

F. G. S., M. E., "The Naturalist of Nicaragua," who was one of the Founders of the Institute, an active member, and a contributor to its Transactions.

The following notice of MR. BELT's death, appears in the Sept. 26, 1878, No. of "Nature," an illustrated Journal of Science, published in London:—

"The Scientific world will hear with regret the recent death of the well-known naturalist and geologist, Mr. Thomas Belt, F. G. S., which has just been telegraphed from Colorado. It is believed to have been caused by mountain fever. Elected a Fellow of the Geological Society in 1866, the geological world owes to him the division of the Lingula flags into Maentwrog, Ffestiniog, and Dolgelly flags, proposed in 1867. In 1874 appeared his well-known and deservedly popular "Naturalist in Nicaragua," in which he showed how his professional avocations as an engineer, had lent keenness to his observing faculties, and how an acute reasoner can utilize his observations. The work conveyed much information on protective mimicry, plant fertilisation, sexual selection, and the other collateral issues of the theory of evolution." * * *

DR. SOMMERS gave an interesting account of Observations "On Nova Scotian Mosses." Illustrative specimens were exhibited.

DR. LAWSON directed attention to a Communication from the Rev. E. BALL, Corresponding Member of the Institute, "On Certain Nova Scotian Ferns." The Communication was illustrated by specimens of Ferns from Dr. Lawson's Herbarium.

MR. J. M. JONES gave an account of important additions made to the list of Nova Scotian Fishes, by the United States Fishery Commissioners. Mr. J. also intimated his intention to prepare a catalogue of the Fishes of Nova Scotia, as far as known, for publication in the Transactions of the present Session.

ORDINARY MEETING, DEC. 9, 1878.

The PRESIDENT in the Chair.

The SECRETARY announced that the Council had elected V. G. HARRIS a member, and WONG KIEN SHOON, of the Chinese Imperial Navy, on board of H. M. S. Bellerophon, an Associate Member of the Institute.

DR. HONEYMAN described and figured a new gigantic Trilobite from the Iron Mines of Clements, Annapolis County.

DR. SOMMERS read a letter from the REV. E. BALL, in reference to his observations on the varieties of *Aspidium Spinulosum*, Gray, which was communicated at a preceding meeting by DR. LAWSON.

"The Analysis of a new Mineral from Blomidon," by H. LOUIS, Assoc. R. S. M., was read by the SECRETARY.

An interesting specimen of fossiliferous sandstone was exhibited and described by the SECRETARY. The specimen was from Mira Ridge, Cape Breton. A letter was read from the Rev. Donald Sutherland, of Gabarus, describing the locality where he found the specimen.

ORDINARY MEETING, January 13, 1879.

The PRESIDENT in the Chair.

MR. J. M. JONES gave an interesting account of certain exotic fishes sometimes found on the Coast of Nova Scotia.

A paper "On the Geology of King's County," was read by DR. HONEYMAN.

The SECRETARY
elected by the Council

MR. EDWIN GILFILLAN
of Pictou County."

DR. J. B. GILFILLAN
The paper was illustrated

THE PRESIDENT
Professor of Physics

Mackenzie was a native
he graduated as Bachelor

of M. A. He afterwards
studying at the University

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MR. HENRY LOUIS
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A paper "On Magnesian
A paper was also read

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