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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 29th January, 1872: Morton Allport, Esq., F.L.S., F.Z.S., C.M.A.I., 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 1871 was then read.

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

Messrs. F. Abbott, jun., and C. Belstead, having been appointed scrutineers, the meeting proceeded to the election of four members of Council, in place of those retiring.

The ballot resulted in the re-election of the

retiring Members, &c.:-

SIR ROBERT OFFICER.
T. STEPHENS, ESQ.
H. J. BUCKLAND, ESQ.
J. BARNARD, ESQ.

Messrs. F. Butler and H. Cook were, on the motion of Mr. T. Giblin, seconded by Mr. F. Abbott, senior, re-elected Auditors of annual accounts.

R. J. Ross, Esq., after due nomination, was

elected a Fellow of the Society.

Mr. T. Giblin observed that the Fellows had great reason to be pleased with the present position of the Society. The debt had been reduced during the past, and was likely to be entirely cancelled by the end of the present year. The

general business of the Society had been conducted in a most efficient and satisfactory manner, and for all these matters he was sure everyone present felt they were much indebted to the zeal and attention of the hon. secretary, who had devoted a very great deal of valuable time to the affairs of the Society. He therefore proposed that the best thanks of the meeting should be given to

the hon. secretary.

Dr. Agnew, in returning thanks, expressed the satisfaction he felt in being able to report that the Society was so nearly clear of the debt which had for so long a period embarrassed it. It was not, he said, to be supposed, however, because we had devoted a portion of income to clear off an old debt that we had no other use for it. In fact our income was still far below what it ought to be. Our Museum was increasing, and required increased expense to keep it up. To supplement and explain it also, many valuable works of reference were urgently required for the library, and as soon as we were clear of debt every effort should be made to procure them. He might also allude to the additional accommodation given by the new building, which would greatly facilitate the work of the Museum. More room would be available for the preparation and exhibition of specimens, and on the whole he was glad to be able to congratulate the Fellows on the present state of the Society, which financially and otherwise would bear very favourable comparison with its condition at any former period.

A vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. Castray, seconded by Mr. Belstead, was accorded to the Chairman.

Mr. Allport having returned thanks the meeting terminated.

REPORT.

"The session of 1871 was opened on the 14th March, when a paper by M. Allport, F.L.S., F.Z.S., entitled 'Observations on the Progress of the Salmon Experiment' was read. The following papers were brought forward at the various meetings during the year:—'Some Remarks on the Geology of Bruni Island,' by the Rev. H. D. Atkinson: 'On the Star , Argus and its Nebula,' by F. Abbott, F.R.A.S., F.R.M.S.; 'On the Cultivation of the Sugar Beet,' by F. Abbott, jun., Superintendent of Botanic Gardens; 'On Sheep Breeding,' by S. Smith Travers; 'On a Mode of Poisoning Rabbits on Sheep Runs, &c.,' by J. Bisdee; 'On the Geological Structure of Flinders Island,' by C. Gould, F.G.S.; 'On the Islands of Bass' Straits,' by the same author; 'On a New Genus of Freshwater Mollusks discovered in Tasmania,' by W. Legrand; 'Notes as to recent results arrived at by the Royal Astronomical Society relative to the Fluctuations of the Star , Argus and its Nebula,' by F. Abbott, F.R.A.S.; 'On a Process by which Vitality in Eggs (fowls') may be Preserved for an Indefinite Period,' by S. Smith Travers.

"In addition to the above papers the following subjects have been introduced and discussed during the session:—"Sericiculture' (with correspondence); 'The Cultivation of the Cork Oak in Tasmania'; 'Stone Alum, from Brook's Creek, Tasmania'; 'The Growth and Preparation of Cork in Europe and Africa'; 'The Management of the Mulberry Tree in China and Japan for Silk Culture'; 'The Extraction of Sugar from Beet-

root'; 'The Destruction of Rabbits in their Burrows,' &c., &c.

"Our monthly meteorological observations have been duly recorded, and the usual interchanges made with the Observatories of all the neighbouring colonies. The thanks of the Society are again due to all those who have so kindly assisted us in making these returns, and to whom special allusion was made in our last report. 'Notes on the Meteorology and Mortality of the Hobart Town Registration District,' by E. S. Hall, Esq., have been regularly received and printed.

