

## JUNE, 1879.

The monthly evening meeting of the Society was held on Monday, the 9th June. His Excellency the Governor in the chair.

Mr. Thomas Stone, who had previously been nominated by the Council, was, after a ballot, declared duly elected as a Fellow of the Society.

The SECRETARY, Dr. Agnew, brought under notice the usual returns for the past month, viz :—

1. Number of visitors to Museum ; on Sundays, 743 ; on week days, 1,243 ; total, 1,991.
2. Do. to Gardens,—total, 3,859.
3. Plants, etc., received at Gardens. From A. Verchaffelt, Ghent, Belgium, 17 ornamental trees. From Messrs. H. Low, Clapton, London, 28 plants, etc.
4. Plants, etc., sent from Gardens. To Mr. J. Jones, Melbourne, one package of seeds. To Mr. George Brunning, Melbourne, one case of seedling plants, etc. To Mr. R. Harris, South Yarra, one ditto. To Mr. E. B. Heyne, Adelaide, one package of seeds. To Mr. S. Purchase, Sydney, one case of seedling plants and seeds. To Messrs. Shepherd and Co., Sydney, one ditto. To Mr. C. F. Creswell, Melbourne, one package seeds.
5. Books and periodicals received.
6. Presentations to Museum.

*Meteorology.*

1. Hobart Town, from F. Abbott, Esq., table for May.
2. From the Marine Board. Tables from Mount Nelson for May ; Swan Island for March and April.
3. Melbourne, from R. J. L. Ellery, Esq., F.R.S., printed tables for January and February.
4. New South Wales, from H. C. Russell, Esq., B.A., F.R.A.S.—“Results of Rain Observations made in 1878.” (Pamphlet.)

The presentations to the Museum were as follows :—

1. From Mr. John Brazier, Sydney, seven specimens of rare Shells, named, with list.
2. From Mr. A. K. Johnston, Etheridge River, North Queensland. A net bag made by Native women of the Gulf Country.
3. From A. Simson, Esq., George's Bay. Tubes of Salpa, with small Crustaceans found within them.
4. From Mr. Tonkin. A very perfect specimen of Spirifer from Mount Wellington.
5. From Mr. A. Winter. A photograph of the Museum Building.

The SECRETARY announced the receipt of the following publications :—

“Notes on the correlation of the Coral-bearing Strata of S. Australia, with a list of Fossil Corals occurring in the Colony ;” “The Recent Marginellidæ of South Australia ;” and “The Anniversary Address to the Adelaide Philosophical Society, 1878.” By Professor Ralph Tate, Assoc. Linn. Soc., F.G.S., Lond., etc., etc. From the Author.

“Australian Trigonias and their Distribution.” By W. T. Bednall. From the Author.

“Description of Seven new Species of Terrestrial and Marine Shells from Australia.” By Jno. Brazier, C.M.Z.S. From the Author.

“Transactions of the Royal Society of Victoria.” Vol. 5. From the Society. “Report of the Philosophical Society of Adelaide, 1877-8.” From the Society.

The Hon. W. A. B. GELLIBRAND exhibited a specimen of a seedling apple, which had been named the “Cleveland Pippin.” This fine apple was raised from seed by Mr. Gellibrand, at Cleveland, about fifteen years ago, and has been worked on the stock, at South Arm and Sandy

Bay,—at the latter place by Mr. Lipscombe. It is a very prolific bearer, with excellent foliage, and has always hitherto been free from blight; where trees in the same garden have been utterly destroyed by this cause. It is admirable for dessert, and has the qualities and appearance of the Sturmer Pippin (though larger in size), and is also excellent for cooking purposes.

The SECRETARY read a paper "On some Tasmanian Trochidæ," by the Rev. J. E. Tenison-Woods, F.G.S., F.L.S., Cor. Mem. Roy. Socs. Tas., N.S. Wales, Victoria, and the N. Zealand Institute.

His EXCELLENCY informed the meeting, as indicative of the attention now paid in other parts of the world to the Blue Gum, that he had recently received from the Consul General of Algeria a request for a supply of the seed. The request would immediately be complied with, and seed of the Silver Wattle would be forwarded at the same time. His Excellency had also recently received from Sir Garnet Wolseley a letter of thanks for a supply of Blue Gum and Silver Wattle seed for the Island of Cyprus, where Sir Garnet promises they shall have a fair trial.

Mr. E. SWAN had noticed in a recent paper that the introducing of the Blue Gum to the Cape of Good Hope or to America had been attended with the drawback that certain insects had accompanied it, which had proved destructive to many of the indigenous trees.

Discussion ensued as to the comparative influence of deciduous and evergreen trees on soil and climate. It was suggested that Baron von Müller might afford some interesting information on this subject.

The SECRETARY read a highly complimentary notice of the Society from the *Australasian* of the 7th instant, in a review of the published proceedings for 1877.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. JAS. BARNARD, to the Rev. J. E. Tenison-Woods, for his learned and valuable paper, and to the donors of presentations, closed the proceedings.

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No meeting held in July, in consequence of the death of Sir Robert Officer, Vice-President.

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