

APRIL, 1868.

The monthly evening meeting of the Fellows was held on Tuesday, the 14th April, J. Barnard, Esq., in the chair.

Dr. W. O. Sonder, Foreign Hon. Secretary of the Society of Naturalists, Hamburg, who had been previously nominated by the Council, was after a ballot declared to be duly elected as a Corresponding Member of the Society.

The Secretary, Dr. Agnew, laid on the table the following returns for the past month, viz. :—

1. Visitors to Museum, 500.
2. Ditto to Gardens, 2071.
3. Plants, &c., received at gardens. From Mr. J. Harriss, Melbourne, 1 case containing 47 plants.
4. Plants, &c., sent from Gardens.—To Mr. R. Henderson, Sydney, a collection of bulbs.—To Messrs. Taylor and Sangster, Melbourne, a collection of bulbs, and 29 papers of seeds.—To Messrs. Handasyde and Co., Melbourne, a collection of bulbs, and 62 papers of seeds. To Dr. R. Schomburg, director of Botanic Gardens, a collection of bulbs and 29 papers of seeds.
5. Times of leafing, flowering, and fruiting of a few standard plants in Botanic Gardens.
6. Books and periodicals received.

Meteorological Returns.

1. Hobart Town, from F. Abbott, Esq.—Table for March, with summary of observations.
2. Port Arthur, from J. Boyd, Esq.—Table for February.
3. Swansea, from Dr. Story.—Ditto.
4. Westbury, from F. Belstead, Esq.—Table for March.
5. Sydney, from G. R. Smalley, Esq., Government Astronomer.—Table for February.

The presentations were as follows :—

1. From Mr. T. Oldham, specimen of the spur-winged Plover (*Lobivanellus lobatus*), shot at Sorell.
2. From Mr. G. W. Rex, specimen of the hoary-headed grebe (*Podiceps poliocephalus*.)
3. From M. Allport, Esq., specimens of fish (*Galaxias sp.*) from Great Lake, Tasmania, native freshwater Perch, English Perch from this year's ova, and a Sawfish.

Mr. F. Abbott read a paper entitled "Some continued observations on the variable star η Argus and the surrounding nebula."

This paper was illustrated by a drawing of the object taken at three different periods from 1834-7 to February, 1868. The monographs of Sir John Herschel taken at the Cape of Good Hope, and a record of the star from the time of Halley, 1667, were also laid on the table.

Discussion ensued, and votes of thanks having been accorded to Mr. Abbott, and to the donors of presentations, the meeting terminated.