"Our usual friendly intercourse with kindred Societies in various parts of the world has been kept up by exchanges of publications. In this respect, however, America has been by far the most liberal contributor to our library, valuable publications having been received not only from the Government, but also from the Smithsonian

Institution and various scientific bodies.

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.

- "As was anticipated in last year's report our debt has been greatly reduced during the year, and will, it is confidently expected, be entirely cleared off before the close of 1872.
- "The total income from all sources was as follows: Government grant to Museum, £200; to the Gardens, £400; subscriptions, £142; sale of plants, &c., £67 5s. 8d. This, with £30 12s. in

the hands of the Superintendent of the Gardens for payment of wages, and £20 expected to be realised from arrears of subscriptions, will give a total of £859 17s. 8d. The expenditure and liabilities, as per balance sheet, amount to £885 12s. 2d., leaving a balance to debit of £25 14s. 6d.

"The current expenditure for the year has again been kept well within the income, as the following

figures will show :-

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| Balance for meeting liabilities | 28 | 1 | 9 |

GARDENS.

"During the past year a substantial boundary fence has been erected, and about three acres of ground added to the area of the Gardens. The esplanade and sea-wall, the work on which necessarily remained in abeyance during the erection of the fence, are in such a forward state that the labour of a few weeks only is required for their completion. When finished, this portion of the Garden promises to become, as has always been anticipated, exceedingly attractive.

"With a view of improving the main entrance to the Gardens various alterations have been made on the site occupied by the propagating yards, &c. It is expected that this work will be completed before the close of the present year, and it will greatly conduce to the convenience of visitors.

"About two hundred new plants, many of rare merit, were introduced during 1871. From the Royal Gardens, Kew, we received an important consignment of seeds, consisting of 88 Asiatic, 177 American, and 234 European species. Many of these have already germinated, but others requiring previous preparation will not be ready for

sowing till the coming autumn.

"A considerable quantity of seed from the Silesian Beet was saved from plants grown in the Gardens. Practical information as to the value of the root for feeding purposes having been made public through the meetings of the Society, a great demand for the seed sprang up as soon as it was known that we had a supply on hand for gratuitous distribution. Upwards of a hundred applicants from various parts of the colony have received supplies, and we may therefore hope that the cultivation of this valuable plant will now be more generally established in public favour than it has ever yet been.

"The number of visitors to the Gardens during the year was estimated at 26,273, or an increase

of 4,829 on the previous year.

MUSEUM.

"Our evening meetings have been made additionally attractive by some valuable donations to the Museum. We make special mention of the presentation of a mounted collection of Mammals, Birds, &c., from Europe, South Australia, and New Zealand, by Mr. H. Gomolka. Also of a fine collection of Minerals from the islands in Bass' Straits by C. Gould, Esq., F.G.S.

"From the South Australian Institute Museum, Adelaide, we have received a collection of bird skins, procured during the exploration of the

northern territory of that colony.

"Specimens of the arms and war material available for use in the colony have been furnished by the Government for exhibition. These have

been placed on a suitable stand in the lower room, and have attracted much attention from visitors.

"The usual and varied work of the Museum has been steadily carried on. This work in future will be considerably facilitated by the acquisition of a large building now on the premises of the Museum. Possession has also been taken by permission of the Government of the cottage formerly the office of the Public Works Department. This affords a very suitable residence for the Curator, and its proximity to the Museum is in many respects convenient.

"The number of visitors during the year was 10,970, being an increase of 2,072 on that of the

previous year."

STATEMENT of the Funds of the ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA for the Year 1871.

| RECEIPTS. Annual Subscriptions from 31 Members Arrears of ditto Life Members' composition Total Royal Society MUSEUM.—Grant-in-aid from Treasury Total Museum BOTANIO GARDENS.—Proceeds of Sale of Plants, Seeds, &c. Grant in-aid from Treasury Total Botanic Gardens 1872.—January 18.—Balance overdrawn at Commercial Bank | £ s. d. £ s. d. 121 10 0 10 10 0 10 0 0 200 0 0 - 200 0 0 67 5 8 400 0 0 467 5 8 37 1 4 £846 7 0 | EXPENDITURE | 61 12 10 3 10 3 |
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LIST OF PRESENTATIONS TO MUSEUM DURING 1871, WITH NAMES OF DONORS.

Abbott, Mr. F., jun.—A Blue Mountain Parrot (*Trichoglossus Swainsonii*).

