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Proceedings of the Stated Monthly Meeting, May 30th, 1868.

THE meeting was called to order, with the President, Mr. J. Vaughan Merrick, 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 the donations to the library received at their stated meeting, held May 13th inst., from the Royal Astronomical Society, the Chemical Society, the Society of Arts, and William Leighton Jordan, F. R. G. S., London; l'Academie des Sciences, la Société d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale, Paris, la Société Industrielle, Mulhouse, France; der K. K. Geologischen Reichsanstalt, Vienna, Austria; Major L. A. Huguet-Latour, Montreal, Canada; Commodore B. F. Sands, Superintendent U. S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C.; James B. Francis, Esq., Lowell, C. L. McAlpine, Esq., C. E., Stockbridge, and E. H. Derby, Esq., Boston, Mass.; Young Men's Association, Buffalo, N. Y.; John Alexander Ferris, Esq., San Francisco, California; and George E. Chambers, Esq., Registrar of Board of Health of Philadelphia.

The various Standing Committees reported their minutes.

A paper upon "Pneumatic Bridge Foundations," by Mr. O. Chanut, was read by the Secretary.

The Secretary's Report on Novelties in Science and the Mechanic Arts was then read.

After which, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

HENRY MORTON, *Secretary.*

Bibliographical Notices.

Catalogue of Philosophical Apparatus. E. S. Ritchie & Sons. Boston, 1868.

We have just received the above, which is a new edition of Mr. Ritchie's well known illustrated Catalogue, which, as many of our readers know, is the most extensive and best executed work of the kind ever produced in this country.