

MAY 14th, 1907.

A meeting of the Royal Society was held on May 14 at the Tasmanian Museum. His Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland presided, and there was a large attendance of members and others. The chief interest of the meeting centred on a paper by Dr. F. Noetling on "The Stone Implements of the Tasmanian Aborigines"; but before the lecturer was called on to favour members with his views on this subject, some preliminary business was transacted.

Messrs. A. J. Taylor, L. Brownell, C. E. Webster, and the Rev. J. Heyer were elected members of the society.

The Acting Secretary (Mr. R. M. Johnston) read a circular which had been received through the Government Geologist (Mr. W. H. Twelvetrees), inviting the society to send a delegate to London to take part in the centenary celebrations of the Geological Society of London in September next.

Mr. A. O. Green suggested that Mr. R. M. Johnston be asked to undertake the representation of the society, and that the society should take steps to enable him to visit London for that purpose. Than Mr. Johnston no one was more capable of adequately representing Tasmanian sci-

ence. He moved,—“That a deputation wait on the Government and obtain for Mr. Johnston permission to visit London for the purpose named.”

Mr. A. G. Webster seconded the motion. Mr. Johnston, he thought, would be an admirable representative of the society, and would be greatly benefited by a rest from his arduous labours.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Sir Elliott Lewis suggested that the deputation should consist of the council of the society, or such members as it might appoint. He understood that Mr. Johnston was entitled under the Civil Service regulations to six months' leave of absence on full pay, or 12 months on half-pay.

Mr. Johnston thanked the society for the compliment which had been paid him. He would be only too pleased to represent the society in London; but it was questionable whether satisfactory arrangements could be made for his absence from his departmental duties for a period of six months. He would place himself in the hands of the society and of the Government.