Allison, Mr. A., Macquarie River.—An Eel of a bright golden yellow

colour.

Allport, Master C.—Four Copper Coins and Tokens. Allport, Mrs. J.—A collection of Ferns from Madras.

Adelaide (South Australian Institute Museum).—A named collection of Bird Skins from the Northern Territory (56 specimens, comprising 36 varieties.)

Atkinson, Rev. H. D.—Three Geological Specimens from Peppermint and Birch's Bays.

Allport, M., Esq. - Specimen of Kauri Gum from New Zealand.

Baynton, W. E., Esq.—Land Shells from Brown's River. A specimen of "Native Bread."

Buckland, J., Esq.—Skin of Monitor Lizard.

Boyes, Mr. Lukin.—A pair of Musk Ducks (Biziura lobata). A small

Bailey, Master F. G.-Butterflies from Ceylon. A Purse from the same place.

Blacklow, Mr., Brighton.—A Wedge-tailed Eagle (Aquila fucosa).

Butler, Mrs., Executors of the late.—230 Specimens of Shells. Earthenware Lamp from a tomb at Misenum, Naples. Portion of a Human Jaw from Pompeii. A small Earthenware Cup from an ancient tomb at Athens. Mosaics, &c., from Baiæ Beach, near Cumæ, Naples, &c., &c.

Browne, Mrs. Fielding.—23 Silver and 22 Copper Coins and Tokens, viz.:—Silver: One 5 lire, Italy, Napoleon 1., 1808; five 10 cents, ditto ditto, 1808; one 10 soldi, ditto, ditto, 1813; one franc, France, Charles X., 1826; one half ditto, ditto ditto, 1827; one ditto ditto, Louis Philippe, 1843; one ditto ditto, 1835; one coin, Spain, Philip V., 1738; one quarter dollar, ditto, Charles III., 1768; one ditto, ditto, Charles IV., 1799; one dime, America, 1845; ditto ditto, 1845; one half-crown, Bank of England token, George III., 1808; one shilling, colony of Essequibo, George III., 1808; one quarter, ditto ditto, 1816; two quarters (cut) of Spanish dollar, 2 unknown. Copper: One penny, George III. (?); one half ditto, George II., 1735; ditto, Prince of Wales (no date); one half anna, East India Co., 1845; one 20 cash, ditto, 1803; one coin, French Republic; one coin, Isabella II., Spain, 1836; one ditto, Brazil, 1828; two ditto, Russia, 1831, &c.; one 10 cents, Napoleon I.; two doits, Java, &c.; seven English and Colonial tokens.

Campbell, Mr. W. M., Port Cygnet.—A White Hawk (Leucospiza Novæ Hollandia.)

Clark, Mr. J.—A common Rat caught by a mussel on a pile of the Fish-market Wharf.

Chisholm, Mr. D.—An Arabic or Persian Coin, found at Clarence Plains. Specimens of Syngnathus and Hippocampus.

Cassidy, Mr. J.—A Spirifer (silicified) from Point Puer, Tasman's Peninsula.

Clifford, Mr.—Two Skulls of Wild Boars from New Zealand. Dove, Mr. S.—A large Mussel Shell from the Derwent.

Dinham, Mr. G .- A Crown Piece of the "Gun Money" of James II., 1690.

Edgar, Mr. F. S.—Two Turtle Shells.

Fisher, Captain of the "Wild Wave."-Part of Tusk of Mastodon, from Siberia.

Felmingham, Mr.—A Cat Fish (Uranoscopus sp.)
Giblin, Mrs. W.—Two Specimens, Male and Female, of the Sydney Parrot, or King Lory (Aprosmictus scapulatus).

Gates, Mr., Jerusalem.—A Diving Petrel (Puffinaria urinatrix) caught in a cornfield.

Gage, Mr. John.—A human skull, probably aboriginal, found on Mount Direction, Risdon.

Giblin, Mr. R.—A Kingfisher (Alcyone azurea).

Gatenby, Mr. R., Macquarie River .- A male specimen of the Native Tiger (Thylacinus cynocephalus).

Gourlay, Captain. -Two very large and fine shells of the Pearl Oyster, from the Solomon Island Group in the Pacific.

Graves, J. W. Esq. - A Photographic Copy of the deed of conveyance of Franklin Island by Lady Franklin in favour of the Tasmanian

Acclimatisation Society. An English Sparrow.

