

The author gave a list with remarks on about thirty species which he had collected, principally in the vicinity of Heyington railway station, Toorak, and which had been determined by Dr. Brotherus, who stated that three of them were new to science. He also gave the names of a small collection of mosses made by Mr. A. G. Campbell at King Island, Cataract Gorge (Launceston), and Dandenong Ranges.

3. By Mr. J. H. Maiden, F.L.S., entitled "Descriptions of two Victorian Eucalypts," communicated by Prof. W. Baldwin Spencer, F.R.S.

The author described as *Eucalyptus kitsoni* a small tree which had been observed by Mr. A. W. Howitt, F.G.S., near Foster, South Gippsland, and at Powlett Plains, Anderson's Inlet, by Mr. A. E. Kitson, F.G.S. He stated that this species had been labelled both *E. botryoides* and *E. gunnii* by Baron von Mueller, but was not identical with either, though it might possibly be a hybrid with the two species mentioned as parents.

The second species, which he named *E. neglecta*, is a small tree found in swampy places on the upper parts of the Livingstone Creek, in the Omeo district. This also may be a hybrid of *E. gunnii*, and has for its nearest affinities *E. kitsoni*, Maiden, and *E. aggregata*, Deane and Maiden.

EXHIBITS.

By Mr. F. G. A. Barnard.—Growing fern, *Lomaria alpina*, with fertile fronds, from Mount St. Bernard.

By Mr. C. French, jun.—Scale insect, *Aspidiotus fusca*, found on *Loranthus*, sp., near Murray River.

After the usual conversazione the meeting terminated.

THE LATE J. G. LUEHMANN, F.L.S.

It is with deep regret we record the death, on 18th November, of Mr. J. G. Luehmann, F.L.S., Government Botanist and Curator of the National Herbarium, at the age of 61, after a comparatively brief illness, though he had been in indifferent health for some time. Mr. Luehmann was one of the "original" members of the Field Naturalists' Club, and served on the committee during the first two years of its existence (1880-1 and 1881-2), and again in 1897-8 and 1898-9, filling the position of a vice-president during the two following years, 1899-1900 and 1900-1. He was a native of Buxtehde, near Hanover, in Germany, and came to Victoria in 1862, when he went to the Wood's Point district, then a flourishing mining centre, remaining there several years. In 1867, on the resignation of Mr. E. B. Heyne, secretary to the late Baron von Mueller, Mr. Luehmann was offered the position, which he accepted, and he remained connected with the Botanical Department until shortly before his

death. Mr. Luehmann was a man of good education and high intelligence. He displayed great interest in botany, and for many years made the preliminary identifications of specimens for Baron von Mueller, becoming an authority on the Eucalypts and Acacias. His great assistance was acknowledged by Baron von Mueller in the preface to the "Key to the System of Victorian Plants." In the early days of the Club, before the institution of the *Naturalist*, he contributed papers on the Eucalypts and Acacias. In 1896, on the death of Baron von Mueller, he was appointed Curator of the National Herbarium, and afterwards became Government Botanist. During late years he contributed several descriptions of plants to the Club's proceedings, in addition to a most interesting paper, "Observations on pre-Linnean Botanists" (*Vict. Nat.*, xv., p. 50), in which he called attention to the many valuable botanical works in the Herbarium Library. He was one of the earliest Victorian Fellows of the Linnean Society of London, and was greatly esteemed by his colleagues and acquaintances. He was twice married, and leaves a widow and young family. His funeral at the Melbourne Cemetery, on Saturday afternoon, the 19th November, was largely attended by his compatriots, with whom he was very popular, and by fellow-members of the Field Naturalists' Club.

NOTES ON HESPERIDÆ DESCRIBED BY MABILLE AND REPUTED TO BE AUSTRALIAN.

By G. A. WATERHOUSE, B.Sc., F.E.S., AND R. E. TURNER.

(Read before Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria, 10th October, 1904.)

M. P. MABILLE has, during the last twenty-five years, published many incomplete descriptions of species of this family, most of which are simply supplied with the locality Australia, or even Australia (?). When a catalogue of the Rhopalocera of Australia was published last year by one of us, we did not know that these descriptions were available in Australia. We have lately obtained copies of them, and as a result are able to show that six species cannot be referred to Australia at all; three we can definitely sink as synonyms of older species, and four others we can sink, though with less certainty, thus relieving our lists of a number of worthless names. The remaining species appear to us to be so poorly described that we can hope for certainty only when fresh descriptions are given, if, indeed, the types are in existence to redescribe. As one sample of the worthless work of this author, we find that in the present year he describes a species from which the antennæ and palpi were missing, from Australia, with no more definite indication of locality.

Corone ismenoides, Pet. Nouv., ii., p. 205, 1878.—The late Mr.



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