

SEPTEMBER, 1892.

The monthly evening meeting of the Royal Society of Tasmania was held on Tuesday, September 13th. The President, His Excellency Sir R. G. C. Hamilton, K.C.B., LL.D., presided.

PAPERS.

Mr. R. M. JOHNSTON, F.L.S., in commencing the reading of a paper entitled, "What are the conditions which determine the just and equitable representation of the people?" said that instead of his paper being based on theory, having had much to do with the question of the representation of the people, he felt that he could give some information and advice. Also, he thought, the difficulties which presented themselves to his mind from time to time might be of service to those who had to deal with the question. To secure a just and equitable representation of the people in Parliament was a matter which had at all times engaged the attention of thoughtful, practical legislators, and great thinkers. The paper was listened to very attentively, and at the conclusion the Hons. J. W. Agnew, N. J. Brown, A. J. Ogilvy, and A. J. Taylor replied.

The Secretary (Mr. A. MORTON), read some notes on the habits of some Tasmanian insects.

His EXCELLENCY in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnston and Mr. Morton for their papers, said as regarded the former the subject was one of extreme importance and very great interest. It was very desirable that occasions should arise like the present when a question of that sort could be discussed in the calm atmosphere of a room like that, instead of creating as it might keen political feeling. (Hear, hear.) He had never before seen the question analysed, and as Mr. Johnston had treated it.

The meeting then closed.

NOVEMBER, 1892.

More than ordinary interest centred in the closing meeting for the present session of the Royal Society held on Monday. It was the last occasion on which Sir Robert Hamilton would preside at the Society's meetings, and also the time selected for the delivery of his valedictory address as President. The Art Gallery at the Museum was prepared, and provided splendid accommodation for the 200 or more ladies and gentlemen, members, and their friends, present on the invitation of the Council. His Excellency and Lady Hamilton were received by the Council and Secretary. The audience included the Premier (Hon. Henry Dobson) and other members of the Ministry. Apologies for absence were received from two members of the Council.

Mr. MONTAGUE RHYS-JONES, C.E., read an elaborate paper on the "Elgin Marbles, The Acropolis, Phideas and his Works, Historical and Architectural Description of the Parthenon, including the Pediment, Metopes, and Friezes." The paper was strictly classical, but the writer's lucidity, coupled with a number of lantern slides of the principal subjects skilfully thrown on the screen by Mr. N. Oldham, rendered the whole easily intelligible, and it was consequently much appreciated.

The following papers were taken as read:—"Note on the Voracity of the Kelp Fish," and "Note on the Tasmanian Acanthiza," by Col. W. V. Legge, R.A., F.Z.S. "Concerning various means of encour-