

9th DECEMBER.

G. A. KEY, VICE-PRESIDENT, in the chair.

The following candidate was balloted for and duly elected as

**ASSOCIATE:**

**JOHN AHEARN.**

The SECRETARY read a letter received from Mr. Mountain, stating that as he had left Sydney to permanently reside in Melbourne, he, with much regret, was obliged to resign his position as President.

Resolved,—“That Mr. Mountain’s resignation be accepted, and that he be thanked for the interest he had always manifested in the Society’s welfare.”

A communication from the Council was read, recommending that Mr. W. D. Cruickshank be elected President for the remainder of the session, *vice* Mountain resigned.

This proposal met with the unanimous approval of the members, and on Mr. Key vacating the chair in favor of the newly elected President,

Mr. Cruickshank briefly referred to the circumstances leading to his appointment and returned thanks.

The following paper was then read by Mr. G. A. Key, in the absence of the author:—