

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 30th January, 1871: The Ven. Archdeacon Davies, Vice-President, 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.

The Report for 1870 was then read.

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

Messrs. J. M. Clarke and F. Abbott, junr., having been appointed Scrutineers, the meeting proceeded to the election of four members of Council in place of those retiring.

The ballot resulted in favour of the undermentioned Fellows, who were declared duly elected:—

F. ABBOTT, ESQ.

T. GIBLIN, ESQ.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY BROWNE, ESQ.

A. G. WEBSTER, ESQ.

Messrs. F. Butler and H. Cook were, on the motion of Mr. M. ALLPORT, seconded by Mr. F. ABBOTT, Senr., re-elected Auditors of annual accounts.

The following gentlemen, who had been previously nominated by the Council, were elected by ballot as Fellows of the Society:—

Molesworth Jeffery, Esq., of Bournbank, and W. E. Baynton, Esq., of Kingston.

A vote of thanks to the Honorary Secretary,

Dr. Agnew, proposed by Mr. J. ALLPORT, and seconded with some complimentary remarks by Mr. STEPHENS, was unanimously adopted.

Dr. AGNEW returned thanks. He was much gratified at being able to report that the financial condition of the Society was so comparatively satisfactory, and he hoped by the invaluable assistance of their Curator, Mr. Roblin, to be able next year to state that all liabilities had been cleared off. This was much to be desired, as it was becoming a matter of necessity that some portion of the funds should be devoted to the purchase of recent books of reference, etc., and to other objects connected with the Institution.

On the motion of Mr. BELSTEAD, seconded by Mr. J. M. CLARKE, an unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN returned thanks, remarking that he considered it would be desirable to have a microscopical reunion at an early date for the special entertainment of ladies; and stating that, in conformity with a suggestion made by Mr. Giblin at the last annual general meeting, he purposed giving an address next year, should he then have the pleasure of occupying his present position.

The proceedings then terminated.