

# The Royal Society of Tasmania

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## Annual Report

### 1938

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The Annual Meeting was held in the Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, on the 14th March, 1938.

The following office-bearers were elected:—

Vice-Presidents: Dr. A. N. Lewis (for one year).

Dr. W. L. Crowther (for two years).

Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

The following members of Council were elected:—

Mr. W. H. Clemes (retiring 1939).

Professor A. L. McAulay (retiring 1939).

Mr. W. H. Hudspeth (retiring 1940).

Mr. J. W. Evans (retiring 1940).

Hon. L. M. Shoobridge (retiring 1941).

Mr. E. E. Unwin (retiring 1941).

The Council made the following appointments at its first meeting:—

Secretary and Librarian: Dr. Joseph Pearson.

Assistant Librarian: Mrs. Clive Lord.

Standing Committee: Dr. A. N. Lewis, Dr. W. L. Crowther,  
Mr. W. H. Hudspeth, and the Secretary.

The Council elected the following five Trustees to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and the Botanical Gardens:—W. H. Clemes, W. L. Crowther, W. H. Hudspeth, A. N. Lewis, and L. M. Shoobridge.

The Society's President, His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.B.E., went to England on leave from May to September and the Secretary, Dr. Joseph Pearson, was on leave in England for six months. During his absence Mr. J. W. Evans acted as Secretary.

Nine meetings have been held during the year (see proceedings for abstract of papers). In addition scientific papers were submitted for publication and have been printed in the present volume.

*Library*

The Society's Library continues to be used extensively by members. During the year 283 new volumes were added to the Library as gifts from 274 institutions in exchange for the Society's Papers and Proceedings and by purchase. The Library now consists of 19,267 volumes. The Council wishes to place on record the valuable work done by Mrs. Clive Lord, Assistant Librarian.

During the year a new type of book cover was introduced for loose parts of unbound volumes. About 1250 covers were made during the year. The Council acknowledges gratefully the following donations towards the cost of the book covers:—His Excellency the Governor, £1; Lady Clark, £1; Dr. W. L. Crowther, £1; Mr. H. Allport, £1; and Mrs. B. Sheppard, 5s.

*Membership*

The Society consists of the following members:—

	1938.	1937.
Honorary Members .....	2	2
Corresponding Members .....	3	3
Life Members .....	7	7
Ordinary Members .....	232	231*
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Total ....	244	244
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During the year 11 names were removed from the membership owing to deaths, resignations, &c., and 12 new names were added.

The Council regrets having to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—

Life Member: N. Oldham.

Ordinary Members: James Marsh, H. H. Scott, Dr. Stoddart Barr, and Hon. A. Wardlaw, C.M.G.

*New Rules*

The Rules of the Society have been revised and reprinted during the year.

*Index*

The Index of the Papers and Proceedings has been brought up to date and it is hoped to publish it during 1939.

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\* The number of members given in the Report for 1937 should have read 231 instead of 241.

*Clive Lord Memorial Prize*

In the present year the Council decided to proceed to the award of the first Clive Lord Memorial Prize, and the conditions governing the award were advertised in the press.

It was decided that the final date for the receipt of essays should be January 31st, 1939.

*Printing of Papers and Proceedings*

Once again the Government has very generously printed the Papers and Proceedings. The Council wishes to record its appreciation of this generous assistance.