

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

July 16.—Present:—The president (Mr. S. Talbot Smith), in the chair, the vice-president (Mr. L. H. Stoll), Mr. E. Davies, Mr. A. A. Edwards, Professor F. Wood Jones, Mr. H. P. Moore, Professor H. Darnley Naylor, Mr. C. M. Reid, Mr. R. S. Roach, and Dr. R. S. Rogers.

The president reported regarding the application of the University for the use of a triangle of land at the north-eastern corner of the board's lands, that the solicitor's opinion was that the board might issue to the University a license to use the land in question. Acting upon that opinion, a license has been prepared. Approved. The head of the artistic relations section of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation (League of Nations) had forwarded two questionnaires regarding the institution, for the purpose of collecting data for the establishment of an international museums office. Referred to president. The Fine Arts Committee reported having inspected an exhibition of paintings, &c., by Mr. and Mrs. W. Follen Bishop, in the Society of Arts Gallery, and resolved that No. 48, "Evening Light, Eastbury," by Mr. Follen Bishop, be purchased for the Art Gallery. Approved and adopted. The committee reconsidered the question of Art Gallery entertainments for this year, and recommended that no action be taken in the matter. Decided to recommend the acceptance of two panel paintings bequeathed by Amy F. Smart, received from the Public Trustee. Approved the purchase from C. Morriaby, Sydney, of the original pen and ink drawing, "The Blind Man," by Norman Lindsay. Resolved that an enlarged photograph of the ex-president (Sir William Sorensen) be obtained and hung in the board-room. Decided to recommend that the loan to the School of Mines and Industries of nine pen drawings by Reginald Barrett be renewed for a further twelve months. Received report that a number of pieces of arms and armor from the Tower Armories had been received on loan from the Australian War Memorial. Accepted as a gift from Mr. R. Limb a snuff-box, said to be over 100 years old. Accepted with thanks, Mrs. Simpson Newland's gift of two sketches of Australian natives by A. Schum (1859), one drawing of natives, and a water-color sketch of first settlement of Adelaide (after Colonel Light). Report approved and adopted. The committee inspected an exhibition of works by Mr. and Mrs. J. Giles, and recommended that No. 1, "Sunlight and Ships, Port Adelaide," by J. Giles, be purchased. Approved and adopted.

The Museum Committee reported having recommended that certain Isopods be sent to Dr. Keppel H. Bernard, of the South African Museum, in exchange for South African species to be received. Received a letter from Dr. A. M. Morgan (hon. ornithologist), advising that he was willing to examine and report on bones of the extinct emu from Kangaroo Island; Dr. Morgan's preliminary report on the Kangaroo Island emu bones; and a letter from the Fauna and Flora Board advising that the bones of the extinct emu from Kangaroo Island entrusted to the hon. ornithologist for examination and description were merely deposited in the Museum, and were not to be regarded as a donation. Approved and adopted.

The Library and Archives Committee received a report on the efforts being made to secure for the photographic record portraits of men who had attained distinction in public life in South Australia, and approved the purchase of an enlarged framed portrait of Professor Henderson, to be hung in the archives building. Received reports of donations from Dr. E. Angus Johnson (minute book of Grote-street Church of Christ, 1836-7), from Mrs. Simpson Newland (reports and papers relative to punitive expeditions against aborigines in 1840-1841, by the Commissioner of Police, Major T. O'Halloran); and from Messrs. F. E. Maddick, T. C. S. Reynolds, the proprietors of "The Chronicle," the "Observer," the "South Australian," the "Register," the Municipal Tramways Trust, Dr. A. A. Lendon, Mrs. Doughty, the Public Library of New South Wales, and the Chief Commissioner of Railways, sundry papers and photographs. Approved and adopted.

The Finance Committee approved of the open ground at rear of the Museum and Art Gallery being improved and planted now that the heavy building traffic had ceased. Adopted.