Gomolka, Mr. H.—An extensive and valuable collection of New Zealand Birds (80), Fishes (13), Crustaceans (27), Shells (36); European Mammals (5), Birds (12), and South Australian Birds (7), Shells These specimens were all collected, prepared, and mounted by the donor. Also a Mineral Specimen (Chromate of Lead) from Dun Mountain, New Zealand.

Hull, Master.—Nest and Eggs of Honey-eater. Handley, Mr. T. B.—A Harpoon, much twisted, found in a whale captured off Macquarie Harbour by Captain Smith of the "Maid of Erin."

Hedberg, Mr. Oscar.—Tanned Skin of a Jaguar (?)

Holmes, Mr., Jerusalem.—A Green Parrot, unusually marked.

Haywood, Master A.-A Portugese Copper Coin, 1814.

Huston, Dr.—A Paradise Duck. Hissey, Mr.—Skeleton of a Fox (Canis vulpes.)

Josephs, Mr. W.—A small Copper Coin, probably Persian, picked up at Clarence Plains.

Jefferson, Master Wm., Fernshawe, Victoria (per J. W. Graves, Esq.—Nest and Egg of Lyre Bird (Menura superba), and four other nests, with eggs, from same locality.

Leefe, Lieut.—A small collection of Shells from Fiji.

Moir, Mr. J. G.—Fossils from the limestone near Brown's River.

Maclanachan, Hon. J., Esq., M.L.C.—A Carolina Duck (Dendronessa sponsa). A ditto ditto.

Mitchell, Mr. J.—A French coin (dix centimes), Napoleon III, 1856.

Nash, Mr.—A German Lottery Ticket.

Officer, Sir Robert.—A large Geological Map. A Land Rail (Rallus

pectoralis).
Pearce, Mr. J.—Two American Notes ("Greenbacks,") value 50 cents and 10 cents.

Rowntree, Mr.-Polished Specimen of Native Myrtle (Fagus

Cunninghamii).

Read, R. C., Esq.—Specimen of Black Marble from the Florentine Valley, River Gordon, Tasmania. Specimen of Swainson's Lorikeet, shot at New Norfolk.

Reid, A., Esq., Ratho.—An Albino variety of the common Quail.

Ross, Mr., Battery Point.—A Snake said to be from Fiji.
Scott, Jas., Esq., M.H.A.—Nine Stone Implements made by the
Aborigines of Tasmania, from Macquarie River.

Seal, M., Esq. (on behalf of the United Happy Valley Gold Mining Company).—A specimen of auriferous Quartz from Christmas

Reef (very rich); ditto from new reef, Ovens, Victoria.

Smith, Mr., Port Davey.—Portions of Skull of Sperm Whale, two
Pelvic bones of ditto, ear bones of ditto; curiously twisted
saplings; nest and eggs of White Shafted Fantail (Rhipidura albiscapa).

Stokell, G., Esq.—A perfect Skeleton of a Sandwich (?) Island Native. Seal, M., Esq. -Fossil Seeds from a recent tertiary formation at Haddon,

near Ballarat, Victoria.
Shone, T. A., Mr., Back River.—A curious horny growth from the haunch of a sheep.

Stephens, T., Esq.—A fine specimen of the large Australian Volute (Voluta magnifica.). Travertine from Dunrobin.

Simpson, Mr. W.—An unusually large Egg of the Domestic Goose.

Saunders, Mrs. J., Hobart Town.—A singularly shaped Sponge from Recherche Bay.

Travers, S. Smith, Esq.—Collection of specimens illustrative of the carboniferous system of New South Wales; with notes on the same by W. Keene, Esq., F.G.S. Tapp, Mr., ship "Figaro."—A Danish Coin, 1 mark.

Thorne, Mr. R., Pittwater.—Two specimens of Spine-tailed Swift (Acanthylis caudacuta).

Tonkin, H. B., Esq.—Six fossils from Risdon.

Williams, Captain, of American whaler "Osmanli."—A collection of Shells, and a War Club, from Fiji. Four Shells from East Coast,

Tasmania. An English Halfpenny Token, 1788.

Walker, E. T., Esq. —A Bow, 6 Arrows, and a branch of Coral used as a club, from Tanna, New Hebrides. Two Clubs, 2 pieces of Tapa Cloth, 3 Mats, a Pillow, 3 pieces of Sponge, sample of Sugar Cane, a piece of the root of a plant from which the drink called "Kava" is made, and two Beetles, from Fiji.

