

AUGUST, 1872.

The monthly evening meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, the 13th August. His Excellency Charles Du Cane, Esq., President, in the chair.

T. Westbrook, Esq., who had previously been nominated by the Council, was after a ballot declared duly elected a fellow of the Society.

The following returns were brought under notice :—

1. Visitors to Museum during July, 1,399.
2. Ditto to Gardens, ditto, 1,542.
3. Plants received at gardens :—From Melbourne Botanic Gardens, 50 plants of the Red Gum of Victoria (*Eucalyptus rostrata*) ; from Mr. G. Brunning, St. Kilda Nurseries, Melbourne, 30 Gladioli.
4. Plants, &c., sent from gardens :—To Melbourne Botanic Gardens, 30 packets seeds ; to Mr. G. Brunning, 32 plants, and 50 packets seed.
5. Plants supplied for decoration of public places during July :—For Castray Esplanade, 17 elms ; for New Cemetery, Cornelian Point, 286 plants.
6. Time of leafing, flowering, &c., of a few standard plants in Society's Gardens during July.
7. Books and periodicals received.
8. Presentations to Museum.

Meteorological Returns—

1. Hobart Town, from F. Abbott, Esq., Table, &c., for July.
2. Swansea, from Dr. Story, ditto for June.
3. Westbury, from F. Belstead, Esq., ditto July.
4. Port Arthur, from A. H. Boyd, Esq., ditto June and July.
5. Tamar Heads, from R. Henry, Esq., ditto, ditto.
6. Sydney, from the Government Observatory, Printed Tables for May, and "Results of Observations made during 1871."

The presentations to the Museum were as follows :—

1. From Mr. Hissey, a Cape Barren Goose (*Cereopsis novæ hollandiæ*), prepared and mounted.
2. From Mr. R. Gatenby, Macquarie River, a recent specimen of the Native Tiger (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*). A specimen of Native Bread (*Mytilitta australis*).
3. From Mr. Thorne, a Parakeet from Brazil.
4. From Captain Williams, Skin of Avocet (*Recurvirostra rubricollis*).
5. From Mr. J. Horne, a French Passport of the year 1819.

Mr. M. ALLPORT (in the absence of the author) read a paper by C. Gould, Esq., F.G.S., "On the existence of large animals (probably fresh water seals) in the upland lakes of Tasmania."

The paper, which was of considerable length and of much interest, was listened to with great attention, and, after a conversational discussion on the subject treated of, a vote of thanks was accorded to the author.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the donors of presentations.