

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1903.

The final evening meeting of the 1903 session was held on 11th inst., Mr. Bernard Shaw presiding. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was limited. Among those present were:—Bishop Mercer, Messrs. R. M. Johnston, L. Rodway, C. B. Target, and A. O. Green. Prior to the business of the meeting being proceeded with, the chairman said he felt sure the members would agree with him in conveying to their friend, Mr. R. M. Johnston, their hearty congratulations on His Majesty's having been pleased to bestow on him the Imperial Service Order. Not only from Mr. Johnston's work as a Civil Service officer, but also from a scientific point, he (the chairman) could say that no one in Tasmania had worked harder than their friend. (Applause.)

The secretary referred to the work that Mr. Johnston had done during his residence in Tasmania. The secretary read extracts from Professor Judd, the late Sir Robert Hamilton, and the Rev. Julian Tenison Woods, in which the three named spoke in the highest praise of Mr. Johnston's work on the geology of Tasmania.

Mr. Johnston, in a few words, thanked the members for their kind reference. He (the speaker) felt proud of the high honour that His Gracious Majesty had been pleased to confer upon him.

Papers.

In the absence of the author (Prof. E. G. Hogg, M.A.) Mr. R. M. Johnston read

the paper entitled "The glacial beds at Port Cygnet." It was decided that discussion on this paper should be taken at a future meeting.

Mr. R. M. Johnston submitted some interesting notes on specimens of fossil flora and a fossil fish, discovered at Tindler Box Bay, and also some remarks on some fossil shells (*Spirifer triangularis*). A further paper by Mr. Johnston was read, entitled, "Notes on the Reidle Bay Conglomerates, Maria Island." The author said the chief object which he had in view in submitting this paper was to draw attention of the members of the society to a remarkable formation on the eastern side of Maria Island, between Ragged Head in the north, and Cape Bald in the southern side. It is not often, said Mr. Johnston, that local observers have the opportunity of visiting this remote spot, but, in the hope that others may aid in throwing more light on this interesting geological problem, he had specially drawn the attention of the members of the Royal Society of Tasmania.

Mr. L. Rodway read two very carefully prepared papers, dealing with some fungi found occurring in Tasmania.

Discussion followed at the close of each paper, the Bishop of Tasmania, Messrs. L. Rodway, A. O. Green, and others, taking part.

A vote of thanks to the authors of papers was proposed by the chairman.

The session of 1903 then closed.