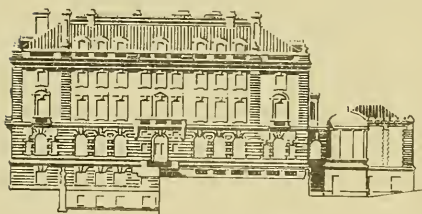


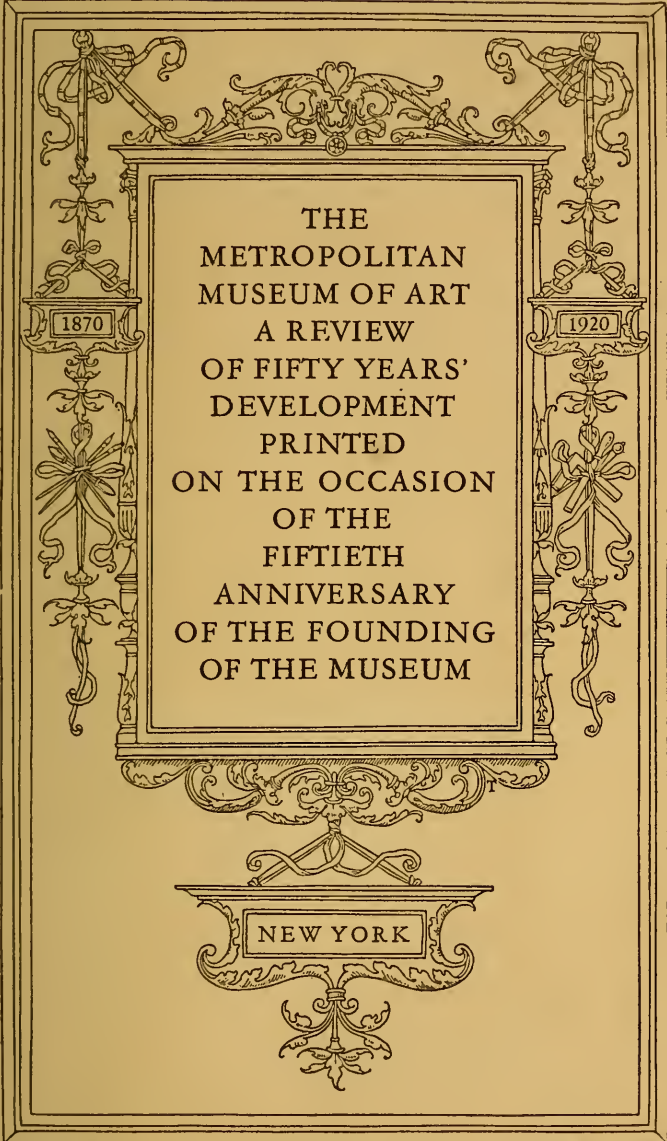
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Henry G. Marquand	1889-1902
Frederick W. Rhinelanders	1902-1904
J. Pierpont Morgan	1904-1913
Robert W. de Forest	1913-

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Garland, James A.	Trustee	1893-1900
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Halsey, R. T. Haines	Trustee	1914-
Harkness, Edward S	Trustee	1912-
Hearn, George A.	Trustee	1903-1913
Hitchcock, Hiram	Trustee, Treasurer	1885-1900
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Hoppin, William J.	Trustee, Secretary	1870-1877
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Huntington, Daniel	Vice Pres., Trustee, 1871-73	1874-1903
James, Arthur Curtiss	Trustee	1918-
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Johnston, John Taylor	President, Hon. President	1870-1893
Jones, Francis C.	Trustee	1917-
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Kensett, John F.	Trustee	1870-1872
Kent, Henry W.	Secretary	1913-
Laffan, William M.	Trustee	1905-1909
Ledyard, Lewis Cass	Trustee	1914-
Leland, Francis L.	Trustee	1912-1916
McKim, Charles F.	Trustee	1904-1909
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Mansfield, Howard	Trustee, Treasurer	1909-
Marquand, Henry G.	Trustee, Treas., Pres.	1871-1902
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Morgan, J. Pierpont	Trustee, Vice Pres., Pres.	1888-1913
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Jr.	Trustee	1910-
Morse, Samuel F. B.	Vice President	1871-1872
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Peters, Samuel T.	Trustee	1914-
Phoenix, Stephen W.	Trustee	1874-1882
Potter, Howard C.	Trustee	1870-1885
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Riggs, William H.	Vice President	1870-1874
Roberts, Marshall O.	Vice President	1870-1871
Roosevelt, Theodore	Trustee	1870-1878
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Smith, Charles S.	Trustee	1889-1909
Stebbins, Henry G.	Trustee, Vice President	1870-1871
Stevens, Frederic W.	Trustee	1874-1881
Stewart, Alexander T.	Vice President	1870-1874
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Ward, J. Q. A.	Trustee	1870-1871, 1873-1901
Ward, Samuel G.	Treasurer, Trustee	1870-1879
Ware, William R.	Trustee	1885-1903
Weston, Theodore	Secretary, Trustee	1870-1893

