

Natural Sciences; and none could see him without being impressed with his enthusiasm and his liberality in opening his vast stores to those interested in his pursuits.

Sir WILLIAM JACKSON HOOKER, Director of Kew Gardens, and one of the most eminent botanists of the age, as well as the possessor of one of the finest herbaria ever formed, died at Kew, on the 12th of August, having just completed his eightieth year. He was the author of upwards of fifty volumes of descriptive botany, and his labours only closed with his life. It is justly said of him, in the notice of his death in the *Athenæum*: "His address and bearing were singularly genial and urbane, and he was as remarkable for the liberality and uprightness of his disposition, as for the simplicity of his manners and the attractive style of his conversation." He has passed away at a ripe age, after devoting his whole life to the pursuit of science, deeply regretted by all who had the happiness of knowing him, universally esteemed as a public officer, and with a reputation second to none for the extent and accuracy of his botanical knowledge.

On the 2nd of September, Sir WILLIAM ROWAN HAMILTON, Astronomer Royal for Ireland, and eminently distinguished as a mathematician and astronomer, died at Dublin, at the age of 60. He was beloved for the kindness of his heart, and respected for the integrity of his character, as well as admired for the wonderful power of his intellect.

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SECOND ORDINARY MEETING—10th December, 1864.

Rev. J. McCaul, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

I. The nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year took place.

II. *The following Papers were read:*

1. By the Rev. W. Hincks F.L.S., &c.:

"On the King Vulture and other Birds of tropical America"; illustrated by specimens recently received.

2. By the Rev. H. Scadding, D.D.:

"On Errata Recepta written and spoken."

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—17th December, 1864.

I. *The following Gentlemen were elected Members:*

WILLIAM FREELAND, Esq., Toronto.

M. B. JACKSON, Esq., Toronto.

II. *The following Donations for the Library were announced, and the thanks of the Institute voted to the donors.*

From Geographical Society, London.