

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

year, at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for re-election. The Secretary shall prepare a list containing the names of the four retiring Members of Council, and of any other Member or Members of Council whose seats may have become vacant during the year; and of four other Fellows, recommended by the Council. This list, from which four Members shall be elected in addition to those for filling up occasional vacancies, shall be fixed up for inspection in the ordinary place of meeting for a fortnight previously to the day of election. But if any six or more Fellows of the Society desire to propose any other person or persons to be Members of the Council, such six or more Fellows shall leave a written notice to that effect with the Secretary, containing the name or names of the person or persons so proposed, at least one week before the election, and balloting lists shall be prepared, containing the names of all the candidates proposed."

The proposed alterations, which were confined to the first three sentences, were as follows:—

"Four Members of the Council shall retire in rotation every year, at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Secretary shall prepare a list containing the names of the four retiring Members of Council, and of four other Fellows of the Society. This list, from which four Members shall be elected, shall be posted for inspection in the ordinary place of meeting for a fortnight previously to the day of election." (The remainder of the Rule standing as printed.)

Mr. M. ALLPORT moved, and Mr. STEPHENS seconded, "That the alteration as proposed be adopted."

Dr. HALL moved as an amendment, "That the four retiring Members should be those who had attended the least number of meetings during the past year."

Mr. SUSMAN seconded this amendment, which was put to the meeting and lost, when the original motion was carried.

It was then moved by Dr. HALL, and seconded by Mr. M. ALLPORT, "That a return showing the attendance of the Members of Council at the meetings for the past year be attached to the list required by Rule 32."

The motion was agreed to.