

cations, which are not very frequently consulted, to the basement. This would give us much more room for the shelving of works more frequently in demand. I propose to ask the Public Works Department to carry out some considerable additions to the shelf-space in the basement. Were this done the space difficulty would be postponed for three or four years to come.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the High Commissioner and his staff for their careful attention to my numerous requests during the year; to our London agents, Messrs. Sotheran and Co. and Messrs. Street and Co. for their promptness in executing the orders which have been sent to them; to the various members of the Library staff, whose work during the recess has been considerably increased by reason of the larger number of privilege-holders; and, finally, to the Chairman of the Recess Committee, Mr. W. Fraser, M.P., who has been unsparing in his attention to the general supervision of the Library-management.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

In an appendix will be found the Library balance-sheet for the year ended 31st March, 1909, with a copy of the auditor's certificate.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES WILSON, Chief Librarian.

APPENDIX.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1909.

1908-9.	Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 31st March, 1908..		462	6	6	Purchase of books and periodicals in London,			
Treasury grant		600	0	0	freight, and marine insurance	383	6	5
Stamp imprest refund		15	0	0	Purchase of American periodicals	26	10	8
					Purchase of books locally	340	5	6
					Stamp imprest	15	0	0
					Insurance	18	0	0
					Cheque-book	0	5	0
					Advertising and extra papers	8	4	2
					Other small accounts	9	14	4
					Balance in Bank of New Zealand, 31st March,			
					1909	276	0	5
		<u>£1,077</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£1,077</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

COPY OF AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Account to the 31st March, 1909, has been examined and found correct, and the balance as shown is found to coincide with the bank pass-book.

J. K. WARBURTON,
Controller and Auditor-General.

NOTE.—The balance shown at the end of financial year (£276 Os. 5d.) will be entirely exhausted (in meeting accounts current) before the receipt of this year's grant.

CHARLES WILSON, Chief Librarian.

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