

OBJECTS EXHIBITED.

Samples of a cobalt ore, which had been found in quantity by Mr. F. Smith, at Kilkivan, and which Mr. De Vis remarked represented a "wad" or variable mixtures of the oxides of manganese, iron, and cobalt; the last-mentioned element being present, in selected specimens, to the extent of 22 per cent

The head of a buffalo, which had been presented to the Queensland Museum by Mr. H. Glissan, as being that of an animal which, after having roamed all the way from Port Darwin, during which journey it travelled from one herd of cattle to another, had been shot near Townsville.

A well-preserved incisor of *Sceparnodon*, from the fossiliferous drifts of the Darling Downs, which presented all the characters which were associated in a similar object which Professor Owen, under the name of *S. Ramsayi*, had recently referred to a tapir-like marsupial possessing persistent rodent teeth.

Dr. Bancroft exhibited the following interesting objects derived from his own and from the public gardens of the city, and including plants which he had been instrumental in introducing into the colony. Tubers of *Cyperus esculentus*, the *amande de terre* of the south of Europe, which in its manner of growth resembled the nut-grass *C. rotundus*. (Dr. Bancroft at the same time remarked that the small bulbs, which he had previously referred to as forming an article of diet amongst the blacks of the interior, and which were known as *Yowa*, had proved, on cultivation, to belong to a *Cyperus* allied to this *C. esculentus*.) An aquatic sedge, *Eleocharis*, *sp.*, as also affording a food substance. The farinaceous fruit of the lacustrine plant *Trapa bicornis*, the *ling* of the Chinese. Fruit of the candle-nut tree, *Aleurites moluccana*, as an article of food, and as a source of oil valuable for many purposes. The sweet succulent peduncles of *Hovenia elatus*, a Chinese fruit. Male and female inflorescence, and also seed pods of the Carob tree, *Ceratonia siliqua*, in illustration of its diœcius character. Papaw

fruit from so-called "male tree," the same inflorescence having borne male and hermaphrodite flowers. Pitchers of Nepenthaceous plants, including examples from Queensland species.

Other exhibits included a "Barogram" for March, by Mr. J. Thorpe, who drew attention to the periods of low pressure occurring between the 3rd and 7th, the 12th and 14th, the 16th and 19th, and the 27th and 31st, and also to the concomitant phenomena of wind and rain.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1885.

THE PRESIDENT, J. BANCROFT, ESQ., M.D., IN THE CHAIR.

NEW MEMBER ELECTED.

Alexander Archer, Esq., Brisbane.

DONATIONS ANNOUNCED.

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