douglas	5 00
Mr. F. Checkley	5 00	E. Miall	5 00
Mr. G. S. Scott	5 00	Mr. W. J. Barrett	5 00

Note.—In the above list the following Life Members, though not called upon to do so, have paid the annual subscription: Mr. H. V. Noel, Mr. Gustavus Wick steed, Mr. Marcus Smith.

### ONNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Art Association was held on Monday evening the 9th July, 1888, at the School Rooms, Sparks Street, Sir James Grant, President, in the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting having, on motion, been confirmed, the following report of the proceedings of the year past was read:—

### REPORT.

OTTAWA, July 9th, 1888.

To the Members of the Art Association of Ottawa:-

Conformably to the requirements of the constitution of this society, the following report is presented as covering the proceedings of your directorate since the date of the last annual meeting, and as showing the present financial and general position of the Association.

The number of life members was increased by one, Mr. W. G. Perley, who donated \$50, making thirty-one life members, the ordinary members of the year numbering thirty-six, and making a total of sixty-seven. Mr. Alonzo Wright increased his previous donation by a second gift of \$50. Mr. D. O'Connor and Mr. Thomas Birkett each donated \$25, and the honorary president, Colonel Allan Gilmour, gave his customary contribution of \$100, besides furnishing liberal assistance towards the prize list.

The school session opened on the 1st of November, 1887, and closed on the 3oth of April, 1888, a period of six months. The teaching staff consisted of five paid masters, of whom three were exclusively for the industrial art branch, besides a lady teacher of art needlwork unpaid by the Association, the following being the staff: Mr. Franklin Brownell (head master) Mr. Robin L. Paley, Mr. Lawrence Taylor, Mr. Lamb and Mr. Bowerman. The head master of the three previous years, Mr. Charles

Moss, having, to the regret of the directors, found it necessary to resume his professional work, it became requisite that the post should be otherwise filled, and in the present head it is felt that the school has obtained the services of a thoroughly competent successor to Mr. Moss. Other changes have been made, resulting in advantage to the school in the directions both of work and discipline.

The number of students attending this past session has not been so large as in some previous sessions, a fact mainly due to the existence of a serious epidemic in the city, which affected this in common with other educational establishments. Students, however, to the number of eighty entered during the season, in addition to forty-six ladies attending the art needle-work class.

It is gratifying to record that the maintenance of interest in the work of the school has been more satisfactory, in certain branches, than it was last year, the numbers rising from thirty-seven in November to forty-four in April, whereas in 1886-87 they fell from 125 in November to sixty-five in April. In the fine arts branch there have been thirty individual students. and in the industrial branch fifty. The usual class for study from the nude, held on three evenings a week, has been steadily maintained, and is regarded as one of the most valuable features of the school work, one which is shared by no other city in Canada except Montreal. The customary Government examination, to which this school, as recipient of aid from the province, is subject, was held during the last three days of April, and the work then done, together with a portion of the work of the session, was sent up to the Education Department, being subsequently, with work from other art schools, placed on exhibition. With regard to this exhibition the Superintendent of Art Schools writes: "The work from Ottawa was very much admired."

The competition between the several art schools of the province for the medals offered by the Government has resulted as follows: In the gold medal competition, a medal offered for the best work from the antique cast and in design, our school did not succeed this year, as in 1886, in carrying off this desirable prize. The work from the cast, however, sent in by one of our students, Mr. O. E. Prudhomme, a competitor, has received a special diploma for drawing from the antique, sent in in competition for the gold medal. The bronze medal for painting from life has been taken by Mr. Checkley, and the bronze medal for drawing from life by Miss Carrie Ross, of this school. Further, forty

eight Government certificates have this year been granted for the work of the school sent up for examination. The results of the actual work done, though not, perhaps, fullfiling the hopes with which the season commenced, may be regarded as not unsatisfactory, in view of the difficulties of the year, and the fact that the teaching staff had to deal with much new material.

