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To date there are no catalogues of the first Canterbury Society of Arts exhibition known to have survived, although a catalogue was certainly produced.<sup>1</sup>

The only resources available from which information can be drawn are the C.S.A. archives, held by the Robert McDougall Art Gallery, and contemporary newspaper reviews.

While not providing a complete picture of the exhibitions, the Lyttelton Times and The Press do make reference to a surprisingly large number of art works. The Lyttelton Times in particular includes exhibition numbers with the works being discussed.

C.S.A. records<sup>2</sup> show that the total number of works exhibited by working artists to be 105, of which 18 were in oil while the remaining 87 were watercolours and drawings.

In the loan collection it is recorded that 41 works were on exhibit. There are 11 works which remain unaccounted for, three from the loan collection and eight from the working artists exhibits.

<sup>1</sup> C.S.A. Minutes 25 Jan 1881. RMAG Archives

<sup>2</sup> C.S.A. Annual Report 1880-81. RMAG Archives

### **NUMBERED EXHIBITS:**

3. <i>Pulpit in Maori Church, Mohaka</i> (w/c)	Mr H.M. Atcherly
5. <i>Shades of Evening, the Estuary</i> (oil)	Mr. J Gibb
9. <i>Hole in the Wall, Mercury Bay</i> (w/c)	Mr H.M. Atcherly
12. <i>Rainy sky, Kawhaka</i> (w/c)	Mr J. Peele
14. <i>Waikouiti Bay, early morn</i> (w/c)	Mr T.S. Cousins
18. <i>On the Avon</i> (oil)	Mr J. Gibb
19. <i>Morning after the Storm</i> (oil)	Mr J. Gibb
20. <i>Buller River, West Coast</i> (oil)	Mr R. Snow
21. <i>His Last Match</i> (oil)	Mr T.S. Cousins
23. <i>Manganui Head, Tauranga</i> (w/c)	Mr H.M. Atcherly
24. <i>Upper Waimakariri</i> (w/c)	Mr T.S. Cousins
26. <i>St. Michaels Mount</i>	Capt. E.F. Temple
27. <i>Yachts off North Foreland</i>	Mr L. Neville
28. <i>Dieppe Cathedral</i>	Mr T. Cane
31. <i>In a Native Pah, Maketu</i> (w/c)	Mr H.M. Atcherly
35. <i>Peninsula from Upper Waimakariri</i>	Mr Mainwairing
37. <i>Bush Scene, near Little River</i>	Mr T. S. Cousins
40. <i>Moonlight</i> (w/c)	Mr J. Peele
43. <i>Scudding</i> (w/c)	Mr E. Mitchell
49. <i>View in the Bay</i> (oil)	Mr E. Clark
50. <i>Portrait of a Gentleman</i> (oil)	Mrs H. Kohn
52. <i>Early Settlers</i>	Capt. E.F. Temple

54. <i>Portrait</i> (oil)	Capt. E.F. Temple
60. <i>Roses</i> (oil)	Mrs H. Kohn
61. <i>Bryant Glacier, Humboldt Range</i>	Capt. E.F. Temple
66. <i>Alone</i> (oil)	Mrs H. Kohn
74. <i>Distant View of Napier</i>	Mr Mainwairing
83. <i>Gully, Mt Hutt</i>	Capt. E. F. Temple
86. <i>Lake Tekapo, Mackenzie Country</i> (oil)	
	Mr J. Gibb
87. <i>Bush Scene near Little River</i> (w/c)	Mr T.S. Cousins
90. <i>Shells and Seaweed</i> (oil)	Mrs H. Kohn

**UNNUMBERED EXHIBITS:**

Mr H. M. Atcherly

Three works, titles unknown

Mrs Beetham

*Still Life (flowers)*

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Mr R. Beetham

*View of Apia Harbour*

*Timaru Breakwater*

Mrs H. Campbell

*Female Head*

*Female Head*

*Still Life – Petunias*

Mr T. Cane

*A View of Mount Somers*

Two other works, titles unknown

Mr E. Clark

Two works, titles unknown

Mr T. Elmsley

*Oxford Tce and Montreal St Bridge*

Three other works, titles unknown

Mr E. A. Gifford

*La Grassia, Gulf of Spessia*

Mr E.A. Gifford	<i>Ben Ohau Station, Mackenzie Country Sunrise, Milford Sound</i>
Mrs Haslam	<i>Row Taw, Cornwall Avon Mill, Rugby</i>
Mrs H. Kohn	<i>A View of the Waterworks, Dunedin</i>
Mr Maddison	<i>Architectural drawing – City Hotel</i>
Mr E. Mitchell	<i>View of Sumner Seascape</i>
Mr B.W. Mountfort	<i>Architectural drawing:- Cathedral Architectural drawing:- Provincial Government Building Architectural drawing:-Title unknown Four miniature w/c paintings within a single frame (Titles unknown)</i>
Mr L. Neville	<i>Man Overboard Pilot Boat Looking up the Estuary from Sumner Dawn at Sea The Old Three decker Past</i>

