

MAY, 1880.

The monthly evening meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, May 11. Mr. T. Stephens, M.A., F.G.S., in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary, DR. AGNEW, brought forward the usual returns for the past month, viz :—

1. Number of visitors to Museum—On Sundays, 891—On weekdays, 708. Total, 1,599.
2. Number of visitors to Gardens. Total, 4,229.
3. Plants sent from Gardens—To Mr. T. Smith, Riddel's Creek, Victoria, 60 plants—To Mr. T. Sangwell, at Mr. Henty's, St. Kilda Road, Victoria, 40 plants—To the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, 80 plants—To the Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, 78 plants.
4. Books and periodicals received.
5. Presentations to Museum.

Meteorology :—

From the Marine Board, tables from Mount Nelson for April, Swan Island and South Bruny for March.

Time of leafing, flowering, and fruiting of a few standard plants in the Botanic Gardens during April :—

12th. Chinese chrysanthemums, commencing to flower.

19th. Elm leaves, commencing to fall.

10th. Coe's late plum, ripe.

20th. *Pyrus aucuparia*, leaves falling.

29th. Seeds of hornbeam, ripe.

The presentations to the Museum were as follows :—

1. From Mr. W. Aldred :—Sternum of a species of "Moa," from the Spear Grass gold diggings, Otago, New Zealand. [This bone was brought by Mr. Aldred from the locality in which it was found, and is of interest, from being so rarely found as compared with other portions of the skeletons of these gigantic birds.]
2. From the same :—A small Jade Axe, from Mr. Chappel's farm, Ophir, Otago, N.Z.
3. From Mr. G. Powling :—A White Hawk (*Leucospiza Nova Hollandiae*).
4. From Mr. F. Abbott, jun. :—A Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*).

The SECRETARY read a paper entitled "Description of a New Species of *Helix* found in a Calcareous Sandstone Deposit at Kent's Group," by R. M. Johnston, F.L.S.

A communication from the Rev. E. P. Adams, on the composition of the Nucleus of Comets, was also read.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the authors of the papers read, and the donors of presentations.