

# Royal Society of Tasmania.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Royal Society of Tasmania was held on Tuesday, April 6, when there were present:—Sir Lambert Dobson (Chief Justice) in the chair; R.S. Bright, M.R.C.S., E., Messrs. C. J. Atkins, Bernard Shaw, L. Rodway, B. Solly, J. R. McClymont, M.A., and the secretary (Mr. A. Morton). Apologies were received from Sir James Agnew (the Senior Vice-President), Messrs. James Barnard, R. M. Johnston, and A. G. Webster.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The SECRETARY read the annual report recapitulating the work of the year, and

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report, said it certainly disclosed that many important and interesting matters had been discussed and much good work done during the year. The subjects had been of a very varied character, and some of them had come home to all. Indeed, several of the papers read and considered during the year had been of deep importance to the public, and must contribute to beneficial results. The number of members who had been elected during the year was considerable. They were keeping up the numbers wonderfully well. The library continued to increase, and they were gradually accumulating a very valuable collection of books upon their shelves. He was sure they felt grateful to the British Government for having sent them a copy of the great work on the Challenger Expedition, which he supposed was the most important scientific work the world had ever produced. Their finances were in a very healthy condition and the subscriptions had been £50 more this year than during the previous year. In these hard times this was something to be said to their advantage also. The medical section, of which Dr. Bright was president, was likely to prove a very useful one. Everything which added to the usefulness of the work of the society was a matter for which they all found grounds for congratulation.

Dr. BRIGHT seconded the motion, regarding the report as exceedingly satisfactory. One or two preliminary meetings of the medical section had been held. Almost the whole of the members of the medical profession in Hobart had expressed their willingness to join, and had attended one or more of the preliminary meetings that had been held. They were deeply impressed with the fact that the Council of the Royal Society had treated the medical men of Hobart with extreme liberality in giving them generous help in forming the medical section. So much was this the case that it became more desirable, and more advantageous to the profession, to affiliate themselves as a branch of the Royal Society, than to form an independent Medical Society of their own. The delay in carrying on some of the preliminary work of the branch was at present partly attributable to Dr. Spratt having gone to Melbourne at the invitation of Professor Allen, of the Melbourne University, to examine the latest bacteriological appliances there, and see what were those most necessary for the bacteriological laboratory at the hospital.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. BERNARD SHAW moved,—“That the retiring members of the re-Council be elected, as follows:—Sir James Wilson Agnew, Hon. N. J. Brown, Colonel W. V. Legge, and Mr. R. M. Johnston.

Mr. L. RODWAY seconded.

The SECRETARY mentioned that this was Sir James Agnew's 56th year of membership.

The CHAIRMAN : We shall celebrate his diamond jubilee before long. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the press for the full and accurate reports of the meetings during the year and to the chairman.