Mr L. Neville

*Present*

*French Farm from German Bay*

*Peninsula from Oxford*

**Eight other works, titles unknown, although likely to include a number of marinescape watercolour sketches**

Mr W. H. Pratt

*Title unknown*

Capt. E. F. Temple

*Elephant Hill Creek*

*Bryant Glacier*

*Lake Wakatipu, from Queenstown*

*Four Peaks Station*

*Humbolt Range from the River Dart*

*Rocks from Waihao*

*Portrait of a Woman*

*The Sea Spell*

*Madame Falcot*

*Horseplay*

**Two other works, titles unknown**



**WORKS LOANED FOR EXHIBITION:**

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| 101. <i>Mount Cecil, Lake Wakatipu</i><br>(loaned by Mr Neville)                      | Mr W.M. Hodgkins |
| 102. <i>Christchurch in 1852</i><br>(loaned by Mr Wynn Williams)                      | Mr J. Peele      |
| 103. <i>Firs and Ferns</i><br>(loaned by Mr H.A. Scott)                               | H. McLachlan     |
| 104. <i>Watergate Bay, Cornwall</i><br>(after Mayford)<br>(loaned by the artist)      | Mrs H. Kohn      |
| 105. <i>Lake Wakatipu</i><br>(loaned by Mr Neville)                                   | Mr W.M. Hodgkins |
| 106. <i>Mount Cook from Lake Tekapo</i>   | Mr J. Gully      |
| 107. <i>Staghounds Head</i> (oil)   | Earle            |
| 108. <i>St Brelade's Bay, Jersey</i> (oil)<br>(106,107 & 108 loaned by Mr G.G. Stead) | J. Danby         |

109. <i>Checkmate</i> (after Webb)	Mrs H. Kohn
110. <i>Sketch on the Cornice Road</i> (loaned by Judge Johnston)	Harper
111. <i>Still Life (flowers and fruit)</i> (loaned by Mr W.C. Hill)	J. Hill
114. <i>Lilacs</i> (loaned by Mr S. Manning)	Longpre
115. <i>Still Life</i>	J.Hill
117. <i>Still Life</i> (115 & 117 loaned by Mr W.C. Hill)	J. Hill
118. <i>Lake Kakapo</i> (loaned by Judge Johnston)	C. D. Barraud
119. <i>Isle of Skye</i> (loaned by Mr A.H. Scott)	H. McLachlan
120. <i>An Old Colonist</i> (oil) (loaned by the artist)	Mr W.M. Gibb

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| 121. <i>At the Carnival</i> (w/c)<br>(loaned by Mr H.P. Lance)                    | Guido Bach      |
| 122. <i>The Alchemist</i><br>(loaned by Mr H. Gray)                               | J. Steen*       |
| 123. <i>Mallerstang – Westmorland</i>   | H. McLachlan    |
| 124. <i>A dead City of the Zuyder Zees</i><br>(123 & 124 loaned by Mr H.A. Scott) | H. McLachlan    |
| 125. <i>Heathcote Estuary</i><br>(loaned by Mr W. Williams)                       | Mr T.S. Cousins |
| 126. <i>Tewkesbury</i> (w/c)<br>(loaned by Mr G.G. Stead)                         | J. Callow       |
| 127. <i>Nydia and Ions</i><br>(loaned by Mr S. Manning)                           | Jarvis Barret   |
| 129. <i>Wild Flowers</i><br>(loaned by Mr S. Manning)                             | Longpre         |

\* Likely to be *The Physician* by Gerard Dou, now in the Robert McDougall Art Gallery Collection

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| 130. <i>Lake Scenery, West Coast</i><br>(loaned by Mr W. Williams) | Mr J. Peele       |
| 131. <i>Still Life</i><br>(loaned by Mr W.C. Hill)                 | J. Hill           |
| 134. <i>Lake Wakatipu</i><br>(loaned by Mr W. Williams)            | Capt. E.F. Temple |
| 135. <i>Still Life</i><br>(loaned by Mr W.C. Hill)                 | J. Hill           |
| 136. <i>On the Thames</i><br>(loaned by Mr G.G. Stead)             | P. De Wint        |
| 138. <i>Exploding Water Spout</i><br>(loaned by Judge Johnston)    | (Artist unknown)  |
| 139. <i>Babies (after Borquereau)</i><br>(loaned by the artist)    | Mrs H. Kohn       |
| 140. <i>Teremakau Valley</i><br>(loaned by Mr Neville)             | W. M. Hodgkins    |

**UNNUMBERED:**

<i>Calais Harbour</i> (loaned by Mr H.P. Lance)	Bentley
<i>Portrait (after Rembrandt)</i> (loaned by the artist)	A.B. Cambridge
<i>Portrait (after Rembrandt)</i> (loaned by the artist)	A.B. Cambridge
<i>Photographic copy of Titian</i> (loaned by Prof. F.W. Hutton)	Artist unknown
<i>Photographic copy of Raphael</i> (loaned by Prof. F.W. Hutton)	Artist unknown

**NEWSPAPER REVIEWS:**

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The Lyttelton Times 19<sup>th</sup> January 1881 (p. 5)

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