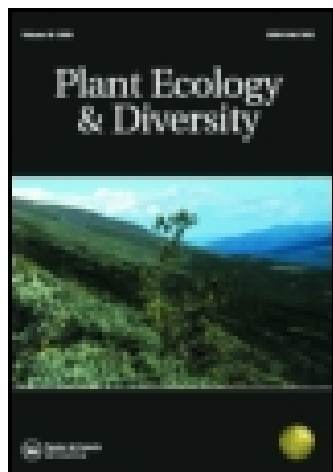


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Mr R. M. Stark exhibited living plants of *Hepatica obtusiloba*, *Platanthera Hookeri*, *Pedicularis Canadensis*, *Smilacina stellata*, *Delphinium tricornis*, *Aspidium fragrans*, *Pteris atro-purpurea*, and *Asplenium angustifolium*, which he had brought from America last year.

Dr Andrew Inglis noticed that *Mercurialis annua* and *Campanula rapunculoides* were growing in a wild state in the gardens at Lynedoch Place, and near St Margaret's Railway Station.

Miss Gibson-Craig sent the hyacinth plant which was noticed at the last meeting of the Society as having produced its flowers under the soil in an inverted position.

Mr Sadler exhibited a specimen of *Attingia excelsa*, taken from a plant purchased by Sir Wilford Lawson, of Brayton Hall, at a public sale in London in 1806, and for which Sir Wilford is stated to have paid twenty guineas.

10th May 1866.—Dr R. K. GREVILLE, President, in the Chair.

The following Donations to the Library were laid on the table:—

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, for 1864 and 1865.—From the Academy.

Verhandlungen des Naturhistorischen Vereines der Preussischen Rheinlande und Westphalens, 1865.—From the Society.

Quatrième Herborisation de la Société Royale de Botanique de Belgique, par M. Armand Thielens.—From the Author.

Erster Jahresbericht des Naturwissenschaftlichen Vereines zu Bremen.—From the Society.

Zoologische Miscellen, von Georg Ritter von Frauenfeld.—From the Author.

Decades of British Fungi, by M. C. Cooke, London.—From the Author.

Letters were read from Mr Thwaites, of Ceylon, Herr Georg Ritter von Frauenfeld, and Dr Schnizlein, thanking the Society for their election as corresponding and foreign members.