

pursued its unobtrusive action from month to month, should place on record some account of its proceedings. In the paper now read they would have a record published of what the society had been doing during the past year, which let those outside know what they had done. Sitting round this table the language of the rocks, sea, and air was made familiar to them. He congratulated the Society on the good work done, and was sure that the public would not look with a grudge upon the small contribution made towards the Society. He proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his address.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN briefly replied, and moved a vote of thanks to those who had read papers that evening.

Mr. JUSTIN BROWNE seconded, and the motion was cordially passed.

This concluded the business.

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List of additions to the Library of the Royal Society during the month of December 1886 :—

Annals and Magazine of Natural History, October and November 1886.

Annales de la Société Royale Malacologique de Belgique, Tome XVIII, Troisième Série, Tome III, Année 1883. From the Society.

Annual report of the Secretary of Mines and Water Supply, Victoria, to the Hon. J. L. Dow, M.P. On the Working of the Regulation and Inspection of Mines and Mining Machinery Act during the year 1885. From the Department.

Australian Statistics for the year 1885, with a report by the Government Statist of Victoria. From the Department.

Boletim da Sociedade de Geographia de Lisboa, 6A. Serie, Nos. 3, 4. From the Society.

Bollettino della Società Geographica Italiana, Ser. IV, Vol. XI, October 1886. From the Society.

Bulletin du Musée Royal D'Histoire Naturelle de Belgique, Tome IV, No. 3. From the Society.

Descriptive Catalogue of a Collection of the Economic Minerals of Canada, by the Geological Corps, by A. R. C. Selwyn, C.M.G. From the Department.

Den Norske Nordhavs—Expedition 1876-8, XV., Zoologi, Crustacea, by G. O. Sars. From the Society.

Edinburgh Astronomical Observations, vol. XV., 1877-86. Star Cat. 4th, 24th, R.A. From the Department.

Geological Magazine, October and November.

Journal of the Society of Arts, current Nos.

Manual of the New Zealand Coleoptera, by Captain Thomas Broun, parts 3 and 4. From James Hector, M.D., etc.

Observations of the International Polar Expedition, 1882-3, Fort Rae. From the Department.

Proceedings of the Philosophical Society of Glasgow, vol. 17, 1885-6. From the Society.

Procès—Verbaux des Séances de la Société Royale Malacologique de Belgique, Tome XIII., Année 1884. From the Society.

Quarterly weather report of the Meteorological Office (new series). Pt. IV. October, December, 1877. From the Department.

Records of the Geological Survey of India. Vol. XIX., pt. 4, 1886. From the Department.

Report on the Administration of the Meteorological Department of the Government of India in 1885-6. From the Department.

Report on the Telegraphic Determination of Australian Longitudes *via* Singapore, Banjoewangie, and Port Darwin. From the Government Astronomer, Victoria.

Reports of the Mining Registrars for the quarter ending 30th September, 1886. The Goldfields of Victoria. From the Department.

Results of Meteorological Observations, by J. Tebutt, New South Wales, 1882-3-4-5. From the Author.

Statistics of the Colony of New Zealand during the year 1885. From the Department.

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1885. Pt. 5. Interchange. From the Department.

Twentieth and twenty-first annual report on the Colonial Museum and Laboratory, together with a list of donations and deposits during 1884-5, and the sixteenth and seventeenth annual report on the Colonial Botanic Gardens, 1884-5, of New Zealand. From the Department.

Vehrandlungen der Gesellschaft Für Erdkunde Zu Berlin, Band VIII., Nos. 4, 8, and 9. From the Department.

Walch's Tasmanian Almanac, 1887.

A collection of ten water colors and sketches of Tasmanian scenery by the late J. S. Prout. Presented by the Hon. Wm. Robertson, M.L.C., of Victoria.