

partially reconstructed, but a new library was not included. There the matter remained. At length, in the last days of the session of 1886, on the initiative of the Premier, the Assembly voted the modest sum of £5,000 for the erection of a library building. Designs were drafted after the best experience available; committees and sub-committees sat repeatedly to consider them; and every detail of structure and material was canvassed by busy men who gave their costly time in furtherance of an object they had at heart. Tenders were then called for, but, none having been accepted before the close of the financial year, the vote has necessarily lapsed. It would be idle to complain. A Government cannot erect buildings with money it does not possess, and among the necessities of a young colony there must be many that are more urgent than even a parliamentary library. Yet one remembers that a poor nation like Prussia, in an hour of defeat and humiliation, could conceive no more hopeful project than to found a university which has become one of the greatest seats of learning in the world; and it is just possible that, even from a commercial point of view, a country may make less remunerative investments than in an institution which is to instruct its law-makers and equip its administrators.

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