

## TOPICS OF THE WEEK

We stated some time ago that the Committee of the Gawler Institute had elected The Rev J E Woods, of Penola, a life member, as an acknowledgment of the services rendered by him to science in his work on the geology of this province. The following letter has been received by the Secretary of the Gawler Institute from the rev gentleman –

Penola

August 29, 1863

The hon Secretary of the Gawler Institute.

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, conveying to me the gratifying intelligence that your Committee had unanimously elected me a life member of the Gawler Institute. I assure you that I am very deeply gratified at the honour thus conferred upon me. Slight as my services to literature and science have been, it is extremely satisfactory to find them appreciated by my fellow-colonists, and most of all by an Institute which has taken the lead of all others in the encouragement it has given to men of letters in South Australia. The distinction received through you I shall always prize very highly, more especially as it is the first acknowledgment of my labours I have received from any public body in the colony.

Returning my sincere thanks to your Committee,

I remain, &c

Julian E Tenison Woods

Letter: South Australian Weekly Chronicle (Adelaide, SA: 1858-1867) Saturday 7 November 1863, page 4 obtained from the National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article90264227>