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The accounts of receipts and expenditures of the year have been duly audited and found correct. They are represented by the following digest furnished by the treasurer:—

To balance per last annual statement	\$ 9	99
Grants-Ontario Government, 1886-87, \$400,		
for certificate, 1886-87 \$50, 1887-88, \$400	850	00
Donations	256	00
Subscriptions	180	
School fees (including \$28.00 arrears)	468	50
Loan	4,000	00
Proceeds public entertainments	33	71
Other sources		85
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CONTRA.	\$5,809	05
By salaries	\$1 ara	**
Mortgage and expenses (including interest from	\$1,259	50
October 1886 to 1st June, 1888, \$303.05)	2 220	
Improvements, (including balance for heating	3,339	55
apparatus \$614.75)	646	
Insurance (additional)		43
Light	118	
Fuel	124	
Printing and advertising		-
Life models	127	00
Examination expenses		00
Caretaking, etc		
Water rates		30
Miscellaneous		36
Miscenaneous	27	31
	\$5,793	22
Balance available	\$15	83
Douglas Stewart		

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Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

F. GOURDEAU, Auditors.

Ottawa, June 20th, 1888.

From the foregoing it will be observed that your directors have carried out the instructions for a further mortgage of \$1,000 on the Association's property given at the last annual meeting, such mortgage being, as was found legally essential, specially authorized, subsequently, by an extraordinary meeting of the Association held on 23rd December, 1887. The present mortgage is therefore \$4,000.

The funds so created covered the payment of the balance due on the cost of the heating apparatus—\$614.75, the interest, \$113, on the old mortgage and certain other indebtedness of the previous year. It is to be regretted that the receipts of the year now closed have not been sufficient to place the Association in a position free from encumbrance, except its present mortgage of \$4,000, and that the payments made do not, in all cases, represent expenditure for the current but for previous years. To make clear the actual financial standing, the foregoing must be supplemented by a statement of liabilities and assets. The liabilities, then, up to the present date, July 9th, 1888, classified, are as follows:—

Advertising, printing, stationery, designs & copies \$183 48

23	40	4-
Fuel	III	40
Light	66	00
Construction, repairs and fittings	104	58
Balance of water rates and local improvement tax.	28	79
Expenses connected with exhibition work sent to		
London, England	67	00
	\$621	25
The following are assets as against this sum :-		
Grant by the Royal Canadian Academy, for which		
its cheque has been actually issued, but not yet		
handed over	\$150	00
Ontario Government grant for certificates taken, say	50	00
Donation shortly available	50	00
	\$250	00
Leaving the balance unprovided for, say	\$370	00

Could this sum of \$370, therefore, be raised, the Association would start on its tenth year of existence with no other burden than its mortgage of \$4,000, the annual interest of which is only \$240, while its real estate, situated in the heart of the city, is steadily increasing in value, and with its other property is worth, and would in all probability fetch more than twice the amount of this encumbrance.

It is deeply to be regretted that though strenuous efforts have been made by printed memorial to create practical interest on the part of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa, and to obtain from that body a measure of the assistance so universally rendered to art training by foreign municipalities, the appeal has been without effect; further, that an appeal to the Dominion Government, by special memorial, has resulted only in failure, and again that representations made, also by memorial, to the Provincial Legislature for an increased grant, in view of the heavy expenditure entailed on the Association by its thorough compliance with the requirements of the Provincial Government, have not been favourably received, and it is felt that the incoming council in making arrangements for next session's work must have very careful regard to the prospects of pecuniary support to the institution.

On the 5th of January, 1888, a very successful exhibition of loaned pictures was held in the school rooms, a number of gentlemen in the city kindly lending their art treasures for the purpose. The exhibition created considerable interest, and evidenced the presence in Ottawa of a wider circle of the patrons and appreciators of the work of the artists than would cursorily appear. The thanks of the Association are due to those who thus tended to the success of this exhibition.

Thanks are also due to Mr. J. F. Waters, who kindly placed his valuable services as lecturer on the subject of Byron at the disposal of the directors, and to the editors of the city press for much kind assistance in the columns of their papers.

A most generous proffer of assistance was made during the past winter by the Art Association of Montreal, who through their secretary offered, as practically a free gift, the whole of the scenery used by them in the fair got up in aid of their funds. Your directorate did not see their way to undertaking a similar entertainment in Ottawa, and the scheme accordingly fell through, so far as this Association is concerned. It is felt, however, that such sympathy on the part of our sister society calls for special thanks on the part of our institution.

On the termination of the residence of the Marquis of Lansdowne in Canada as its Governor-General, and in view of the fact of his connection with this Association as its patron and of his unfailing interest and support, as shown by donation of money and annual prizes, besides personal visits to the school, your directors presented an address

ornamented and illustrated by Mr. Lawrence Taylor, a student of the school, to which a very kind and appreciative reply was received.

