

## NOVEMBER, 1868.

The monthly evening meeting of the Fellows was held on Tuesday, the 10th November, H. Bilton, Esq., in the chair.

The Secretary laid on the table the usual returns for the past month, viz. :—

1. Visitors to Museum, 517.
2. Ditto to Gardens, 1,859.
3. Times of leafing, flowering, and fruiting, of a few standard plants in Gardens.
4. Plants received at Gardens :—From Mr. T. C. Wren, Auckland, New Zealand, two large plants (*Cyathea medullaris* and *C. dealbata*). From Mr. J. Simmonds, Launceston, 8 papers Seeds from Japan.
5. Seeds supplied from Gardens :—To Melbourne Botanic Gardens, seeds of *Chamærops excelsa* and *Pinus insignes*.
6. Tench supplied—To J. W. Graves, Esq., 17; to be forwarded to Auckland, New Zealand.
7. Books and Periodicals received.
8. Presentations to Museum.

*Meteorological Returns.*

1. Hobart Town, from F. Abbott, Esq., table for October, with summary.
2. Swansea, from Dr. Story, table for September.
3. Westbury, from F. Belstead, Esq., table for October.

The Presentations to the Museum and Library were as follows :—

1. From W. A. B. Gellibrand, Esq., Ouse River, a Snake.

With regard to this snake, Mr. Gellibrand, who considers it a new species, stated when presenting it to the Museum, that he had long known of its existence, and that it always inhabited the tea tree scrubs, close to the river, but from its habit of immediately taking to the water when disturbed, it was very difficult to kill.

The snake has since been ascertained to be a young specimen of the Black Snake of the colony (*Hoplocephalus Curtus*).

2. From Mr. W. McDowell, Long Bay, two Centipedes from West Indies.
3. From Mr. R. Clarke, ship "Derwent Hunter," eye of a Whale, dried.
4. From Mr. O. Flexmore, a Lizard, 13 pebbles, and a Bank Note of United States.
5. From H. M. Hull, Esq., a Snake, two Iguanas, and specimens of Fungi from a Myrtle Tree (*Fagus Cunninghamii*).
6. From Mr. Wintle, nest of a hymenopterous Insect, allied to the Mason Wasps.
7. From Mr. Harburgh, a Hermit Crab.
8. From J. Tebbutt, jun., Esq., Meteorological Observations made at the Peninsula, New South Wales, in the years 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, bound.
9. From Mr. Hainsworth, a collection of Fossils from Table Cape.
10. From H. Bilton, Esq., a recent specimen of the Koala, or Native Bear (*Phascolarctos cinereus*).

This was probably one of several of the same kind, which were introduced into this colony a few years ago from Victoria, where they are indigenous. The specimen now presented was killed on Mr. Bilton's property (about eight miles from the place where it was set free), by one

of the labourers who found it sitting in the early morning on the top of a gate post. It is evidently full grown and well-nourished.

The Secretary read a paper by Mr. M. Allport, "On the Reasons for introducing the Perch into Tasmania."

Conversations having taken place, the usual vote of thanks was (on the motion of Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Swan) accorded to the author of the paper and the donors of presentations, and the meeting terminated.