Wright, Mr. R., Glenorchy.—A Spine-tailed Swift.

Whitcomb, Mr. G.—A fine specimen of Kauri Gum from New Zealand. Watchorn, Mr. W.—A Spider Crab.

Webb, Mr. B.—A Bronze Coin; a Copper ditto, Guernsey, 1834. Wood, Mr.—A Whip Snake found alive in a hollow log of firewood. Webb, Mr. E. J.—Two White Cockatoos (Cacatua galerita).

Wiggins, Mr.—A species of Carp from Mauritius.

Weymouth, Mr.—A small Map of Tasmania published in 1830 by Ross. (This copy is believed to have been used by John Batman, whose name it bears.)

PLANTS AND SEEDS RECEIVED AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS DURING 1871.

May 11th.—From Mr. E. B. Heyne, Seedsman, Adelaide.—21 packets seeds.

May 18th.—From Miss Huybers, Hobart Town.—20 packets seeds.

May 27th.—From Dr. R. Schömberg, Director Botanic Gardens,

Adelaide.—One case containing 29 plants.

May 31st.—From Mr. C. Hollinsdale, Seedsman, Hobart Town.—57 varieties imported hyacinth.

June 23rd.—From Baron Von Müeller, Director Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.—One case containing 33 plants.

July.—From Dr. Hooker, Director Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.—

One box containing 499 packets seeds. September 1st.—From Mr. G. Brunning, St. Kilda, Victoria.—One box

containing 31 plants. September 15th.—From Mr. J. Jones, Seedsman, Melbourne.—22 packets seeds.

November 3rd.—From the Melbourne Botanic Gardens.—One box containing 18 plants.

December 28th.—From J. R. Scott, Esq., New Town.—26 varieties bulbs.

PLANTS AND SEEDS SENT FROM THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS DURING 1871.

January 21st.—By Her Majesty's ship "Blanche," to Dr. Schomburgh,
Director of the Botanic Gardens, Adelaide.—One Case containing 42 plants.

February 18th.—Per "Runnymede," to Mons. J. Linden, Royal Zoological and Horticultural Gardens, Brussels.—Three Plants

Dicksonia antarctica.

May 11th.—Per "Wagoola," to Mons. J. Linden, Brussels.—Three
Plants Dicksonia antarctica.

Plants Dicksonia antarctica.

May 31st.—Per "Harrowby," to Mons. J. Linden, Brussels.—Two large Plants Dicksonia antarctica.

September 6th.—To Mr. G. G. Brunning, St. Kilda Nurserics, Victoria.

—Thirty Plants, 24 packets Seeds.

September 6th.—To Baron Von Müeller, Director Botanic Gardens,
Melbourne.—24 packets Seeds.

TENCH SUPPLIED FROM THE POND IN ROYAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS DURING 1871.

February 14th.—J. Lord, Esq.—12 fish. 18th.—Mr. Witt.—6 fish.

May 2nd.—Rev. Canon Sharpe, Bathurst, New South Wales.—24 fish. Total, 42 fish supplied during 1871.

PLANTS SUPPLIED FROM THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS DURING THE YEAR 1871 FOR THE PLANTING OF PUBLIC PLACES.

July 5th.—For the Church of England Grounds, Bothwell.—100 Plants. July 11th.—For the Grounds of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Hobart Town.—140 Plants.

July 11th.—For the Grounds of the New Norfolk Asylum.—61 Plants.

July 11th.—For the Longford Church Grounds.—80 Plants.

July 14th.—For the Grounds of the Cascade Asylum.—140 Plants. August 4th.—For the House of Correction, Hobart Town.—24 Plants. August 4th.—The Public Works Office, for Franklin Square, Public

Buildings, &c.—48 Plants.

August 8th.—For the Grounds of the Public Buildings, Launceston.—
18 Plants.

August 8th.—For the Church Grounds, Green Ponds,—100 Plants. August 18th.—For the Government House Grounds.—50 Plants.

