

AUGUST, 1867.

The monthly evening meeting of the Fellows was held on Tuesday, the 13th August, F. Abbott, Esq., in the chair.

The Secretary (Dr. Agnew) laid on the table the following returns:—

1. Visitors to Museum during July, 671.
2. Ditto to Gardens ditto, 674.
3. Plants, &c., received at Gardens—From Botanic Gardens, Sydney, 36 plants; 14 papers seeds, and 3 varieties cuttings. From J. R. Young, Esq., Sydney, 2 plants, and cuttings of Muscat Hambro Grape. From Dr. Mueller, Melbourne Botanic Gardens, 51 plants From Mr. R. Henderson, Sydney, 8 plants.
4. Plants, &c., sent from Gardens:—To Mr. Henderson, Sydney, 28 plants and 32 varieties of scions. To Botanic Gardens, Sydney, 49 plants.
5. Plants supplied for decoration of public places:—To Wesleyan Chapel, New Town, 28 plants. To Franklin Square, 26 ditto.
6. Tench supplied, 24.
7. Times of leafing, flowering, and fruiting of a few standard plants in Botanic Gardens.
8. Presentations to Museum.
9. Periodicals received.

Meteorological Returns.

1. Hobart Town, from F. Abbott, Esq. Table for July, with summary of observations.
2. Port Arthur, from J. Boyd, Esq. Tables for June and July.
3. Swansea, from Dr. Story. Table for June.
4. Westbury, from F. Belstead, Esq. Table for July.
5. Ross, from M. Duncanson, Esq. Tables for March, April, May, June, and July.
6. Abstract table from registers kept at the lighthouses and other stations in Tasmania, January to June, 1866.

The following presentations to the Museum were brought under the notice of the meeting:—

1. From W. L. Crowther, Esq., skull of fish (*Lophius sp.*)
2. From W. A. B. Gellibrand, Esq., recent specimens of Native Tiger (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*), and Devil (*Sarcophilus ursinus*). [These specimens were not exhibited, but the Secretary explained that their skeletons were in process of preparation by the Curator. As it is intended in addition to the general museum to form a complete separate collection illustrative of the Fauna and Flora of Tasmania, the Council will feel much gratified by the assistance of such zealous contributors to the Museum as Mr. Gellibrand. A list of specimens which will be valuable to us will be forwarded to any one who may apply for it.]
3. From Master E. Meaburn, per H. Bilton, Esq., specimen of Black-cheeked Falcon (*Falco melanogenys*), shot at Glenorchy.
4. From Mr. J. Elliott, Southport, specimen of the Crested Penguin (*Eudyptes chrysocome*).
5. From Mr. G. Nichol, specimens of Aragonite and Carbonate of Lime from Glenorchy.

6. From J. Allen, Esq., Adelaide, specimen of mineral Indiarubber, from South Australia. [This substance is found covering acres of ground about 80 or 90 miles south of Adelaide.]
7. From Lieut.-Colonel Dwyer, four copper coins (3 Russian and 1 German.)
8. From N. P. Allison, Esq., two specimens of young of Native Devil (*Sarcophilus ursinus*.)
9. From Mr. Roblin, skeletons of Native Cat (*Dasyurus viverrinus*), and *Echidna setosa*, prepared and mounted.
10. From J. Maclanachan, Esq., a Golden Pheasant.
11. From Mr. Hewitt, a letter from the late Sir R. Peel to the Bishop of Rochester, announcing the demise of George IV., 1830.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. E. D. Harrop, of Launceston, descriptive of a Diatom obtained from the N. W. Coast.

Mr. Abbott was of opinion that as the Diatom in question was probably a new one, the proper course would be for Mr. Harrop to send a specimen to the Royal Microscopical Society of London, who would notice it in their journal if hitherto undescribed.

The Secretary regretted to have to report that Colonel Chesney, owing to severe sickness in his family, was unable to lay before the meeting his observations on the shales and bituminous deposits of Tasmania, which were promised on a former occasion. He anticipated, however, being able to do so at our next meeting.

Mr. Abbott read "Notes on the remarkable storms which occurred on the coasts of Tasmania and the neighboring Continent, in March, 1866."

Discussion having taken place on the subject, the usual vote of thanks was passed, and the meeting separated.