

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

1924

7th MARCH, 1924.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting was held on the 7th March at the Society's Rooms, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., Vice-President, presiding. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were read and adopted.

The following were elected members of the Council for 1924:—The Right Rev. Dr. R. S. Hay, Drs. W. L. Crowther and Gregory Sprött, Major L. F. Giblin, Messrs. W. H. Clemes, W. H. Cummins, J. A. Johnson, L. Rodway, and J. Moore-Robinson.

The Chairman extended a welcome to His Excellency Sir Francis Newdegate, K.C.M.G., Governor of Western Australia and ex-President of the Society. In reply His Excellency stated that he was very pleased to again visit Tasmania and meet many of his old friends.

The following were elected members of the Society:—Dr. W. W. Giblin, Messrs. G. B. Davies, Henry Oliver, C. Stephens, and Mrs. J. Kennedy.

Illustrated Lecture.

Mr. L. Rodway delivered an illustrated lecture on the Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair Scenic Reserve.

Conversazione.

At the conclusion of the meeting a *Conversazione* was held in the Art Gallery.

14th APRIL, 1924.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 14th April, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

The following were elected members of the Society:—Messrs. E. A. Budge, J. W. Crabtree, Ronald Lord, James Marsh, H. Gray, F. M. Young, and Mrs. J. F. Hawker.

Papers.

The following papers were read:—

1. Two Interesting Fungi. By L. Rodway, C.M.G.
2. Ear Bones of *Nototheria* and Other Animals. By H. H. Scott and Clive Lord.
3. Notes on a Geological Reconnaissance of the Mount La Pérouse Range. By A. N. Lewis, M.C., LL.B.
4. Researches in Relativity. I. Criticism and Modification of Einstein's Latest Manifold. By Professor A. McAulay, M.A.

Illustrated Lecture.

Mr. A. N. Lewis delivered an illustrated lecture on "Ice, the Controlling Factor in Tasmanian Economic Geography."

12th MAY, 1924.

A Special Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on Monday, 12th May, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

Dr. W. L. Crowther moved that to Rule 22 be added the following words:—"In addition the Secretary shall also be a member of the Council *ex officio*." In moving the resolution Dr. Crowther stated that the object was two-fold; first to make it easy to obtain a quorum at meetings of the Council; and, secondly, as a mark of appreciation of Mr. Lord's work on behalf of the Society and his work at the Tasmanian Museum. Seconded by Mr. Moore-Robinson and carried.

Mr. Rodway moved that the words "on the first Monday" be deleted from Rule 28, and the words "at least once" be substituted. Seconded by Mr. Walter E. Taylor and carried.

12th MAY, 1924.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on 12th May, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

Dr. Crowther drew attention to the proposal to carry on mining operations at the Fossil Cliffs on Maria Island. After

discussion it was resolved to inquire from the National Portland Cement Company concerning this matter, and if the reply was not favourable, to approach the Government.

A collection of Franklin MSS. was tabled and drawn attention to by Dr. Crowther and the Secretary, the papers being portion of a collection of original letters, etc., presented to the Society by W. F. Rawnsley, Esquire, and forwarded by the Agent-General from London.

The following were elected members of the Society:—
Messrs. C. C. Crisp and A. P. Newall.

Illustrated Lecture.

Mr. M. S. R. Sharland delivered an illustrated lecture "On the Nomadic Migration of Tasmanian Birds."

9th JUNE, 1924.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 9th June, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

Mr. N. Booth was elected a member of the Society.

Paper.

The following paper was read:—

Note on a Cliff Section near Cape Paul Lamanon. By A. N. Lewis, M.C., LL.B.

Dr. W. L. Crowther read Lady Franklin's diary of an excursion to Recherche Bay. A discussion followed, those taking part being the Chairman, Messrs. W. F. D. Butler, Courtney-Pratt, J. Moore-Robinson, L. F. Giblin, A. N. Lewis, and C. E. Lord.

10th JULY, 1924.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on 10th July, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

The following were elected members of the Society:—
Messrs. F. A. Allen, Rupert Shoobridge, and Dr. D. C. Henry.

Papers.

The following papers were read:—

On Certain Tasmanian Pleistocene Marsupials. By H. H. Scott and Clive Lord.

Additions to the Fish Fauna of Tasmania. By Clive Lord.

11th AUGUST, 1924.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 11th August, His Excellency the Administrator (Sir Herbert Nicholls) presiding.

Dr. W. H. Bennett and Mr. C. W. Calver were elected members of the Society.

Illustrated Lecture.

Dr. George Horne delivered an illustrated lecture on Central Australia. At the conclusion of the lecture there was a short discussion. Appreciative reference was made to the fact that Doctor Horne had made a special visit to Tasmania for the purpose of delivering his lecture.

13th OCTOBER, 1924.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 13th October, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

The following were elected members of the Society:—
Colonel R. P. Smith and Mr. R. W. Legge.

Paper.

The following paper was read:—

A Geological Reconnaissance of the Lake St. Clair district. By W. H. Clemes, B.A., B.Sc.

Illustrated Lecturettes.

The following lecturettes were delivered:—

- (1) The Evolution of Chitons. By Edwin Ashby.
- (2) A Visit to Trinal (Java). By H. Sefton-Jones.

10th NOVEMBER, 1924.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 10th November, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

Papers.

The following papers were read:—

Tasmanian *Discomycetes*. By L. Rodway, C.M.G.

Notes on Some Tasmanian Mesozoic Plants. By A. B. Walkom, D.Sc.

Illustrated Lecture.

Reverend W. Corly Butler delivered an illustrated lecture "On the Problem of Mars."

1st DECEMBER, 1924:

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 1st December, 1924, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

The following members were elected:—Messrs. F. W. Heritage and W. A. Corstorphan.

Papers.

The following papers were read:—

Notes on the Habits of the Extinct Tasmanian Race. By W. L. Crowther, D.S.O., M.B.

The Penetrating Radiation in the Atmosphere at Hobart. By A. L. McAulay, B.Sc., and Miss Hutchison.

Illustrated Lecture.

Mons. H. Segart, Consul-General for Belgium, delivered an illustrated lecture on "Belgian Life and Industries."