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MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society of Tasmania, held at the Museum, Macquarie-street, at 7 o'clock p.m., on the 30th January, 1871: The Ven. Archdeacon Davies, Vice-President, in the chair.

The Chairman having read the advertisement by which the meeting had been convened, called upon the Secretary to read the report.

The Report for 1870 was then read.

It was moved by Mr. H. Bilton, seconded by Mr. J. Allport, and carried, "That the Report be adopted, and printed for circulation amongst the Fellows."

Messrs. J. M. Clarke and F. Abbott, junr., having been appointed Scrutineers, the meeting proceeded to the election of four members of Council in place of those retiring.

The ballot resulted in favour of the undermentioned Fellows, who were declared duly elected:—

F. Abbott, Esq. T. Giblin, Esq. Justin McCarthy Browne, Esq. A. G. Webster, Esq.

Messrs. F. Butler and H. Cook were, on the motion of Mr. M. Allport, seconded by Mr. F. Abbott, Senr., re-elected Auditors of annual accounts.

The following gentlemen, who had been previously nominated by the Council, were elected by ballot as Fellows of the Society:—

Molesworth Jeffery, Esq., of Bournbank, and

W. E. Baynton, Esq., of Kingston.

A vote of thanks to the Honorary Secretary,

Dr. Agnew, proposed by Mr. J. Allport, and seconded with some complimentary remarks by

Mr. Stephens, was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Agnew returned thanks. He was much gratified at being able to report that the financial condition of the Society was so comparatively satisfactory, and he hoped by the invaluable assistance of their Curator, Mr. Roblin, to be able next year to state that all liabilities had been cleared off. This was much to be desired, as it was becoming a matter of necessity that some portion of the funds should be devoted to the purchase of recent books of reference, etc., and to other objects connected with the Institution.

On the motion of Mr. Belstead, seconded by Mr. J. M. Clarke, an unanimous vote of thanks

was accorded to the Chairman.

The Chairman returned thanks, remarking that he considered it would be desirable to have a microscopical reunion at an early date for the special entertainment of ladies; and stating that, in conformity with a suggestion made by Mr. Giblin at the last annual general meeting, he purposed giving an address next year, should he then have the pleasure of occupying his present position.

The proceedings then terminated.

REPORT.

The Session of 1870 commenced on the 8th of March, with a paper by Baron F. Von Müeller, C.M.G., F.R.S., etc., entitled "Contributions to the Phytography of Tasmania," and the following papers were read at the meetings during the year:—"Additional Observations on the changes which have taken place in the Star, Argus and its surrounding Nebula," by F. Abbott, F.R.A.S.; "On the Land Shells of Tasmania, with a list of new species," by Mr. W. Legrand; "On the habits of the large Crayfish (Astacus sp.) of the Northern Rivers of Tasmania," by C. Gould, Esq., F.G.S.; "Notes on an Excursion to Cummings's Head and the Falls of the Meander," by W. Archer, Esq., F.L.S.; "Notes on an Experiment with the Fumes of Sulphur, and on other methods for the Destruction of Rabbits in their Burrows," by W. Archer, Esq., F.L.S.; "Notes on the Salmon Trout (Salmo trutta) at the River Plenty," by M. Allport, Esq., F.Z.Ś., F.L.S.; "The Sun and its Office in the Universe," by F. Abbott, Esq., F.R.A.S.; "Continuation of Notes on an Excursion to Cummings's Head and the Falls of the Meander," by W. Archer, Esq., F.L.S.; and "Notes on the Californian Thistle," by the same author.

In addition to the papers read, the following subjects were brought under discussion at the monthly meetings:—"The occurrence of Gold at Port Cygnet;" "The Red Spider of the Hop Grounds;" "The Smolt captured in the Derwent and forwarded to Dr. Günther for identification of Species;" "The arrest of development of the Salmon when detained in fresh water;" "Dr.

Günther's opinion as to species of the Smolt sent to him;" "The Caterpillars by which the grain and other crops were so much injured in the early part of 1870;" "The Manufacture of Beet-root Sugar in Tasmania, with correspondence thereon;" "The capture of a Smolt by an angler at New Norfolk; "Coal from Three Hut Point;" "The rapid growth of the English Perch (Perca

fluviatilis) in Tasmania," etc., etc.

