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	1863.	1862.	1861.
Knappia agrostidea,	Feb. 13		
Symplocarpus fetidus,	... 15	Feb. 26	Feb. 9
Daphne Mezereum,	... 16	.....	.....
Tussilago nivea,	... 18	.....	.....
Muscari botryoides,	... 20	... 22	... 26
Dondia Epipactis,	... 23	... 28	... 1
Orobis vernus,	... 25	.....	Mar. 4
Arabis albida,	... 28	Mar. 8	... 6
Scilla bifolia, cœrulea,	... 28	Feb. 20	... 7
Ribes sanguineum,	March 2	.....	.....
Scilla bifolia, alba,	... 4	Mar. 10	... 9
Erythronium Dens-canis,	... 4	... 15	... 14
Draba aizoides,	... 4	.....	.....
Orobis cyaneus,	... 6	.....	.....
Narcissus pumilus,	... 8	Feb. 27	... 6
Primula nivalis,	... 8	.....	... 12
Puschkinia scilloides,	... 9	Mar. 16	... 18
Scilla sibirica,	... 10	... 17	... 8
— bifolia, rubra,	... 10	Mar. 12	.....
Corydalis nobilis,	... 11	.....	... 12
Pulmonaria mollis,	... 11	.....	... 12
Hyoscyamus Scopolia	... 12	.....	... 9
— orientalis,	... 12	.....	.....

A letter was read from Professor Martius of Erlangen, to Professor Balfour, in which he says:—"I wish to call your attention to the fact, that the seeds of *Abrus precatorius* contain an alkaloidal poisonous matter. It is easily obtained by boiling the crushed seeds several times with alcohol of 0·830 to 0·812, filtering, and then distilling the alcohol until two ounces remain per pound of seeds. If it stands a long time, the poisonous matter crystallises out. Weak alcohol exhausts the colouring matter."

A note was read from Captain Thomas, R.N., intimating that he had discovered *Botrychium Lunaria* and *Ophioglossum vulgatum* in Benbecula, one of the islands of the Outer Hebrides.

Walter Elliot, Esq., exhibited a volume of drawings executed by Mungo Park. The volume is the property of Thomas Brown, Esq. of Lanfane.

Mr John Robertson sent specimens of variegated plants and anomalous forms of ferns from Perthshire.