

André Michaux, on the 19th Nov. 1852, made a report, accompanied by the following resolution, which was read, considered and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the testamentary writing entrusted to the care of this Society by the late F. André Michaux, be deposited by the Treasurer with the Register of Wills, in the presence of the Chancellor of the French Consulate, for probate;—and that the Treasurer take, thereafter, all necessary measures for giving it legal operation and effect.

Prof. Frazer having taken the chair, Judge Kane, after some remarks upon the subject of procuring a suitable location for the accommodation of the Society, offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Committee which was constituted to negotiate terms and make sale of the Hall of the Society, be authorized and empowered to negotiate for the purchase of a suitable property for the Society's accommodation:—

And the question on this resolution being taken, the yeas were *seven*, and the nays *one*; so the resolution was adopted.

All other business having been concluded the ballot box was opened by the presiding officer, who declared that Dr. ROBERT P. HARRIS, of Philadelphia, was duly elected a member of the Society.

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*Stated Meeting, November 7.*

Present, twenty-one members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Robert P. Harris, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From H. Burmeister, dated Southampton, Oct. 8; and from Robert P. Harris, dated Philadelphia, Oct. 8, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of the Society:—

From the Royal Geographical Society of London, dated Nov. 17, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 51, 52 of the Proceedings:—

From the Corporation of Yale College, in New Haven, dated Oct. 11, 1856, returning thanks for No. 55 of the Proceedings:—

From the Department of State, dated Washington, —, 1856, announcing a donation for the library: and—

From Mr. Thomas Sully, dated Philadelphia, Oct. 24, 1856, asking the loan of the Society's portrait of Thomas Jefferson, for the purpose of making a copy.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London for the year 1856. Vol. 146. Part 1. 4to.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Vol. VIII. Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22. 1856. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Astronomical and Magnetical and Meteorological Observations made at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, in the year 1854; under the superintendence of George Biddell Airy, Esq., M.A., Astronomer Royal. London. 1856. 4to.—*From the same.*

Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society; containing the Address of Rear Admiral F. W. Beechey, V.P.R.S., &c. President, at the Anniversary Meeting, May 26, 1856. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Report of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Glasgow in September, 1855. London. 8vo.—*From the Association.*

Compte Rendu Annuel Adressé à S. E. M. de Brock, Ministre des Finances, par le Directeur de l'Observatoire Central, A. T. Kupffer, Année 1854. St. Petersburg, 1855. 4to.—*From the Observatory.*

Observations Météorologiques faites à Nijne Taguilsk (Monts Oural), Gouvernement de Perm. Année 1854. Paris. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy. Vol. XXIII. Part 1. Science. Dublin, 1856. 4to.

Proceedings of the same; 1855-6. Vol. VI. Part 3. Dublin. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

- Journal of the Royal Dublin Society. No. 3. Oct. 1856. Dublin. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. IV. Série. Tome XI. Paris, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Executive Documents. Vol. XII. Part 3;—and Senate Documents. Vol. XIV. Part 3, of Second Session of 33d Congress: being Observations on the Zodiacal Light, from April 2, 1853, to April 22, 1855,—made chiefly on board the U. S. Steam Frigate Mississippi, during her late cruise in the Eastern Seas and her voyage homeward;—with conclusions from the data thus obtained. By the Rev. George Jones, A.M. Chaplain U. S. Navy. Vol. III. Washington, 1856. 4to.—*From the Department of State.*
- Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. VI. No. 1. Oct. 1856. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Systema Agriculturæ: being the Mystery of Husbandry discovered and laid open, by J. W. London, 1668. 8vo.—*From Dr. Robley Dunglison.*
- New Remedies; with Formulæ for their preparation and administration. By Robley Dunglison, Prof. Inst. Med. in Jeff. Med. College, Philadelphia, &c. &c. Seventh Edition, with numerous additions. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. XIV. No. 167. Nov. 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*
- On Periodical Laws discoverable in the mean effects of the larger Magnetic Disturbances. No. III. By Col. Edward Sabine, R.A. &c.—On the Lunar Magnetic Diurnal Variations at Toronto. By Maj. Gen. Edward Sabine, R.A., &c.—Terrestrial Magnetism,—with Map. By the same. London, 1856.—*From the Author.*
- Ricerche sulle Leggi della Capillarità.—Del Moto Rotatorio dell' Arco Luminoso dell' Elettromotore Voltiano: del Prof. Zantedeschi.—Delle Differenze che intercedono fra gli effetti prodotti dalle Luce e dal Calorico sopra i Cloruri e Ioduri d' Argento: Memoria seconda dei Signori Zantedeschi e Borlinetto.—Cenni Biografici di Francesco Zantedeschi: estratti dalla Galleria dei Naturalisti pubblicata da Lenoir, in Vienna, nel 1856.—*From Prof. Zantedeschi.*
- Manual of Coal and its Topography: illustrated by original drawings, &c. By J. P. Lesley, Topographical Geologist. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XXII. No. 66. Nov. 1856. New Haven. 8vo.—*From Profs. Silliman & Dana, Editors.*