The monthly Meteorological Tables have been regularly published, and copies of them forwarded to the Government Observatories in the neighbouring colonies, from all of which similar returns have been received. The thanks of the Society are again due to Mr. F. Abbott of Hobart Town, Mr. J. Boyd of Port Arthur, Dr. Story of Swansea, and Mr. F. Belstead of Westbury, for their trouble in keeping these important records; also to the Superintendents of the various Lighthouses and Coast Stations, who, by direction of the Marine Board, furnish monthly returns.

The Council has much pleasure in reporting that the monthly "Notes on the Meteorology and Mortality of the Hobart Town Registration District," by E. Swarbreck Hall, Esq., have been regularly supplied and printed during the year.

Our transactions have as usual been transmitted to learned Societies in various parts of the world, and the Fellows will no doubt have observed, by our acknowledgments at the monthly meetings, that very valuable presentations have been received in return.

In order to aid in the advancement of the objects of the Society, it was thought advisable to make an appeal to the public for such increased assistance as they might be enabled to afford, whether by scientific contributions, or by joining

as permanent members. The results have been such as to justify us in still keeping the subject under notice during the present year.

COUNCIL.

No vacancy has occurred during the year. The required list according to Rule XXXII., as amended at the General Meeting of 1868, has been exhibited in the Library for the last fortnight.

FINANCE.

On reference to last year's Report it will be noticed that it was expected our debt would be considerably reduced at the end of the current year. We are happy to say such has been the case, and the state of the Balance Sheet warrants us in hoping that the debt will almost be extinguished

by the end of the present financial year.

The total income from all sources was as follows:
—Government Grant to Museum £200; to the Gardens £400; subscriptions £127 10s.; sale of Plants, etc., £71 3s. 4d.; amounting to £798 13s. 4d. This with £30 12s. in the hands of the Superintendent of the Gardens for payment of current expenses, 9s. petty cash in hands of Curator of Museum, and £40, which we calculate will be available from arrears of subscriptions, will give a grand total of £869 14s. 4d. The expenditure and liabilities amount to £899 11s. 4d., leaving a balance to debit of £29 17s.

As the following statement shows, the current expenditure for the year has been well within the

income:—

Total Receipts from all sources Total Expenditure	£ s. 798 13 757 11	4
Balance for meeting liabilities	£41 1	8

GARDENS.

In the upper part of the Gardens considerable progress has been made in laying out and planting the trenched ground, through which a broad walk has also been carried. This walk will be continued round the beach as soon as the necessary tract of ground has been reclaimed by the sea wall now in process of erection. It is hoped that this wall will be completed in the course of a few months, and when the arrangements now in progress are fully carried out, this portion of the Gardens will no doubt become exceedingly attractive.

Preparations for the erection of a new boundary fence have been commenced by the Government. About two-thirds of the necessary quantity of cut timber has been received from Port Arthur, and as soon as the remainder arrives the work will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. It is hoped that arrangements will be made at the same time for the construction of a new entrance, more in keeping with the general character of the grounds than the present one, which is most inconvenient

and unsightly.

Owing to the very low state of our finances, and consequently the want of a proper organisation for the collection of suitable plants, our exchanges with Europe are gradually falling of, and the additions to our plant stock during the past year have chiefly been received from the neighbouring colonies. To Baron Von Müeller, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, and C. Moore, Esq., Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, we are indebted for many valuable additions of which the following are worthy of special notice:—A valuable collection of Tea,—Cinchona,—various Oaks, including the Cork Oak,—Conifere of

economic value,—Hickory and Walnut plants. The above were sent by Baron Von Müeller as test plants to prove the adaptability of Tasmania for their cultivation on a larger scale. Several new Palms, which were discovered by himself on Lord Howe's Island, were sent by Mr. Moore. Among them the Kentia Balmoreana, K. Forsteriana, K. Canterburyana, &c., Panax Murrayii (the Palm Panax), Eucalyptus citriodora (the Lemonscented gum), Laurus cinnamomum (the Cinnamon tree), and many others equally interesting. About 250 new plants were received during the year.

