

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA, held at the  
Museum, Macquarie-street, at 7 o'clock p.m., on  
the 29th January, 1868; M. Allport, Esq., in  
the chair.

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The CHAIRMAN read the advertisement conven-  
ing the meeting, and called upon the Secretary to  
read the Report.

Dr. AGNEW, the Honorary Secretary, read the  
Report of the Council for the year 1867, and laid  
on the table the Balance Sheet of Receipts and  
Expenditure.

It was resolved (on the motion of Mr. ABBOTT,  
seconded by Mr. STEPHENS), "That the Report be  
adopted and printed for distribution amongst the  
Fellows."

Messrs. Justin Browne and J. M. Clarke having  
been appointed Scrutineers, the meeting proceeded  
to ballot for five members of Council—four in place  
of the retiring members, and one in the room of  
Col. Chesney, who had left the Colony, and in  
whose place Mr. H. J. Buckland had been tem-  
porarily elected.

The ballot resulted in favor of the undermen-  
tioned Fellows, who were declared duly elected:—

F. ABBOTT, Esq.

HON. T. D. CHAPMAN, Esq., M.H.A.

T. GIBLIN, Esq.

H. J. BUCKLAND, Esq.

JUSTIN McC. BROWNE, Esq.

Mr. ABBOTT thought that something more than  
a formal vote of thanks was due to the Honorary  
Secretary, Dr. Agnew, who had served the Society  
so well for nearly seven years, during which time  
a debt of nearly £400 had been paid off. And he

would also remark that Dr. Agnew was the only one of the Vice-Presidents who regularly attended the meetings of the Society.

Mr. SUSMAN agreed that the thanks of every Fellow was due to Dr. Agnew. He only wished that Mr. Abbott had gone further and made some substantial motion as to how they should express their thanks, whether by address or otherwise.

Mr. ABBOTT suggested that that should be left to the Council.

Mr. STEPHENS said the very existence of the Society depended more on Dr. Agnew than on any other support that could be mentioned, but unless Mr. Abbott suggested something he did not know what more than a formal vote of thanks they could give.

After one or two further remarks,

Mr. STEPHENS proposed that a formal vote of thanks be given to Dr. Agnew.

Mr. BUCKLAND seconded, and suggested that the Council be requested to consider how the thanks of the Society could be best substantially given to Dr. Agnew.

The CHAIRMAN, in putting the motion, bore testimony to the services rendered by Dr. Agnew to the Museum, the Gardens, and, in fact, to the Society in every way.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. AGNEW returned thanks for the very kind manner in which the motion had been proposed and received. Such a vote was an ample recognition for the little he had been able to do for the Society. During the ensuing session he hoped a greater variety of papers would be laid before the evening meetings, and he begged to press upon Fellows the importance of communicating to the Society any information they might acquire

bearing on the Natural History of the Island, as by this means alone interest and value can be given to their meetings and published transactions.

Messrs. H. Cook and F. Butler were re-elected as Auditors of Annual Accounts, on the motion of Mr. Justin BROWNE, seconded by Mr. STEPHENS.

The Hon. SECRETARY read the address of the Society to H.R.H. Prince Alfred, and the reply thereto.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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MINUTES of SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Museum after the Annual Meeting, 29th January, 1868, "for the purpose of considering Rules 31 and 32, with a view to revision."

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Mr. F. ABBOTT was voted into the chair, and called upon the Secretary to read the Rules referred to.

The SECRETARY accordingly read the following rule (the 31st) :—

"Every vacancy in the Council occurring by resignation, absence from the Colony or otherwise, shall be immediately filled up for the current year, by a meeting of Council specially convened for the purpose, and by election by ballot."

The proposed alterations to which were as follows :—

"Every vacancy in the Council occurring by resignation, absence from the Colony, or otherwise, shall be immediately filled up by a meeting of Council specially convened for the purpose, and by election by ballot. The Member so elected shall occupy the place of the retiring Member."

On the motion of Mr. M. ALLPORT, seconded by Mr. Justin BROWNE, the alterations were unanimously agreed to.

The remaining Rule (32) was then read :—

"Four Members of the Council shall retire in rotation every