On the Relations of the Fossil Fishes of the Sandstone of Connecticut and other Atlantic States to the Liassic and Oolitic Periods. (Am. Jour. Sci. and Arts. Vol. XII. 1856). By W. C. Redfield. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The Astronomical Journal. No. 96. Oct. 17, 1856. Cambridge. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr., Editor.*

Dr. Le Conte referred to the dried fungus exhibited at a former meeting, and laid on the table a specimen of another plant, which, after having been dried, possesses a similar property of expanding itself when moistened. It is commonly called the Rose of Jericho (*Anastatica Hierochontia*), a native of Syria, and belongs to the order of Cruciferae.

In connection with this subject, Mr. Peale referred to the desiccation of various kinds of garden vegetables and culinary plants for preservation on long sea-voyages, by which means they can be kept for a long time, and when immersed in warm water nearly resume their original forms and properties.

The Treasurer reported, that on the 20th of last month, the sealed paquet left in charge of the Society by F. André Michaux, was deposited in the office of the Register of Wills, and there opened in the presence of the Chancellor of the French Consulate. A copy of the documents contained in the paquet was read to the Society.

Whereupon, the following resolution was offered by Judge Kane:—

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report as to the expediency of accepting the bequest of M. Michaux, upon the trusts described in his testamentary disposition;—and that the said committee further report, from time to time, what measures, if any, should be taken by the Society for giving effect to the trusts referred to in the said bequests:—

Which resolution was read, considered and adopted:—the committee appointed consists of Mr. Trego, Mr. Durand and Judge Kane.

On motion of Mr. Trego, it was ordered that Mr. Sully have permission to use the Society's portrait of Mr. Jefferson, for the purpose of making a copy, according to the request contained in his letter read this evening.

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*Stated Meeting, November 21.*

Present, twelve members.

The President and Vice-Presidents being absent, Mr. Fraley was called to the chair.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Vol. XXI. Part 3, for the session 1855-6. 4to.
- Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Vol. III. No. 46. Edinburgh. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. No. XXXV. (Vol. IX. 3). Oct. 1856. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XVI. No. 9. July 11, 1856. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. VI. No. 2. Oct. 1856. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- The African Repository. Vol. XXXII. No. 11. Nov. 1856. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Am. Colonization Society.*
- Arctic Explorations: the Second Grinnell Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, 1853, '54, '55. By Elisha Kent Kane, M.D., U. S. N. 2 vols. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The Medical Profession and Modern Chemistry: An Oration delivered before the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, at its Annual Convention, June 4, 1856. By Lewis H. Steiner, M.A. M.D., &c. &c. Baltimore. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Refuge in God: A Sermon delivered in the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, on Sunday morning, Oct. 26, 1856. By the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D.D. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From J. J. Barclay, Esq.*
- Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Young Man's Institute. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From the same.*