

Report of the Royal Society of Tasmania for the year 1907.

The Council of the Royal Society of Tasmania present to the Annual General Meeting of Members their Annual Report upon the operations of the Society during the year 1907.

Eight ordinary and three special general meetings of the Society were held.

The Members of the Council were engaged for some months on a revision of the Rules of the Society, which had become unsuited to the present conditions. The revised draft was approved and adopted at a special general meeting held on December 23rd, and the rules are now printed.

One of the new rules provides for the admission of Associates at a fee of 15/- per annum. Provision is made also for the establishment of sections for the study of particular branches of science, named as follows :—

Section A.—Natural History and Geology, including field excursions.

Section B.—Medical Science.

Section C.—Biology.

Section D.—Australasian History, Geography, and Ethnology.

Section B. has been in operation for some years, but is only now included in a general scheme.

Members of the Council and the Society deeply regret the death of their late Secretary, Mr. Alexander Morton, which took place in May last.

Early in July a Member of Council, Mr. R. M. Johnston, I.S.O., visited England and America to represent the Society and the Tasmanian Museum at a Zoological Conference in Boston, U.S.A., and at the Centenary Meeting of the Geological Society in London. Mr. Johnston was the bearer of a memorial from the Council on the occasion, conveying the greetings of the Society to their confrères in scientific work.

The membership of the Society has kept at about the level of the three previous years. Fourteen new Members were elected; seven were lost by death or resignation. It is hoped that with the new year an increase in membership and a greater number of scientific papers will widen the scope and strengthen the position of the Society. His Excellency the Governor, who is the President, has taken a great interest in the welfare of the Society, and whenever possible has presided at the monthly and special meetings.

One change has been made in the personnel of the Council. Professor Neil Smith having resigned his place has been filled by the election of Dr. J. S. C. Elkington.

Statement of RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS for the year 1907.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1906	8 16 2	Salaries and Wages	36 13 4
Subscriptions, including		Messrs. Davies Bros. Ltd.—Printing	50 0 0
Member	158 10 0	Messrs. Walch & Sons	45 16 9
One Life	21 1 0	Mr. F. Chancellor	3 6 7
Donations	0 3 0	<i>Tasmanian News</i>	4 7 6
Sale of Book	179 14 0	Purchase of Books—Hood	0 3 6
		Furniture and Fittings	9 14 9
		Postage, Stamps, Petty Cash, etc.	5 7 6
		Mr. N. Oldham—Lantern	5 0 0
		Bank Charges, 10s.; do. Exchange, 9d.	0 10 9
		Grant to Medical Section	12 0 0
		Cr. Balance to 1908	173 0 8
	<u>£188 10 2</u>		15 9 6
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Liability—
Messrs. Davies Bros.—Printing, £28 6s. 3d.

MORTON ALLPORT MEMORIAL FUND.

Interest, Invested Fund	£ 9 5 0	Messrs. Walch & Sons—Books	£ 3 11 5
Dr. Balance to 1908	6 16 5	Messrs. Hood & Co.—Books	2 0 0
		Messrs. Walker & Co.—Books	10 10 0
	<u>£16 1 5</u>		<u>£16 1 5</u>
<i>Reconciliation of Bank Balance—</i>			
Cr. Royal Society Fund	£15 9 6	I have this day audited the books of the Royal Society	
Dr. Morton Allport Fund	6 16 5	of Tasmania, and found them to be correct.	
Bank Balance, 31/12/07	<u>£8 13 1</u>	H. W. W. ECHLIN.	
		Hobart, 18th March, 1908.	

The following Papers were read during the winter season, 1907 :

April 29th.—“A Review of the Year’s Topics of Scientific Interest.”—His Excellency the Governor.

May 14th.—“The Stone Implements of Tasmanian Aborigines.”
—Dr. F. Noetling.

June 11th.—1. “Note on the Ben Lomond Plateau and the Discovery of High Land at the North End.”—Col. W. V. Legge, R.A.

2. “The Ben Lomond Range—The Height of Legge Tor.”—Messrs. L. F. Giblin, B.A. and E. L. Piesse, B.Sc.

3. “The Germ as a Friend in Therapeutics.—The Opsonic Index.”—Mr. E. J. Roberts, M. B.

July 8th.—“The Northern Territory.”—Senator Dobson.

August 14th.—“Collisions at Sea.—The effect of screw reversion.”
—Mr. W. F. Ward.

October 14th.—“Electricity and Matter.”—Mr. H. J. Spencer