Franklin Institute.

Proceedings of the Stated Monthly Meeting, April 22d, 1868.

THE meeting was called to order with the Vice-President, Mr. Coleman Sellers, in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Actuary submitted the minutes of the Board of Managers, and reported that, at their stated meeting held April 8th, inst., donations to the Library were received from the Royal Astronomical Society and the Society of Arts, London, and the Association for the Prevention of Steam Boiler Explosions, Manchester, England; la Société Industrielle, Mulhouse, and Thomas W. Evans, Esq., Paris, France; the Canadian Government, Ottawa, Canada; P. W. Sheaffer, Pottsville, Penna.; Messrs. Henry R. Campbell, John Clayton, B. Henry Bartol, and the Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia.

Also, that the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That it is expedient to postpone the exhibition intended to be held this year.

Resolved, That the Committee on Exhibition in 1868 be continued, and that their report, with proposed plan of organization, be referred back to them for further action.

The various Standing Committees reported their minutes. And the Special Committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Sir David Brewster, reported that they would present to the Institute the following resolutions for their action:

Resolved, That in the death of Sir David Brewster, a serious loss has been sustained by the world of science, not only by reason of the vast store of information and skill thus removed from among the laborers in her fields, but also by reason of the interruption of studies and investigations tending to throw light upon many obscure subjects in the direction of optical research.

Resolved, That in the death of Sir David Brewster, the world at large has lost one of those who have contributed, by their labors, in a marked degree, not only to the progress of science, but also to the general diffusion of information and the development of a taste for the refining and cultivating study of the physical sciences.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

A paper, by Mr. Charles H. Rockwell, on the Suez Canal was then read by the Secretary, and the thanks of the Institute were tendered to Mr. Rockwell.

Prof. Rogers gave a short history of Electro-Magnetism and its connection with Magneto-Electricity, and explained one of Wade's New Magneto-Electrical Machines as improved and made by Ladel, of London. Some ingenious French Syphon-Filters were also exhibited by the same gentleman.

The Secretary's report was then read. After which, the meeting was, on motion, adjourned.

HENRY MORTON, *Secretary*.

Bibliographical Notice.

The Workshop. A monthly Journal devoted to the Progress of the Useful Arts. Edited by W. Baumer and I. Schnorr. E. Steiger, 17 North William Street, New York.

We have received from Mr. Steiger, several numbers of this very admirable publication. It is a large quarto pamphlet 10 by 12½ inches, with 16 pages in each number, of which 13 are devoted to illustrations in the shape of admirable wood-cuts, while 3 are filled with printed matter.

The style of the work as regards artistic merit of designs and engravings, printing and paper, is admirable; as regards its scope, the following enumeration may suffice:

"This periodical is the American edition of a German monthly, '*Die Gewerbehalle*,' which has a very large circulation, and is now being published simultaneously in German, French and English.

"*The Workshop* is devoted to Progress in all departments of the Useful Arts. It gives Descriptions and Designs, with details in large size, for most classes of trades, for architects, builders, cabinet and furniture makers, carpenters and joiners, carriage makers, carvers, sculptors, stone cutters, stuccoers and plasterers, decorators, designers, engravers and lithographers, founders, gilders, gold, silver and metal workers, jewelers, painters, upholsterers, weavers, for manufacturers of bronzes, britannia ware, gas fixtures, clocks and watches, china, crystal, earthenware and glass, fancy goods, embroideries, trimmings, ribbons, mouldings, as well as for artists generally, and all others having a chance to show taste in their work. Price \$5.40 a year; single numbers, if to be had, 50 cents.