The number of persons who visited the Gardens

during the year is estimated at 21,444.

MUSEUM.

As will be seen by the list of presentations many specimens in various departments of Natural History have been received during the year. All of these for which room could be provided have been arranged in their appropriate sections of the collection, the remainder being placed in store until additional case room, of which we are greatly in want, has been procured.

The spirit preparations in store have largely increased, but, as our funds are not at present adequate to meet the expense of mounting them for exhibition, the most that can be done for some time will be to provide sufficient spirits of wine to

preserve them.

The collection of skeletons of native animals has received many additions at the hands of Mr. Roblin, and it is hoped that the majority of these will be placed in the Museum during the ensuing year.

Conchological specimens have been received from several donors, but as they are principally

duplicates of those already in the Museum, they will be chiefly valuable for purposes of exchange. Mr. W. Legrand, to whom the Society is indebted for many additions to this department, is arranging a complete series of Tasmanian land shells, including all those recently discovered by himself, and it is his intention to present the collection when

completed to the Museum.

The work necessary for the preservation of the general collection, which requires much time and care, has been carried out. Several alterations have been made in various parts of the Museum for the better display of the objects exhibited, and the work of labelling is being proceeded with as opportunities occur. Specimens have been sent to the Museum of Magdalen College, Cambridge; and Brussels, from which places we shall doubtless receive others in return.

The number of visitors during the year was

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STATEMENT of the Funds of the ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA for the Year 1870.

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LIST OF PRESENTATIONS TO MUSEUM DURING 1870, WITH NAMES OF DONORS.

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Allport, M., Esq.—Insects in spirits, from Port Arthur. Part of Skull of Tunny, from North Coast of Tasmania. A Rail (Rallus Lewinii). Prawns taken from stomachs of Rock Cod. Schorl from Flinders' Island, and a Mass of Resin washed on shore at the same place. Two Fish, caught in the Derwent. [See Emmelichthys nitidus in Zool. of Erebus and Terror, page 47, plate 29]. A Black Snake. A Fox Shark, or Thresher.

Allison, F., Esq.—A Pair of Mexican Spurs. Atkinson, Rev. H. D.—Specimen of *Ibacus Peronii*. A Spider Crab. Eleven specimens of Echinodermata.

Abbott, J., Esq.—Coal from Rookwood, Three Hut Point.

Bayley, Master E.—A Falcon (Falco frontatus).

Butler, J., Esq., Dunedin, per J. W. Graves, Esq. A femur of the Moa (Dinornis sp.)

Brand, Mr., Oatlands, per the Hon. J. Whyte, Esq.—A feetal Wallaby. Baynton, Mr. W. E., Kingston.—Land Shells, Crustacea, &c.

Butler, F., Esq. -Four specimens of Silver Ore from Penguin Creek.

Butler, J. J., Esq.—Au English Perch, from Bagdad. Crouch, Mrs. S.—A collection of Weapons, &c., from Fiji, viz. :—1 Pillow, 2 Pieces Tappa Cloth, 1 Female Chief's Dress, 1 Paddle, 2 War Clubs, 1 Piece Samoan Cloth, 1 Sandwich Island Spear, 1 Spear, Skull of Porpoise, Fætal Porpoise.

Chisholm, Mr. D.—A large Fungus from a Gum Tree.

Cole, Mr. W.—1 Spanish Silver Coin, Carolus III., 1781. 1 Half Dime. United States, 1854. 1 Brass Coin, Louis XVI. of France, 1792. 1 Silver Coin.

Chapman, Mrs.—Sceds from Borneo.

Clinch, Capt.—Jaw of Cestracion, or Port Jackson Shark.
Cook, H., Esq.—A Treatise on Tobacco, 1621.
Cearns, Mr.—Specimens of very large Oysters from North-West Bay.

Dinham, G., Esq.—Two Stone Hatchets of Aborigines of Australia and Tasmania. Portion of Skull of Aborigine from Mona Vale. A Fossil Seed from the Sandstone, Somersetshire, England, found 80 feet below the surface. A Collection of Mineral specimens from England. A copy of "The whole Workes of W. Tyndall, John Frith, and Dr. Barnes," 1573.

Degraves, C., Esq.—Four Fossils from the Limestone at Cascades.