BENEFACTORS

Those who have given to the Museum fifty thousand dollars in cash, securities or property

John Taylor Johnston	Margaret Olivia Sage
William Tilden Blodgett	Frederick C. Hewitt
Henry Gurdon Marquand	John Stewart Kennedy
Stephen Whitney Phoenix	Joseph Pulitzer
Gideon F. T. Reed	Francis L. Leland
Levi Hale Willard	Alexander Smith Cochran
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J. Pierpont Morgan	Henry Walters
Heber R. Bishop	George F. Baker
Elizabeth U. Coles	Harris Brisbane Dick
Amelia B. Lazarus	Isaac D. Fletcher
George A. Hearn	Jessie Gillender
Augustus Van Horne Ellis	John Hoge
J. Henry Smith	Edward C. Moore
Jacob S. Rogers	Oliver H. Payne
Mary Clark Thompson	Charlotte M. Tytus
Darius Ogden Mills	Jacques Seligmann
Edward Dean Adams	Robert W. de Forest
Emily Johnston de Forest	

CHRONOLOGY

1870 Officers, Trustees, and Executive Committee elected, January 31.

First President, John Taylor Johnston.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, incorporated by the State of New York, April 13, "for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a museum and library of art, of encouraging and developing the study of the fine arts, and the application of arts to manufacture and practical life, of advancing the knowledge of kindred subjects, and to that end, of furnishing popular instruction and recreation."

Permanent Constitution adopted at first annual meeting, May 24.

Resolution adopted to raise \$250,000 by public subscription to establish Museum.

First gift, Roman sarcophagus from Tarsus, from Abdo Debbas.

1871 First purchase through William T. Blodgett and John Taylor Johnston, 174 paintings of various schools.

Only \$106,000 reported to be subscribed out of the total of \$250,000 desired, March 3.

Act authorizing erection and maintenance "upon that portion of Central Park formerly known as Manhattan Square, or any other park, square or place" of a suitable building for the Museum.

First annual report issued.

Sums pledged, with amounts subscribed, exceeded required \$250,000, May 3.

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First temporary quarters leased, Dodworth Building, 681 Fifth Avenue, annual rental \$9,000.

1872 First exhibition, consisting of the Museum's collection of paintings and other objects of art lent for the occasion, opened February 20.

"We have now something to point to as the Museum, something tangible and something good."
John Taylor Johnston.

Students given copyists' privilege.

First lectures given: Hiram Hitchcock on General di Cesnola's discoveries in Cyprus, Russell Sturgis, Jr., on Ceramic Art.

Permanent location of museum building, Seventy-ninth Street to Eighty-fourth Street, Central Park, ratified by Trustees on the site designated for such a purpose on plan of Central Park, in Report of Park Commissioners, 1869.

1873 Second temporary quarters leased, the Douglas Mansion, 128 West Fourteenth Street, annual rental, \$8,000.

Cesnola Collection of Cypriote antiquities exhibited.

Original fund of \$250,000 raised by subscription exhausted.

Act enabling Park Department to apply annually to maintenance of Museum a sum not exceeding \$15,000.

Admission fee charged, except on Monday.

First catalogue of a loan exhibition of paintings.

MEMBERSHIP

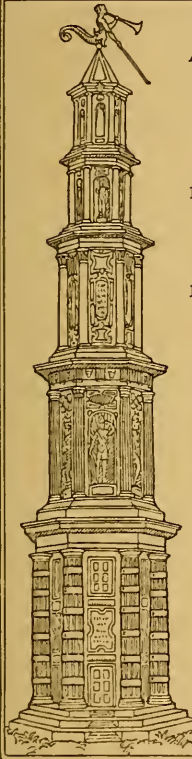
	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920
PATRONS	0	111	244	222		
FELLOWS IN PERPETUITY	0	133	140	210	311	298
FELLOWS FOR LIFE	0	108	146	141	148	171
FELLOWS HONORARY	0	14	37	27	36	34
ANNUAL		430	2,005	2,008	2,267	6,724
FELLOWSHIP					73	40
SUSTAINING					253	296
TOTALS	0	796	2,572	2,608	3,088	7,563



