

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 28th January, 1869 : T. Giblin, Esq., in the chair.

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THE Chairman having read the advertisement by which the meeting had been convened, called upon the Secretary to read the Report.

Before reading the Report, the Secretary informed the meeting that His Excellency the Governor had accepted the office of President of the Society, and had appointed the same gentlemen Vice-Presidents as last year, viz. :—The Hon. R. Officer, M.H.A. ; the Hon. T. D. Chapman, M.H.A. ; J. W. Agnew, M.D. ; and the Ven. Archdeacon Davies, B.A.

The Report for 1868 was then read.

It was moved by Mr. BILTON, seconded by Mr. NAPIER, and carried, "That the Report be adopted and printed for circulation amongst the Fellows."

The meeting next proceeded to the election, by ballot, of four members of Council in place of those retiring by rotation, Messrs. H. Bilton and Justin McC. Browne being appointed scrutineers.

The following gentlemen were re-elected :—

The HON. R. OFFICER

H. J. BUCKLAND, ESQ.

T. STEPHENS, ESQ.

J. BARNARD, ESQ.

Messrs. H. Cook and F. Butler were elected Auditors of Annual Accounts.

Mr. Morton ALLPORT moved "that the thanks of the Meeting be accorded to the Honorary

Secretary Dr. Agnew, for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the Society during the year.”

Mr. H. BILTON seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

Dr. AGNEW thanked the meeting for the compliment paid him, referring to the deep interest which he felt in the progress of the Society. He alluded to the very handsome pecuniary testimonial with which they had presented him a short time back, and said he had intended to have visited Melbourne during the summer, and to have purchased with it some lasting memorial of their kindness, as he had been requested to do. Circumstances had, however, prevented him from leaving Hobart Town up to this time, but he hoped he would shortly be able to go across the straits, when he would take care to procure a suitable testimonial.

Mr. BUCKLAND moved “that the thanks of the meeting be given to the chairman for presiding on that occasion.”

Mr. BARNARD seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. GIBLIN said he was very sorry to have to return his thanks to them for the compliment now paid him. He thought that one or other of the vice-presidents should have been present to take the chair, especially upon such an occasion. However, he thanked them for the vote accorded to him.

The proceedings then terminated.