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EDWARD HAWKINS, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The following presents, received during the recess, were announced and laid upon the table:—

	PRESENTED BY
Numi Cufici Regii Numophylacii Holmiensis, quos omnes in terrâ Sueciæ repertos digessit et interpretatus est Dr. Carolus Johannes Tornberg. 4to., pp. 316, and 14 plates. Upsal, 1848.	THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF STOCKHOLM.
Mémoires de la Société des Antiquaires de Picardie. Vol. x., 8vo, pp. 643, and 12 plates. Amiens and Paris, 1850.	THE SOCIETY.
Bulletins de la Société des Antiquaires de Picardie. Conclusion of Vol. III. for 1847-8-9, pp. 409 to 492; and No. I. for the year 1850, pp. 1 to 36.	DITTO.
Mémoires de la Société des Antiquaires de la Morinie. Vol. VIII. 1849—50. 8vo., pp. 612, and Plates. St. Omer and Paris, 1850.	DITTO.
Mémoires de la Société des Antiquaires de l'Ouest. Année 1849. 8vo., pp. 614, and 2 plates. Poitiers and Paris, 1850.	DITTO.

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Statuts de la Société des Antiquaires de l'Ouest. 8vo., pp. 7.	} THE SOCIETY.
Bulletin du premier trimestre de 1850. 8vo., pp. 24.	
Rapport sur les travaux de la Société des Antiquaires de l'Ouest pendant l'année 1849; par M. Lecoindre Dupont, Secrétaire de la Société. 8vo., pp. 19.	
Géographie du moyen age étudiée par Joachim Lelewel. Atlas composé de 50 planches. 1 ^{re} livraison. Oblong folio, pp. 30, and 15 maps. Brussels, 1850.	} THE AUTHOR.
Observations en réponse à quelques opinions de M. Duchalais. Par M.A. Hermand. 8vo., pp. 30. 1849.	} DITTO.
Mémoire sur les Monnaies des Comtes de Saint Pol. Par le Dr. Rigollot. 8vo., pp. 28, and 2 plates. 1850.	} DITTO.
Handbuch der Griechischen Numismatik, mit besonderer Rücksicht auf deren Literatur (Handbook of Greek Numismatology, with some account of the works relating thereto). By A. C. E. von Werlhof. 8vo., pp. 280, and 5 plates. Hanover, 1850.	} DITTO.
Mittheilungen der Numismatischen Gesellschaft in Berlin. Zweiter Heft (Transactions of the Numismatic Society of Berlin. Part II.) 8vo., pp. 144, and 4 plates. Berlin, 1850.	} M. RAUCH.
Médailles Grecques et Romaines inédites. 8vo., pp. 6, and one plate. n. d.	} DITTO.
Das Zeitalter des Obeliskens aus Nimrud (On the age of the Nimroud Obelisk). 12mo., pp. 16. n. d.	} DR. GROTEFEND.
Die Erbauer der Paläste in Khorsabad und Kujjundshik (The Builders of the Palaces in Khorsabad and Kouyunjik). 12mo., pp. 16. n. d.	} DITTO.
Die Reichelse Münzsammlung in St. Petersburg. Dritter Theil (The Reichel Collection of Coins at St. Petersburg. Part III.) 12mo. 1842.	} M. REICHEL.

Journal of the British Archæological Association. No. XXIII. 8vo. October, 1850.	PRESENTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.
Journal of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. Nos. I. and II., 1846; No. III., 1847; No. IV., 1848. 8vo., pp. 97, 176, 213, and 90.	THE CEYLON SOCIETY.
Collectanea Antiqua. By Roach Smith, Esq. Vol. II., Part III. 8vo. London, 1850.	THE AUTHOR.
Letter to Lord Brougham and Vaux, containing proposals for a scientific exploration of Egypt and Ethiopia. By John James Wild. 8vo., pp. 21, and 3 plates. London, 1850.	DITTO.

Read—1. A paper by Mr. Williams, the Honorary Librarian, giving some account of a Chinese work on Coins, in the library of the Society. The work in question, consisting of eight volumes, was presented to the Society some time ago by Mr. Walter Hawkins. Mr. Williams having lately paid some attention to the Chinese language, was induced to examine the book; and as the result of his investigation appeared to afford some interesting and curious information, he communicated it to the Society. Mr. Williams' paper, which is of considerable length, is printed in full in the Numismatic Chronicle, Vol. XIII. p. 143.

Upon examination, the volumes in the library of the Society prove to be only a portion of another and a much larger work, bearing a title which may be expressed in English, "A Splendid Collection of Spring Shrubs." As the Chinese possess many works with titles allusive to gardens or shrubs, but which nevertheless are collections of miscellaneous literature, Mr. Williams presumes that the work to which the numismatic volumes of the Society belong, is, notwithstanding its horticultural appellation, a kind of encyclopædia of general literature, typified under the name of shrubs or herbs. He has, however, never met with it in any list of Chinese works which has fallen under his observation. The volumes under consideration form Sections 21, 22, 23, and 24, of that work, whatever it may be.