

HISTORY OF BALLARAT W.B. Withers 2nd Edition 1887. Pages 280 and 281.

Records Stoddart's gift of 12 statues presented on the Queen's Birthday 1884 to the Mayor and Council of the city "as custodians for the city for all time, the statues being at that time set up in the (Botanic)Gardens".

Also records Thompson's will amounting to 3,000 pounds in trust to his executors for the purchase of statuary for the Botanic Gardens and requesting Stoddart's assistance in the selection. and refers to the impending purchase of a statue of the flight of a man, woman and child from Pompeii and the statue of Wallace. (A symbolical Group representing Britannia unveiling Australia was also being considered)

The same chapter also deals with the Burns statue and its unveiling in 1887.

** Reference to Poem by Thomas Hood, English Poet, "The song of the Shirt" published anonymously in Punch in 1843.