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## ORDINARY MEETING.\*

GENERAL HALLIDAY, IN THE CHAIR,  
who retired, before the discussion, in favour of  
PROFESSOR ORCHARD.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following elections were announced :—

LIFE ASSOCIATE :—Rev. Ernest A. Wright, M.A., St. John's, Hull.

ASSOCIATES :—Mrs. Stovin, London ; Rev. Prebendary W. Covington, M.A., London ; William Harris Best, Esq., L.R.C.P., London.

### NEW PRESIDENT.

The SECRETARY (Professor EDWARD HULL, LL.D.).—I have a very important announcement to make, and one that I feel sure will be gratifying to the Members and Associates of the Institute, as it has been to the Council, viz., that the Lord Chancellor, who was Vice-President for several years of the Institute, has accepted the office of President. I will read the Resolution that has just been passed by the Council, following a letter, dated the 23rd February, 1903, from the Archdeacon of London to the Secretary, stating the result of an interview with the Lord Chancellor as requested by the Council :—

“Resolved, that the Right Honourable The Earl of Halsbury, D.C.L., F.R.S., Lord Chancellor, be hereby elected President of the Victoria Institute, in succession to the late Professor Sir G. G. Stokes, Bart., and the Council assures his Lordship of its unflinching support, and of its high appreciation of the interest which, for several years past, he has shown in the welfare of the Institute”

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\* Monday, March 2nd, 1903.

The following Resolution electing David Howard, Esq., Vice-President, was also unanimously passed by the Council on the motion of Professor Lionel S. Beale and seconded by Captain Heath, R.N. :—

“Resolved, that David Howard, Esq., D.L. F.C.S., one of the Trustees, be elected Vice-President in the room of the Lord Chancellor, The Earl of Halsbury, who has accepted the position of President.”

The thanks of the Council were passed to Archdeacon Sinclair for his services in the above matters.

A paper was then read, entitled :—

*THE GLORIOUS REVELATION TOUCHING THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.* By Cavaliere GUGLIELMO JERVIS, F.G.S., and member of the Italian Geological Society in Rome. Translated from the Italian by Mr. MARTIN L. ROUSE, by whom also it was read to the meeting.

The paper elicited a lively discussion.

On consideration by the Council it was decided not to print the paper in the *Journal of Transactions*, chiefly on the ground that it had already been printed and published in Italy, and was, therefore, not an original communication. Its object was to give a geological interpretation, of a very literal character, to the Genesis account of the Creation of the World and its inhabitants, and the summary of the author's conclusions may, perhaps, be best expressed in a passage from the preface to the paper, in which he says: “In the course of many long years devoted to the teaching of Science, the writer does not hesitate to affirm that he has not discovered that the study of Geology in the least degree conflicts with anything that the Author of every science revealed to man.”

The paper in MS., together with the shorthand writer's report of the discussion which followed after the paper itself had been read, will be preserved in the office of the Institute for reference by any member who desires to consult it; and the Editor can only express his regret that he is unable to give it a wider circulation. The reader will find some interesting remarks by Chev. Jervis bearing on the subject of his paper in his letter addressed to the Secretary dated 26th April, 1902, in vol. xxxiv of the *Transactions*, p. 280.

E. H.