

APRIL, 1874.

The monthly evening meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, the 13th April. P. T. Smith, Esq., in the chair.

The following gentlemen, who had previously been nominated by the Council, were ballotted for and declared duly elected as Fellows of the Society, viz., the Rev. W. W. Spicer, of Jutland, New Town; and A. Simson, Esq., of Brighton.

The Secretary submitted the following returns for the month of March:—

1. Visitors to Museum, 1155.
2. Ditto to Gardens, 3113.
3. Plants received at Gardens—From Mr. W. Bull, London, 12 tuberous rooted Begonias, and 1 packet of seeds. From Jules de Cock et Seur, France, 25 packets seeds. From the North China Branch, Royal Asiatic Society, 1 packet of seeds and bulbs. From the Rev. J. E. Tenison Woods, 4 species of Dendrobium, from Queensland.
4. Plants, &c., sent from Gardens—To Department of Agriculture, Washington, U.S. America, 3 Tree Ferns, and 10 packets seeds.
5. Time of leafing, flowering, and fruiting of a few standard plants in Society's Gardens during March.
6. Books and periodicals received.
7. Presentations to Museum.

Meteorological Returns—

1. Hobart Town, from F. Abbott, Esq.—Table and summary for March.
2. Mount Nelson, from Marine Board.—Table for March.
3. New Zealand, from Dr. J. Hector, F.R.S., &c.—Meteorological Report for 1873; printed abstract tables from various stations for August to December, 1874. Monthly tables from Wellington, September, 1874 to January, 1875.

The presentations to the Museum were as follows:—

1. From R. Butler, Esq.—A young Black Snake (*Hoplocephalus curtus*), beautifully marked.
2. From Mrs. Hooper, Battery Point.—A young Cuttle Fish, taken from the stomach of a fish.
3. From J. Miller, Esq., Carrick, per J. W. Graves, Esq.—A young Kangaroo, from the pouch.
4. From Mr. H. Judd, Franklin.—A curious Spider, found among tree ferns.
5. From Mr. F. Salier.—A Crab from Howe's Island.
6. From Mr. Radcliffe.—A specimen of *Ibacus Peronii* from East Coast Tasmania.
7. From Mr. J. Mezger.—Specimen of the Port Jackson Shark (*Cestracion Phillipi*), from Adventure Bay.
8. From Lady Dry.—A young Cuckoo.
9. From Mrs. Parsons.—An albino variety of the common Opossum. (*Phalangista fuliginosa*). A White Hawk (*Leucospiza Novae Hollandiae*). A yellow-bellied Beaver Rat (*Hydromys Chrysoaster*). A Rat (*Mus fuscipes*?). Specimen of (*Antichinus Swainsonii*). A Bandicoot (*Perameles Gunnii*). A Petrel.
10. From Mr. C. Weeding.—6 stone implements of Tasmanian Aborigines. Specimen of Native Bread (*Mylitta Australis*). Two pieces of fossil Wood, ploughed up at the Eastern Marshes.
11. From J. E. Calder, Esq.—A collection of bones of Native animals procured in 1870 from a cave at Glenorchy.

In reference to this presentation, the Secretary read a note from Mr. Calder, from which the following is an extract:—"I beg to send you

the bones promised yesterday, that I got from what is called a bone-cave on one of the basaltic ridges of Glenorchy, but which is only a deep narrow hole, or fissure in the rocks." (A full account of the finding of the bones was published immediately afterwards in the *Tasmanian Times*.)

12. From Dr. G. Bennett, F.Z.S.—A collection of Fossils from New South Wales; viz., teeth of *Diprotodon* and *Nototherium*, jaws of fossil Kangaroo, *Thylacine*, &c.

This very valuable and interesting contribution was examined with great attention by the meeting. The SECRETARY at the same time mentioned what he was sure would give great pleasure to the Fellows, that Dr. Bennett during his recent visit had taken great interest both in the Museum and in the affairs of the Society generally, and that he had promised still further contributions to the Museum, and also papers for their publications.

The SECRETARY read a paper on "Some New Species of Tasmanian Shells," by the Rev. J. E. Tenison Woods, F.G.S., F.R.G.S., &c. This paper, which was descriptive of eight new shells procured by Mr. W. Legrand by dredging in Long Bay, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, will be published in the next number of the Society's Transactions.

The CHAIRMAN having reminded the meeting that the question of undertaking the supervision of works for the improvement of the Domain had on a former occasion occupied their attention, begged to know if anything further had been done in the matter. The meeting was informed that a letter on the subject had been addressed to Government, but that no reply had been received. It was understood, however, that the subject was under the favourable consideration of the Government, and that the necessary works were only delayed on account of the present scarcity of labour.

A vote of thanks to the author of the paper and to the donors of presentations closed the proceedings.