

JULY, 1871.

The monthly evening meeting of the Society was held at the Museum on Tuesday, the 11th July, M. Allport, Esq., Vice President, in the chair.

Mr. F. G. Salier, who had been previously put in nomination, was after a ballot declared duly elected as a Fellow of the Society.

The following returns for the month of June were laid before the meeting :—

1. Visitors to Museum, 805.
2. Ditto to Gardens, 1652.
3. Plants and seeds received at Gardens :—
 - A. From Melbourne Botanic Gardens, 33 plants, chiefly of economic value.
 - B. From Dr. Hooker, Royal Gardens, Kew, 88 packets Asiatic, 177 ditto American, and 234 ditto of European seeds, in all 499 varieties.
4. Books and periodicals received.
5. Presentations to Museum.

Meteorological Returns :—

1. Hobart Town, from F. Abbott, Esq., table and summary for June.
2. Port Arthur, from A. H. Boyd, Esq., table for May.
3. Sydney, from the Government Observer, table for April.
4. The Secretary read the "Notes on the Meteorology and Mortality of the Hobart Town Registration District during the month of June, 1871," by Dr. E. Swarbreck Hall.

The presentations to the Museum were as follow :—

1. From Mr. T. A. Shone, Back River, a curious horny growth from the haunch of a sheep.
2. From Mr. G. Dinham, a crown-piece of the "Gun Money" of James II., 1690 ; struck during the war in Ireland.

[This coin is one of those originally struck as half-crowns, but metal becoming scarce they were afterwards called in and re-struck as crowns. The first impression is still partly legible on the coin now presented. Information on the subject was read by the Secretary from "Ruding's Coinage of Great Britain," vol. 2, page 27.]

3. From Mr. B. Webb, a bronze coin, a copper do., (Guernsey 1834.)
4. From Mrs. J. Allport, a collection of Ferns from Madras.
5. From Mr. H. Gomolka, 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 (33.) These specimens were all collected, prepared, and mounted by the donor.

The following remarks "On a new Genus of Freshwater Mollusks," by Mr. W. Legrand, were read by Mr. Allport :—

"Some time since Mr. Maddock, of Dunrobin, sent some freshwater shells to the Museum. One of them at the time struck me as being new ; to be certain of the matter I sent specimens to Mr. Hanley, of London, that gentleman's answer is as follows :—'One of your fresh water species is quite a novelty, it is even of generic importance. It is almost a *Gundlachia*, but merits distinction. I propose for it the name of *Legrandia* in honour of the discoverer.'

"The shell mentioned in some respectsre ssembles an *ancylus*, the finest specimens that I have seen are those from Dunrobin, I have also received some of a smaller size from between New Norfolk and Hamilton. I propose for it the specific name *Maddocki*. A description with

figures will appear in my monograph of Tasmanian freshwater shells now in course of preparation."

An elaborate and interesting paper on "Sheep-Breeding" was read by Mr. S. Smith Travers. Conversational discussion, in which several of the Fellows took part, ensued. Some of the points referred to in the paper, however, required much time for consideration, the tabular details could not at once be followed, and no very definite expression of opinion was therefore to be expected. It is probable another opportunity will be taken for re-opening the discussion.

It was agreed that the paper should be published in the proceedings of the Society, the subject being one of general interest. A vote of thanks was given to the author, and to the donors of presentations.

The SECRETARY begged to call the special attention of the Fellows to the presentation by Mr. Gomolka. It was needless for him to say anything as to the value of such an acquisition to the Museum, and he would therefore propose that a special vote of thanks should be accorded to the donor. This was cordially and unanimously agreed to, and the meeting terminated.