The Royal Society of Tasmania

Annual Report 1935

The Council and Officers

The annual meeting was held at the Society's Rooms, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on the 11th March, 1935.

The following were elected as members of the Council for 1935:— Mr. S. Angel, Mr. H. Allport, Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. W. L. Crowther, Mr. V. V. Hickman, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Hon. L. M. Shoobridge, Mr. E. E. Unwin, Mr. F. E. Ward.

His Excellency the Governor nominated the following members as Vice-Presidents:—Mr. W. H. Clemes, Mr. F. E. Ward.

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

Chairman of the Council: Mr. W. H. Clemes.
Secretary: Dr. Joseph Pearson.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.
Standing Committee: Mr. Unwin, Dr. Lewis, and Dr. Pearson.

Representatives of the Society on the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens:—Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. W. L. Crowther, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Mr. S. Angel, Mr. E. E. Unwin, Hon. L. M. Shoobridge.

Meetings

Nine meetings have been held during the year, and in addition to the lectures delivered, scientific papers of considerable value and interest were submitted for publication.

(See abstract of meetings for abstracts of lectures, papers, &c.)

Library

The Society's library still continues to be of service to members and others desiring scientific and historical information. A number of new volumes has been added to the various sections during
the year. In December, 1934, the number of books totalled 17,969, and in December, 1935, 18,254, showing that 285 volumes have been added during the year.

Mrs. Clive Lord was appointed Assistant-Librarian in November, 1933, and has continued to act since that date. In consequence it has been possible to reorganize the Library and to make a complete rearrangement of the books on the shelves, and the Library has benefited considerably by Mrs. Lord’s services.

Owing to congestion in the Library it was found imperative to obtain new book-cases. As no Society funds were available, an appeal was made to members, with the result that £11 11s. 6d. was obtained. In addition one member paid a life membership subscription (£15) in order to assist this project. The Council decided to utilize this life membership fee for this special purpose. Thus the Council was enabled to provide two new book-cases.

Membership

The membership for the year, compared with that of 1934, is as follows:

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During the year 38 names were removed from the membership owing to deaths, resignations, &c., and 22 new members were added.

The Council regrets to have to record that the following members have died during the year:

- Mr. J. M. Bowling.
- Mr. W. T. Gellibrand.
- Mr. W. Graham.
- Mr. J. E. C. Knight.
- Sir N. E. Lewis, K.C.M.G., M.A., B.C.L., LL.B.
- Dr. R. Pulleine.

Papers and Proceedings

The Government has again assisted with the printing of the Papers and Proceedings, and this concession is greatly appreciated by the Council.