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THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 12th October, 1908.

The president, Mr. G. A. Keartland, occupied the chair, and about 60 members and visitors were present.

REPORTS.

A report of the Club excursion to Black Rock, Sandringham, was given by Mr. C. French, jun., who acted as leader, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. L. Barrett. The afternoon had been set apart for ornithology, so a visit was made to Ebdon's paddock, the site of the proposed park, as almost the only portion of the district remaining in its natural state. Here a few birds, such as the White-browed Scrub-Wren, Fulvous Honey-eater, New Holland Honey-eater, White-plumed Honey-eater, White-shafted Fantail, and Yellow Robin were seen. The nest with young of the Mountain-Thrush was also noted. Some members devoted themselves to botany, and secured specimens of the orchids *Caladenia carnea*, *C. deformis*, *Pterostylis nana*, *P. pedunculata*, *Diuris longifolia*, the Adder's-tongue Fern, *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, and the singular lycopod, *Phyloglossum Drummondii*.

A report of the Club excursion to Ringwood on Saturday, 3rd October, was given by the leaders, Messrs. G. Coghill and O. A. Sayce. The former took charge of the botanical section of the party, and reported an interesting afternoon among the wild-flowers, of which about 80 species were noted in bloom, among which was a very fine specimen of the orchid *Pterostylis barbata*. The crustacean section, under Mr. O. A. Sayce, also had an interesting afternoon, and the leader devoted some time to pointing out, with help of the specimens captured, the general features of the classification of Crustacea.

A report of the junior excursion to Blackburn, on Saturday, 3rd October, was given by the leader, Mr. C. French, jun., who reported an attendance of over fifty. As entomology was the subject for the afternoon, and a number of interesting finds were made, opportunity was taken to demonstrate the methods of pinning and setting insects for cabinet purposes, and practical work was done by several of those present. Some attention was also given to wild flowers, and Mr. G. Coghill kindly assisted in the management of the excursion.

The hon. librarian reported the receipt of the following donations to the library :—"Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines,



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