In conclusion, far from easy though the task is of creating interest in our institution amongst our monied men, the experience of last year again shows that interest of most satisfactory extent has been created amongst those who will make the monied men of bye and bye; and the day will surely come, if we can but hold our own now, when some grateful past student of the school will remember the institution which set his foot on the first rung of the ladder of fame, or gave him insight into the secrets of an art whose whole influence is to cultivate the higher instincts and faculties of humanity, and to raise its followers to a loftier plane of thought and life. Difficult as the continued maintenance of our school is at the moment, yet, in view of our prolonged success in retaining vitality of fairly vigorous kind; in view of the fact that after all these years, starting from absolutely nothing, we stand to-day, with good work done for nine seasons, and a total current indebtedness of but \$370, against which there is a property valuable and increasing in value, over and above its mortgage, the last words of Lord Lansdowne, in acknowledging the farewell address of the Association, appear to be peculiarly applicable to the present time. Speaking of the efforts being made to cultivate art in Canada, he said: "I do not think that these efforts have been, anywhere, more courageously or energetically made than by your directorate. I trust that you will persevere in your endeavours, undeterred by difficulties should they present themselves, and undismayed by disappointments should you, from time to time, encounter them."

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Stewart—

"Resolved, that the report just read by the Secretary be adopted; that it be printed and a copy be furnished to each member."—Carried

Moved by Mr. S. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. P. B. Douglas-

"Resolved, that a vote of thanks is due and is hereby tendered to the retiring officers and council of the past year for their services on behalf of the Association."—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Watts-

"Resolved, that a vote of thanks is due and is hereby tendered to the proprietors and representatives of the city press for their kind notices and editorials given from time to time in aid of the work of the Association."—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Frechette-

"Resolved, that an address be presented, at an early date, to His Excellency the Governor-General, asking that, following the action of his illustrious predecessors, the Marquis of Lorne and the Marquis of Lansdowne, he will become patron of this Association."—Carried.

Moved by Marcus Smith, seconded by Mr. John Pinhey-

"Resolved, that by a circular addressed to the institutions throughout Canada actually devoted solely to the purposes of art training, the directors of this Association do urge the expediency of a combined memorial humbly setting forth to the Dominion Government the position of Canada in respect to art education, its remoteness from the centres of art life, the need which exists here in common with the rest of the world, more fortunately situated, for the cultivation of which is undeniably one of the greatest factors of the age, both in regard of commerce and refinement, and the paucity of means for dealing with the question in this country; urging upon the said Government the policy of aiding by grant of pecuniary assistance those branches of the fine arts which the Provincial Governments have declared to be beyond their scope."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watts, seconded by Mr. Armstrong-

"Resolved, that whereas heretofore this Association has neglected to avail itself of the powerful assistance to be derived from the presence of ladies as its allies and associates, that there be constituted for the current year a special committee of ladies under the name of "patronesses" (whether members of the Association or otherwise), who shall be asked to assist the Association in its important work, by devising such schemes as may seem good to them for the provision of funds for the due maintenance of the school, and for the removal of the indebtedness of the Association, and after agreement with the ordinary board as to to the said schemes to proceed with their execution. Further, that as a preliminary, permission be sought by the board from Her Excellency Lady Stanley of Preston to place her name on the list of such patronesses."—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Stewart-

"Resolved, that the special thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Art Association of Montreal for their kind and sympathetic action in proffering the gift of their art fair scenery in aid of the funds of Ottawa institution."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Marcus Smith, seconded by Mr. P. B. Douglas— "Resolved, further, that the thanks of the Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Secretary of that body, for the trouble taken by him to arrange matters by personal visit, and that the sum of \$10,

representing his personal expenses, be paid."—Carried.

Messrs. Gourdeau and Tilley having been appointed scrutineers, the ballot for the officers and council for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the following being the result:—

Honorary President-Lieut.-Colonel Allan Gilmour.

President-Sir James Grant.

1st Vice-President-Dr. Hamnett Hill.

2nd Vice-President-Mayor McLeod Stewart.

Treasurer—Mr. F. Gourdeau. Secretary—Mr. F. A. Dixon.

Council—Messrs. J. R. Armstrong, P. B. Douglas, Marcus Smith, E. H. Bronson, F. Checkley, J. Whiteaves, A. Frechette, Hon. Justice Fournier, S. McLaughlin, J. W. H. Watts, W. J. Tilley, F. L. Taylor, G. P. Brophy, P. Pereira, C. B. Powell.