Docksey, Mr.—Three Mineral specimens from Adelaide. Davies, Mr. G.—Chicken with four legs. Exton, Mr., Oatlands.—A Rail (Rallus Lewinii).

Edwards, Mr., Oatlands.—A White Kangaroo. Edwards, Mr., Kewstoke.—A very large specimen of Cornelian. Forsyth, Captain, brig Waverley.—A Snake and a Lizard from Java.

Forster, J., Esq.—Part of Human Skeleton dug up at Hamilton.
Graves, J. W., Esq.—2 Skulls of Axis Deer from Slopen Island. A
Nest of the English Sparrow. A Black Snake. A Cape Barren Goose (Cereopsis Novæ Hollandiæ). A Sparrow Hawk.

Giblin, Mr. R.—A Fish said to have been caught in Mr. Walker's Mill-

Race (?). Gellibrand, T. L., Esq.—A Wedge-tailed Eagle.

Giblin, T., Esq.—A list of subscribers, with signatures, to a testimonial for presentation to Mr. Taylor, of Macquarie River, for resisting an attack on his house by escaped convicts, dated 20th July, 1824. Paper-like Bark of Tea Tree.

Gulliver, Mr. G.—125 specimens of Australian Coleoptera, named. Gresley, Mr. C. A.—Rock Specimens from River Mersey.

Gibbons, Mr.—A Chicken with four legs.

Hedberg, Mr. O. H.—A collection of Swedish Coins and Notes. Hopkins, H., Esq.—A feetal Lamb, a monstrosity. Two Dories. Hull, H. M., Esq.—Specimen of Iron Pyrites and Malachite.

&c., from Warrnambool. Nest of White-shafted Fantail. Hedberg, Mr. O. E.—Jaws of Shark. Hutchison, Rev. J.—A Hermit Crab.

Herpich, Mr.—Three Austrian Notes. Five Turkish Coins. One Austrian and two Hamburg Coins.

Ikin, Mr.—Two Spines of Sting Rays. Twelve specimens of Crustacea. James, Mr. R.—Part of Skeleton of Ray (?). Jaw of Cestracion. Jeffrey, Mr. R. A.—Two very Large Mussels, from near New Wharf. Johnston, Mr. W.-A Bronze-winged Cuckoo.

Knight, W., Esq., junior.—Samples of Cinnabar Ore from Cudgegong, New South Wales.

Leake, J. T., Esq.—A specimen of Roman Brick from St. Alban's, England (the ancient Verulamium).

Luttrell, Mr.—Specimens of Quartz from Tomahawk River and Waterhouse. Crabs from N. Coast.

Lewis, Mr. Gidley.—A Russian Silver Coin of Empress Catherine, 1796. Specimen of Handwriting of General Moreau.

Low, Mr. J. I.—A Black-cheeked Falcon.

Lloyd, Captain, per Mr. O. H. Hedberg.—A Shingle of Macquarie Harbour Pine, from the gaol at Macquarie Harbour built in 1826.

Mayson, Miss H., and Mitchell Miss J.—A Collection of Shells from East Coast, Tasmania.

Marum, Very Revd. Archdeacon.—Fossils from near the Dromedary Mountain, Tasmania.

Museum, Australian, Sydney, Trustees of.—Part of Skull of Fossil Sarcophilus from Wellington caves, N.S. Wales. Eight photographs of Ceratodus Forsteri.

Müeller, Baron F. Von.—Skeleton of White Swan.

Makepeace, Mrs., Swansea.—Four specimens of Echinodermata.—Egg cases of Fasciolaria sp.

McKenna, Mr.—Living specimens of Gordius from New Town rivulet. Maclanachan, Hon. J., Esq., a Carolina Drake. A Peacock curiously

Maum, Mr. W.—A Copper Medal, apparently Masonic. Moir, Mr., jun.—Native Alum from near Brown's River.

Milligan, Dr.—Copies of Bonwick's "Last of the Tasmanians," and "Daily Life of Tasmania."

Nicholas, A., Esq.—Fossil Spatangus from New Zealand.

Neilson, Mr. A.—A very large specimen of the common Slug. Nelson, Mr. H.—Sample of Coal from Greymouth, New Zealand.