CHRONOLOGY

- 1874 Cesnola collection of Cypriote antiquities bought.
First Secretary, William J. Hoppin, elected.
- 1875 Free days, Monday and Thursday, established.
(Average attendance 577.)
First guide to collections issued.
Privileges to students granted.
- 1876 Annual membership class formed. 600 enrolled.
Centennial loan exhibition, in coöperation with
National Academy of Design:
- 1877 Second Secretary, General L. P. di Cesnola, elected.
- 1878 Act enabling City to appropriate \$30,000 for
moving collections and fitting up building in
Central Park.
Relations between City and Museum established
by lease.
- 1879 Last reception in Douglas Mansion.
First Director, General L. P. di Cesnola, elected.
Removal to Central Park.
- 1880 First Museum Building in Park opened, Calvert
Vaux and J. W. Mould, Architects.
Industrial Art School established through gift of
Gideon F. T. Reed.
Library organized. \$500 appropriated.
- 1881 First bequest, Stephen Whitney Phoenix collec-
tion of objects of art.
- 1883 First bequest of money, about \$100,000, Levi Hale
Willard, for purchase of architectural casts.

BUILDING



AREAS FLOOR SPACE
(in Square Feet)

	1920	
174,000		280,000
	1910	
135,500		206,000
	1900	
94,600		151,000
	1890	
57,400		104,000
	1880	
39,000		70,000
	1870	
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CHRONOLOGY



- 1884 Loan exhibition, paintings by George Frederick Watts.
- 1886 Department of Paintings organized.
Department of Sculpture organized.
William H. Vanderbilt bequest, nucleus of General Endowment Fund.
First purchase of Egyptian art.
- 1887 Catharine Lorillard Wolfe bequest, modern paintings and fund for maintenance.
- 1888 First addition to building (Addition B), Theodore Weston, Architect.
Henry G. Marquand gives paintings by Old Masters.
- 1889 Mrs. John Crosby Brown gives collection of musical instruments.
John Taylor Johnston elected Honorary President.
Second President, Henry G. Marquand, elected.
Department of Casts created.
- 1890 John Jacob Astor bequest.
- 1891 Sunday opening inaugurated.
Appointment of Special Committee to form collection of casts of sculpture, on initiative of Robert W. de Forest. Over \$78,000 obtained.
Increased later by George W. Cullum bequest and John Taylor Johnston memorial fund.
Edward C. Moore bequest of objects of art.



EXPENDITURES
MAINTENANCE



TOTAL	CITY APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER SOURCES
	1905	
\$216,257.97	\$150,000.00	\$ 66,257.97
	1910	
\$324,013.43	\$200,000.00	\$124,013.43
	1915	
\$407,357.04	\$200,000.00	\$207,357.04
	1919	
\$617,214.05	\$175,000.00	\$442,214.05



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- 1892 Act authorizing yearly appropriation by City;
\$70,000 received.
Mrs. Amelia B. Lazarus gives Jacob H. Lazarus
Traveling Scholarship.
- 1893 Mrs. Elizabeth U. Coles bequest, tapestries and
other objects of art, and fund.
Restaurant opened.
- 1894 Second addition to building (Addition C), Arthur
L. Tuckerman, Architect.
- 1895 Loan exhibition of early American paintings.
- 1901 Jacob S. Rogers bequest, for the purchase of
objects of art and books, over \$5,000,000.
- 1902 Third addition to building (Addition D), main
Fifth Avenue entrance, Richard Morris Hunt,
Architect.
George W. Vanderbilt lends collection of paint-
ings.
Second President, Henry G. Marquand, died.
Third President, Frederick W. Rhineland, elected.
Heber R. Bishop gives collection of jade.
- 1903 Boscoreale frescoes and Etruscan bronze biga,
6th century B.C., bought.
- 1904 Death of General L. P. di Cesnola.
Third President, Frederick W. Rhineland, died.
Fourth President, J. Pierpont Morgan, elected.
Third Secretary, Robert W. de Forest, elected.