Sir James Grant, in accepting his re-election as President of the Society, made some stirring remarks on the subject of the work done in the past, and its influence on the various phases of society in the city He pointed out the wide extent of the circle affected, from the mechanical engineer and pupil draughtsman, who found profit in the study afforded, to the less numerous but important class of those who were preparing to embrace art as a profession, or to master its principles with a view to obtaining a livelihood by re-imparting to others the instruction received. He concluded by an appreciative reference to those who had backed up the efforts of the Association in the past, particularly, its Honorary President, Colonel Allan Gilmour, whose well-known collection of paintings evidenced the interest he took in the higher forms of art, and to whose generous aid the Association was largely indebted for its existence. He expressed the strong conviction that the wealthy men of the city would realize the boon conferred on it by the presence of such an institution here and would come forward in its support.

### PRIZE DIST.

In consequence of the delay in receiving the work of the year back from the Education Department there was no exhibition of students' work this year. The work of the ladies' art needle work class will, however, be exhibited later on in the fall, and the prizes reserved for this work will then be given.

The following is the list of prizes donated and awarded to students of the Art School. The work of the students was examined and the awards made by Mr. Charles Moss, (former head master), Mr. Checkley and Mr. Watts. In all cases, where not otherwise specified, the prizes were furnished from funds donated by Lieut. Colonel Allan Gilmour, honorary president:—

For study from the Nude Figure—Set of etchings of English Cathedrals, presented by Messrs. Durie & Son, not awarded. (Messrs. Checkley, Taylor and Barrett being *hors concors*, and the work of other students not up to standard.)

FOR PAINTING IN OIL (LIFE AND STILL)—1st, silver card case, presented by His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, Miss Isabel White; 2nd, pair of brass candlesticks, presented by Mr. R. J. Devlin, Miss Cox.

FOR DRAWING FROM THE ANTIQUE CAST—Set of works of American Engravers, presented by the hon. president, Lieut-Colonel Allan Gilmour, Mr. O. E. Prudhomme.

For elementary drawing from the Cast—Set of Thackeray's works, presented by Hon. Justice Gwynne, Mr. G. J. Scott.

FOR SECOND WATER COLOUR WORK (no first awarded)—" Pastoral Days," presented by Sir James Grant, president, Miss Nellie Tobin.

For elementary water colours—Brass writing table candlestick, presented by Mr. W. A. Allan, Miss G Tilley.

FOR DESIGN—Pair of brass candlesticks, presented by Mr. H. V. Noel, Miss Marion Living.

FOR FREE HAND-No prize awarded.

FOR MACHINE DRAWING—" English Magazine," awarded to Mr. G. J. Scott.

FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN—"English Architecture," awarded to Mr. T. S. Lough.

FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND APPLICATION--Set of Hamerton's art works, presented by Lieut.-Colonel D. T Irwin, vice-president, awarded to Mr. O. E. Prudhomme.

For the largest number of certificates taken at the Government Examinations—" Magazine of Art," awarded to Mr. O. E. Prudhomme.

#### GOVERNMENT MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS.

FOR WORK FROM THE ANTIQUE CAST SENT IN FOR THE GOLD MEDAL COMPETITION (requiring both work from the antique cast and design), diploma granted to O. E. Prudhomme.

Drawing from life, bronze medal, Miss Carrie H. Ross. Painting from life, bronze medal, Mr. F. Checkley.

#### GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATES, 1887-88.

Freehand—O. E. Prudhomme, Harry Brook, Harry Ballantyne, Adam Ballantyne, James Ridgeway, J. P. Curran.

GEOMETRY—Harry Ballantyne, Adam Ballantyne, Miss Tilly Wills.

BLACKBOARD DRAWING—O. E. Prudhomme, Harry Brook, Harry Ballantyne, Miss L. Scott.

Model Drawing—O. E. Prudhomme, J. Lalonde, Harry Brook, Harry Ballantyne, Adam Ballantyne, Miss L. Scott, Miss A. Clarke, J. P. Curran, A. Ewart, James Ridgeway, Guy Toller, W. Huson.

ORNAMENTAL DESIGN-Miss Tilly Wills.

SHADING FROM FLAT—O. E. Prudhomme, A. Ewart, Miss A. Clarke. MACHINE DRAWING—G. J. Scott.

