III.—The Public Library.

Magnificent Enterprise.

[By our Special Reporter.]
The finest ornament of "Education Square," on North terrace, when the design in progress shall have been completed by the erection of the central facade to accord with the completed wings, and the nearly finished eastern portion, will be the splendid pile of buildings in which the Public Library and Museum are housed. This grand block—half of which is in occupation, and the walls of another wing nearly ready for the roof—will cost in the aggregate about $250,000. The outlay mentioned is large, but the buildings are substantial and handsome, evidently suitable for the purpose for which they were devised, and a credit to the draftsmanship of Mr. E. J. Woods, formerly Colonial Architect, from whose plans they were built, and to the present Superintendent of Public Buildings (Mr. C. E. Owen Smyth, L.S.O.). The present article deals solely with the Public Library, which now occupies the western wing.

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The present Public Library forms the western wing of a noble series of structures that extend to the south along Kent-road, flanked by the Australian, Polynesian, and American colonies, and statistical buildings relating to Great Britain and Ireland. They were packed in on iron chests, which contained also the charters of the Institution, the depositions and oaths of all the officers and employees of the Institution, the seals, and the oldest of the books sent to Australia, and the reports of the Institution's work. The building occupied by the Library was designed by Mr. W. J. Cowles, and was completed in 1890. It was, after its arrival in Adelaide, a mechanics' institute was formed, which held its meetings in a wooden shed about 12 ft. square, on the back ground, on a part of the site now occupied by the library. The Lectures were given to "encouraged audiences" in this building. The national council of the Governor General, at a later date in the occupation of the building, convened there.

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In September, 1894, Mr. Penn moved in Parliament for a Bill to establish a national institution, and that during the preceding four years the Library and Institute had received only $2,500, which had been spent on purchase of books; and that, for the liberty of the Government, there would have been no objections to an endowment of the original and permanent character which the Bill proposed, and that it would be a great advantage to the country if the institution could be carried on. The Bill was lost in Parliament, and the project was abandoned.

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