Officer, Sir R.—A Platypus.

Propsting, Mr. R.—A Swamp Hawk.
Plunkett, Mr.—Mittens made by the Esqimaux of Behring's Strait.
Pybus, Mr. R., Bruni Island.—A Crown Piece of Charles II., 1677.

Paisley, Mr.—A Cuttle Fish.

Parker, Mr. T.—Auriferous Quartz from Pioneer Reef, Waterhouse.

Pearsall, Mr.—A Chestnut-faced Owl.
Pelham, Mr.—A Fish picked up on beach at Kangaroo Point.
Philip, Mr.—Part of Vertebra of Whale.
Price, Mr. W. H.—A Ram's Head with four horns.

Rex, Mr. Geo. W.—The Crop of a Fowl containing an entire Whipsnake.

Roblin, Mr. T.—Specimen of Aplysia sp. from Cornelian Bay.

Read, R. C., Esq.—A Native Devil (Sarcophilus ursinus), with three young in pouch.

Robinson, Captain, barque "Free Trader."—A sample of Bituminous Coal from a new seam at Newcastle, New South Wales.

Robertson, Mr. R.—A large bony mass from a horse's jaw, which had been previously fractured.

Smith, Mr. F.—Specimen of Aplysia, from Brown's River.

Smith, Mr. G. J.—Piece of Native Box Wood, (Bursaria spinosa) with thorns embedded in its substance.

Smith, Mr. W.—A Flounder, curiously marked.

Smith, Mr. J., Brig "Waverley."—Snakes, Lizards, &c., from China. Serckoff, Captain, H.I.M's. Corvette "Boyarin."—A collection of Russian Coins, viz., 1 Gold, 5 Silver, and 9 Copper.

Spurling, Mr. - Specimen of the Chimera Australis, caught in the Derwent.

Salmon Commissioners. A Salmon Parr from the breeding ponds, River Plenty.

Scott, J. Esq., M.H.A.—Cast skin of Snake, from Ringarooma. Tapfield, Mr. M.—A specimen of Gorgonia, with a species of Astrophyton attached.

Turner, Mr. H.—A Persian or Hindoo copper coin. Weber, Mr. M.—A War Club from Fiji. Weaver, Mr. G.—A Musk Duck.

Warren, Captain R.E.—Feet of Cariboo Deer.—Mocassins made from hocks of Moose Deer.

Wintle, Mr. S. H.—Two specimens of Granite from the Tomahawk River. Fossil ripple marks in sandstone, from Southport. 20 Geological specimens from New South Wales and Victoria.

Wood, Mr. A.—A very curious Crustacean from Blackman's Bay. Williams, Captain.—A Cuttle Fish from East Coast.

Wise, Mr. F.—A Smolt eaught by an angler at New Norfolk.

Young, Mr. James.—A Spider Crab. Human Skull from Fiji. Jaws of Port Jackson Shark (Cestracion).

PLANTS SENT FROM THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS DURING 1870, CHIEFLY TO PERSONS RESIDING ABROAD.

March 15th.—To the Sydney Botanic Gardens.—One Case containing 61 plants.

March 21st.—To Mr. E. B. Heyne, Seedsman, Adelaide.—Collection Seeds and Bulbs.

March 29th.—To Mr. F. Terry, Government House, Brisbane.—Seven species Tasmanian Ferns.

June 1st.—To Mr. G. Brunning, Nurseryman, Melbourne.—Twentyone plants, 12 packets seeds.

June 1st.—To Mr. J. Harris, Nurseryman, Melbourne.—Thirteen plants,

12 packets seeds.

June 10th.—To the Botanic Gardens, Sydney.—One Case containing 76 plants.

July 13th.—To B. F. Laurie, Esq., Encounter Bay.—One hundred Morus alba.

July 16th.—To Messrs. Toole and Co., Nurserymen, Dublin, Ireland.—

Ten packets seeds. August 17th.—To Messrs. Taylor and Sangster, Toorak Nursery, Mel-

bourne.—Twenty-five plants, 10 packets seeds.

August 17th.—To Ferd. Von Müeller, Director, &c., Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.—29 plants, 11 packets seeds.