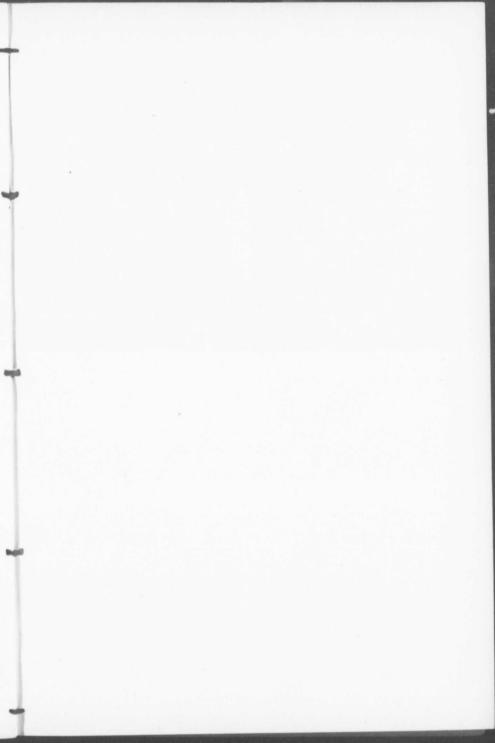
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN—Miss Chisholm.

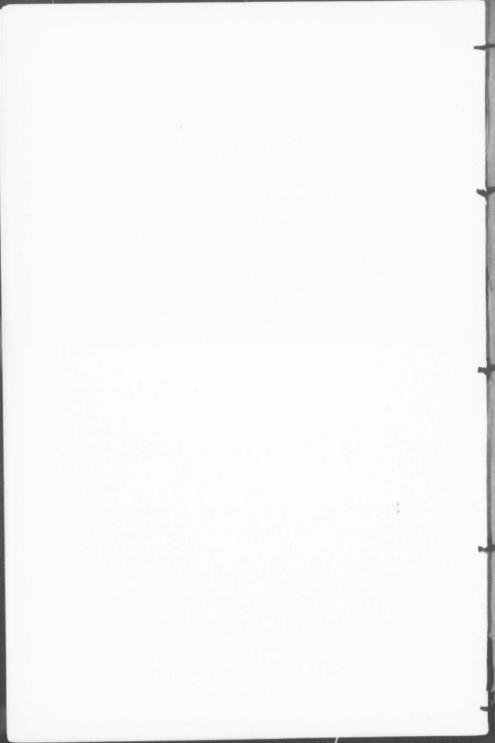
Drawing from Life—Miss Carrie H. Ross, F. Taylor, A. J. Barrett, James Ridgeway.

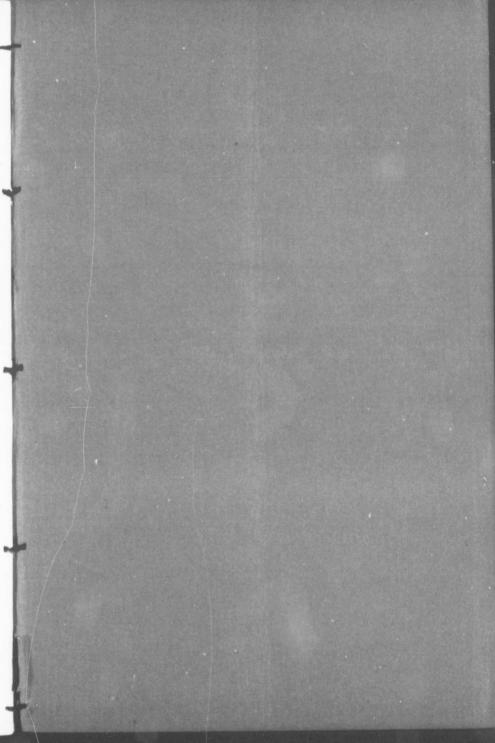
Painting from life (oils)—Miss J. C Cox, Miss J. White, Miss McQueen, T. Checkley.

Painting in oils (still)—Miss J. White, Miss J. C. Cox, Miss L. M. Perkins, Miss McNutt, Miss Ballantyne, Miss C. Lampman.

WATER COLORS-Miss E. Curry.







### OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1888-89.

Patron:
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President: SIR JAMES A. GRANT, K.C.M.G.

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MR. F. GOURDEAU.

Secretary: MR. F. A. DIXON.

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MR. J. R. ARMSTRONG,
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