PLANTS INTRODUCED INTO THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS DURING 1871.

| Abrus precatorius | Diplacus Verchaffeltii |
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| Abutilon luteum erectum | Echeveria bractcalta |
| n petuniæ florum n vexillarium | n retusa |
| ıı vexillarium | Erica Candolleana |
| Acanthus latifolius | 11 Gilede |
| n spinosus | n Peteveri n physoides n stricta |
| Acer tataricum | n physoides |
| Amaranthus melancholicus ruber | n stricta |
| Amirola nitida | u vagans |
| Aquilegia truncata | willmoreana |
| Aristolochia labiosa | Erinus alpinus albus |
| Artemisia gracilis | Erodium Muscarii |
| Azalea pontica | Gaultheria Shallon |
| " " globosa | Genista aphylla |
| n n globosa n n grandiflora n macrantha n princeps | ıı virgata |
| " grandinora | Gentiana acaulis |
| n princeps | Gillia linifolia |
| n miniata | Gloriosa virescens |
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| Bahia lunata | Godetia Whitneyii |
| Berberis asperima | Grevillea manglesii |
| и chinensis и hypoglauca и iberica | Helenium grandiflorum |
| n hypoglauca | Hibiscus Lambertii |
| n iberica | Hypericum Kalmianum |
| n sinensis | Iberis tenoreana |
| Detula fruticosa Gymeima | Kunzea peduncalaris |
| Bomaria multiflora | Leptosiphon roseum |
| Bowenia spectabilis | Livistonia olivaeformis |
| Cassia grandiflora | n rotundifolia |
| Cassia Mary landica | Lonicera Xyltosteum |
| 11 Senna | Lycium Ruthenicum |
| Caryota sobolifera | Macleana calcagalli [globosa |
| Centaurea Babylonica | Menziesia polifolia purpurea |
| " Clementii | Myrica cerifera |
| Chenopodium scoparium | Ophiopappus rubiginosus |
| Chacnestes longipes | Papyrus antiquorum |
| n officinalis | Pharbitis Huberii variegata |
| Cistus canescens | Philadelphus Gordonianus |
| n daurieus | n grandiflorus |
| income | " florabundus |
| laurifolius | u laxus |
| Clerodendron affine | n speciosus |
| Clivea nobilis | A |
| | Phleum pratensis variegata |
| Colchicum byzantium | |
| n striatum n variegatum | Phytosperma Alexandrae |
| variegatum | n rubicola |
| Cotoneaster opovata | Poa pratensis variegata |
| Crataegus Paul's scarlet | Pyrethrum Schihatchewii |
| Crocus sativus | Pyrus sineusis |
| Cupressus Kewensis | Rhus copallina |
| Cydonia vulgaris | Rhus toxicodendron radicans |
| Cytisus alpinus | Ribes glutinosum |
| Delphinium Candalabrum | ıı atrosanguineum |
| Dianthus deltoides | Rubus Balfouriana |
| dontoers | biflorns |

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dentosus

biflorus

Rubus Borrerii

- Cordifelium
- leucostachya Lindlyanus
- Macronulatus 11
- occidentalis 11 **
- parvifolius rhamnifolius 11
- rudis 11
- Sprengelii 11 suberectus
- thyrsoides 14

Salvia candalabrum Schizanthus papilionaccus

Silene Schafta Solanum robustum

Spirœa canescens

- n cancefolia nutans argentea Nobleana opulifolia opulifolia nana

Statice spicata

Tacsonia Dr. Wylde Thunbergia javanica Tilia europæa glauca Venideum calendulaceum Ziriphus mucronulatus

ROSE.

Baron Gonella Camille Bernardin Charles Rouillard Climbing Devoniensis Elie Morel Fisher Holmes Lady Emily Peel Leopold Hausburg Lord Herbert

Madame Barriot Boutin

Calliat Jeanne Marix Pulliat

Souvenir d'Elise Varden

GERANIUM.

Carolina Longfield Countess of Warwick Duke of Edinburgh Grand Duchesse Marie L'Elegant Madame Rose Charneaux Princess Thyra

Rose Rendlater Sparkhill Beauty Sunset

Surpasse Beauty Suresnes Tom Peuce Cerise William Pfitzer

COLEUS.

Acquisition Bewitching Hon. Mrs. DuCane Matchless Prince Leopold Refulgens

RANUNCULUS.

Calypso Cicoque blanc Enchantress Fireball Gloria Mundi La Merveille Leon d'Orange Ophir d'Or Orange Maxima brilliant Perle blanc Persiana Regina Flora Rougeater Saturnus Temple Van Opollo Theodora Utopia

F. ABBOTT, Jun.