August 17th.—To Mr. G. Brunning, Nurseryman, Melbourne.—7 plants, 3 packets seeds.

PLANTS AND SEEDS SUPPLIED FOR THE DECORATION OF PUBLIC PLACES, DURING 1870.

April 25th.—For Castray Esplanade.—Collections of Creepers.

June 2nd.—For planting Church grounds, Bothwell.—Seventy plants.

June 3rd.—For planting Agricultural Society's grounds. Evandale.—

Seventy plants, Collection Roses, 12 packets seeds.

June 14th.—For planting in the Franklin Square.—15 plants, 10 plants. June 20th.—For planting at Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk.—Eighty

plants.

June 21st.—For planting round the foundation of Public Buildings,
Macquarie-street.—Seventy three plants.

June 24th.—For plantation at Cascade Factory, Upper Macquarie-street. Sixty-three plants.

June 30th.—For planting about grounds of Government House.—Fifty

July 1st.—For planting avenue of Military Barracks.—Thirty-six plants. July 11th.—Mr. J. Archer, for church grounds, Longford.—Fourteen plants.

July 12th.—For planting grounds of St. Michael's Church, New Nor-

folk.—Fifty-four plants. July 12th.—For planting ground at Macquarie-street entrance to Domain.

One hundred and twenty plants

July 30th.—For planting at Castray Esplanade.—Thirty-two plants. July 30th.—For planting about grounds of Government House.—Fifty plants.

August 5th.—For planting grounds at Colonial Hospital.—Sixty-four plants.

August 11th.—Ditto.—Thirty-three plants.

October 14th.—Mr. T. Reidy, for grounds at Gaol. Twenty plants, 35 packets seeds.

PLANTS AND SEEDS RECEIVED AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS DURING 1870, CHIEFLY FROM PERSONS ABROAD.

April 25th.—From Mr. E. B. Heyne, Seedsman, Adelaide.—One hundred and thirteen packets seeds.

May 13th.—From Mr. Joseph Harris, Nurseryman, Melbourne.—One case containing 28 plants.

May 13th.—From Baron Von Müeller, Melbourne Botanic Gardens.—

Three cases containing 153 plants. May 23rd.—From the Sydney Botanic Gardens.—Two cases containing

74 plants. May 24th.—From Mr. G. Brunning, Nurseryman, Melbourne.—One

case containing 31 plants. June 7th.—From Messrs. Toole and Co., Nurserymen, Dublin, Ireland.

Twenty-four packets seeds. June 24th.—From Mr. G. Brunning, Nurseryman, Melbourne.—Bundle

containing 31 roses.

July 7th.—From Messrs. Taylor and Sangster, Toorak Nursery, Melbourne.—One box containing 26 plaints.

July 13th.—From Mr. C. F. Creswell, Hobart Town.—Twenty-four packets seeds received from Europe.

August 26th. - From the Melbourne Botanic Gardens. - Seeds of a new Palm (Pthycosperma Alexandra).
September. - From Dr. J. Milligan, London.—Collection Flower and
Vegetable Seeds, 68 packets.

September 30th. - From Mrs. Woodin, Hobart Town. - Seeds of the Umbrella Pine received by her from China. (Scradopitys

verticilluta.)
December 10th.—From Mr. C. F. Creswell.—Azalea and Camellia

December 31st.—From the Sydney Botanic Gardens.—One Case containing 43 plants.

F. ABBOTT, Jun.,

Superintendent R. S. Gardens.

PLANTS INTRODUCED INTO THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S GAR-DENS DURING 1870.

Acanthus montana Alocassia metallica Alsophilla M'Arthurii Alternanthera spathulata Amaryllis reticulata Areca rubra Areca Baueriana Asperula setosa azurea Atherosperma micrantha Bambusa stricta Bannisteria chrysophilla Bauhinia tomentosa Beleperone oblongata Berberis pallida Blaberopus sericeus Blandfordia flammea Bœhimeria argenteda Boronia megastigma Botryodendron latifolium Bryonopsis laciniatia Calocasia macrorrhiza variegata Cassia Brewsterii Centaurea Fenzlii Cistus lusitanicus Cleidon verticillatum Clerodendron Thompsonianum Cocos plumosus Cryptocarya oblongifolia Cycas Preissii Dactylis glomerata variegata Datura Carthagenensis Datura fastuosa Datura humilis pl. Dicksonia Youngiana

