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<td>Von Mueller (1825-1896) was Victorian Government Botanist from 1853 and director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne from 1857 until 1873 when he was succeeded by Guilfoyle (qv). An intrepid explorer and collector of species, he published the seven-volume 'Flora Australiensis' (1863-1878).</td>
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MUELLER, Baron Sir Ferdinand Jakob Heinrich von.

ADDRESS: Deceased.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Botanist and explorer.


INTRODUCTORY NOTE: 1825 Born on 30 June at Rostock, Germany. Orphaned early.
1840-6 Apprenticed to chemist, then studied botany under Professor Nolte at Kiel.
1846 Ph. D. Then began collection of plants of Schleswig-Holstein.
1847 On medical advice sailed with two sisters for Aust. Arrived Adelaide 18 Dec., where he practised as chemist.
1852 Sent paper to Linnean Soc. on "The Flora of S.A." Removed to Melbourne.
1855-6 On expeditions within Vic. and to N.Territory.
1857 Appointed director of botanical gardens at Melb. Arranged for building of National Herbarium.
1861 Fellow of Royal Society of London.
1867-9 Explorations to W.A. and Tasmania.
1869 Made hereditary Baron by the King of Wurttemburg.
1873 Lost directorship of Gardens; remained Government Botanist.
1979 K.C.M.G.
1888 Received Royal Medal of the Royal Society of London.
1890 President of Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science.
1894 Helped form Australian Antarctic Committee.
1896 Died on 10 October.


LIST OF RECORDS

There are two groups: GROUP 1 Outward Correspondence. GROUP 2 Inward Correspondence.

GROUP 1 Outward Correspondence.

   Introduces Mr. Asgood Pritchard, an inventor of an improved Kaleidoscope and also a lubricant.
   2 Feb. 1873.
   3 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
2. Letter, von Mueller to unknown person.
   Requesting samples of plants from the "far inland locality"
   where the unknown person resides.
   12 Mar. 1896.
   2 pp. (1 sheet) ms.

GROUP 2  Inward Correspondence.

   to von Mueller.
   Advises that he has sent the 'decades' (books of 10 plates)
   of Vegetable Ferns of Victoria to Professor Nathaniel ?
   20 May (1881?)
   1 p. ms.

2. Ditto.
   Re some fossil fruit from Beaufort, which von Mueller was
   to examine and identify.
   15 Nov. 1887.
   1 p. ms.