ACCESSIONS
OBJECTS OF ART

GIFTS & BEQUESTS PURCHASES

		1906	
952	3		1,052
		1910	
7,746	496		2,276
		1915	
242	390		2,276
		1919	
3,067	140		3,431



CHRONOLOGY

- 1905 Second Director, Sir C. Purdon Clarke, elected.
Edward Robinson elected Assistant Director.
Membership classes, Sustaining and Fellowship, established.
Departments re-organized, Department of Classical Antiquities organized.
Educational work organized; coöperation with Public Schools initiated.
Publication of Bulletin begun.
- 1906 Accessions Room opened.
Photograph Department established.
Information Desk established.
Department of Egyptian Art organized.
Egyptian Expedition for excavation organized.
George A. Hearn gives English and American paintings and fund for purchase of paintings by living American artists.
- 1907 Department of Decorative Arts organized.
Class Room opened.
Lantern slide lending collection begun.
Fourth addition to building (Addition E), McKim, Mead & White, Architects.
- 1908 First Museum Instructor appointed.
Frederick C. Hewitt bequest, over \$1,500,000.
- 1909 Loan exhibition, Hudson-Fulton celebration.
First Study Room, of Textiles, opened.
- 1910 Fifth addition to building (Addition F), Wing of Decorative Arts, McKim, Mead & White Architects.



ATTENDANCE

1893	559,267
1895	526,448
1900	571,500
1905	744,042
1909	937,883
1910	744,449
1913	839,419
1914	913,230
1915	707,690
1919	880,043

CHRONOLOGY

- J. Pierpont Morgan gives part and lends part of Hoentschel Collection.
- Mrs. Russell Sage gives Bolles Collection of American furniture.
- Sixth addition to building, The Library, McKim, Mead & White, Architects.
- Sir C. Purdon Clarke, Director, resigns.
- Third Director, Edward Robinson, elected.
- George A. Hearn gives another collection of English and American paintings.
- John Stewart Kennedy bequest, over \$2,600,000.
- 1911 Lecture Hall opened.
- 1912 Francis L. Leland gift, over \$1,000,000.
- Seventh addition to the building (Addition H), McKim, Mead & White, Architects.
- Joseph Pulitzer bequest, over \$900,000.
- Department of Arms and Armor organized.
- 1913 Death of J. Pierpont Morgan.
- Fifth President, Robert W. de Forest, elected.
- Fourth Secretary, Henry W. Kent, elected.
- Benjamin Altman bequest, paintings, sculpture, Chinese porcelains, etc., and fund.
- William Henry Riggs gives collection of arms and armor.
- History of the Museum published.
- 1914 Loan exhibition, the J. Pierpont Morgan Collection.
- Mrs. Edward J. Tytus gives fund for publication of Museum Egyptian Expedition work.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

1917—Classes
for Salespeople

1915—Children's
Story Hours

1915—Loans to
Libraries

1911
Lecture Hall

1908
Museum Instructor

1906
Information Desk

1893—Lectures
with Columbia

1891
Sunday Opening

1880
Library

1872
First Lectures

1872
Catalogues

1870

CONSTITUTION
FOR THE
PURPOSE OF
ENCOURAGING
&
DEVELOPING
THE STUDY
OF THE
FINE ARTS

1918—Associate in
Industrial Arts

1915
Lectures for Deaf

1914
Salespeople Lectures

1913
Lectures for Blind

1909—Textiles
Study Room

1907
Lantern Slides

1905
Bulletin

1905—Public School
Coöperation

1880
Museum Art School

1875
Students' Tickets

1872
Copyists' Permits



CHRONOLOGY

- John L. Cadwalader bequest, English furniture, porcelains, and fund.
- 1915 Mrs. Morris K. Jesup bequest, paintings and funds.
Mrs. Robert W. Gillespie bequest of tapestries.
- 1916 Edward S. Harkness gives Tomb of Perneb.
J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., gives Colonna Raphael and sculpture from the Château de Biron.
- 1917 Department of Prints organized.
Harris B. Dick bequest, collections and fund, over \$1,000,000.
First manufacturers' exhibition.
Isaac D. Fletcher bequest, collection of paintings and objects of art, and fund, over \$3,400,000.
Eighth addition to building (Addition J occupied, Addition K not yet completed), McKim, Mead & White, Architects.
J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., gives collection of objects of art.
- 1918 J. Pierpont Morgan Collection of objects of art installed in Wing of Decorative Arts, hereafter to be called the Pierpont Morgan Wing.
John Hoge bequest, over \$1,000,000.
Loan exhibition, contemporary American sculpture.
Free concerts inaugurated.
Associate in Industrial Arts appointed.

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1919 Coöperative Exhibition of Plant Forms in Ornament by Museum and New York Botanical Garden.

Tablet commemorative of men who served in the war unveiled.

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