Dipteracanthus affinis Dombeya mollis Dorstenia maculata Edwardsia chrysophilla Elæocarpus Hinau Elæodendron glaucum Epacris grandiflora Eranthemum tuberculatum Ethionema græcum Eucalyptus citriodora Eucalyptus Preisiana Eudiandra virens Eugenia Brasiliensis Ventenatii Fagus Carrownii Ferula communis Ficus columnaris Ficus peltata Flindersia maculosa Fraxinus elliptica Frenela cupressoides Frenela verrucosa Gardenia chartacea latifolia Geranium crassifolium Grevillea acanthifolia Grewia denticulata Hakea microcarpa pycnobotrys ulicina Helicia ternifolia Helipterum anthemoides

Hemicyclia australasica

Hibiscus Guilfoyleii

Hovea pannosa

Hydrangea japonica rosea
" japonica variegata
Incarvillea sinensis
Inga pulcherrima
Iresene Lindenii
Jambosa acida
Jasminum heterophyllum
Justicia Lindenii

Justicia Lindenü Kentia Balmoreana

Canterburyana Forsteriana Lasiandra Fontanesii Laurus Cinnamomum Licuala peltata Linaria tristis Linum perenne roseum Magnolia anonæ folia Malpigia coccifera Martynia proboscidea Melathra scabra Melicope ternata Menyanthes trifoliata Michellia champaca Nephelium tomentosum Octoclinus Macleayanus Palava flexuosa Panax Marrayii Pandanus Fosterii Pandanus spiralis Papyrus antiquorum Passiflora trifasciata Pavia Californica Pentas Kermessina Pentstemon Jeffreyanum Pentstemon ovatum Phillyrea media Phytolacca sylvestris Phœnix sylvestris Pinus Aucklandiana

11 contorta

Fremontiana Lambertiana

" palustris
" pandurata

Pittosporum Zealanicum Plattycodon grandiflorum Plectroma ventosa Pleroma heteromala Podalyria myrtifolia Podocarpus pruinosus Prumnopitys elegans Pteris tricolor Pterospermum lancifolium Quercus bicolor

" lanata Quintinia Sieberii Ratonia tenax Ruellia longifolia
Sanchezia nobilis variegata
Sansievera carnea variegata
Scolopia Brownii
Scutellaria Tranei
Stephania hernandifolia
Stipa pennata
Strobilanthus viscosus
Taxus baccata elegantissima

n umbraculifera
Tecoma grandiflora
Tarrietia Carrownii
Tatranthera ferruginea
Thunbergia javanica
Tilia argentea
Vanqueria lasiantha
Veronica diosmæfolia
Vitis capensis

" hypoglauca
Whitlavia gloxineoides
Wigandia Caracassana
Wigandia Macrophylla
Xanthorrhea arborea
Xeranthemum purpureum
Zamia Preisseii
Rhododendron

Gibsonii

CAMELLIA.

Aspasia Atrorubens Loweii

AZALEA.

Alba magna Carininata Duc d'Nassau Holdfordii Magnifica Ponticum glauca Refulgens Rubra plæno Smithii Souvenir d'I Exposition

GERANIUM.

Bicolor Celestial Chief Justice Emile Lemoin Evening Star Ephraim Forestier Madame Lemoin Ratonia Rose Charneaux Prince of Orange Rebecca Sophia Cussack Sophia Dumeresque Tiara Triumph de Themesnil Troubadour

ROSE.

Alba Carnea Charles Verdier Clotilde Rolland Ernest Boncenne Eugene Scribe Gloire de Ducher Horace Vernet La France Madame Annie Wood Charles Crapelet

" George Paul

" La Baronne de Rothschild

m Marie Cirodde

Noman Ledoux

"Theresa Levet
Marguerite de St. Amand
Merveille d'Anjou
Miss Ingram
Model of Perfection
President Willermoz

" Lincoln Princess Alice

Mary of Cambridge Sophie de La Villeboisne Souvenir du Dr. Jamain Vicomptesse de Vezins