

He also exhibited examples in all stages of a species of *Epilachna*, a voracious beetle usually found feeding on *Solanum nigrum*, but also affecting the tomato, the potato, and other plants of the same natural order. In reference to this exhibit it was pointed out that it was the character of the *Coccinellidæ*, of which *Epilachna* was a member, to occur at times in immense swarms, and that in the event of such an occurrence potato-growers in Queensland would be great losers.

Two other insects were also exhibited by him as being natural enemies to larvæ of the *Epilachna*, viz.:—a small ichneumon, to whose fatal attacks they were especially subject, and a moth (Fam. *Aluctidæ*), whose caterpillar appeared to devour the chrysalis cases.

Mr. G. Watkins remarked that this beetle had already done great damage to potato-growers in the Moreton District.

Mr. H. Tryon also exhibited a worn valve of the shell of a *Trigonia*, found recently at Camboyuro, Moreton Bay, representing a species which he stated to be apparently different from those hitherto described.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1886.

THE PRESIDENT, L. A. BERNAYS, ESQ., F.L.S., ETC., IN  
THE CHAIR.

#### FORBES' FUND.

A letter was received from His Excellency the Hon. John Douglas, C.M.G., enclosing a contribution of £5 to the Forbes' Expedition Aid Fund, which it was announced now amounted to £90.

A letter was also received from Mr. W. M'Ilwraith, of Rockhampton, proffering assistance to any members who might be desirous of inspecting the recently discovered caves in that neighbourhood, and Mr. W. D. Nisbet was requested to make his contemplated visit to Rockhampton the occasion of a visit to them.



## NEW MEMBERS.

Dr. W. S. Byrne and C. Pritchard, Esq., of Brisbane; and James Tolson, Esq., of Enoggera.

## DONATIONS.

"Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania for 1885." Hobart, 1886. From the Society.

"Annual Report of the Rockhampton Natural History Society," 1885-6. From the Society.

"Bulletin of the American Geographical Society," No. 2. New York, 1885. From the Society.

"Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences." Parts II. and III. Philadelphia, 1884. From the Academy.

"Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History." Vol. XIII., Part I. Boston, 1885. From the Society.

"The Victorian Naturalist," Vol. II., No. 2. Melbourne, March, 1886. From the Field Naturalist Club of Victoria.

"Descriptive Catalogue of the General Collection of Minerals in the Australian Museum," by A. F. Ratte. Sydney, 1885. From the Australian Museum.

"Queensland Woods—Catalogue of the Indigenous Woods contained in the Queensland Court of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1886," and "A Synopsis of the Queensland Flora, 1st Supplement," Brisbane, 1886, by F. M. Bailey, F.L.S., etc., Colonial Botanist. From the Author.

"The Australian Irrigationist," No. 20. Melbourne, March, 1886. From the Editor.

"A Journal of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and the Arts," by John Nicholson, Vols. 1-12 (in 4 vols.) London, 1802-5. From Mr. J. Cribb, Brisbane.

"Records of the Geological Survey of India," Vol. 19, Part I. Calcutta, 1886. From the Director.

A discussion arose as to the necessity of providing a room—other than that at present available—for the use of the Society, especially in view of its rapidly growing library; and the Chairman referred to the steps which the Council had already taken in order to meet this requirement.



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