

ANNUAL REPORT

1925.

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LIST OF MEMBERS

Honorary Members:

- David, Sir T. W. Edgeworth, K.B.E., C.M.G., B.A., F.R.S., F.G.S. Professor of Geology and Physical Geography in the University of Sydney, the University, Sydney.
- Mawson, Sir Douglas, B.E., D.Sc., O.B.E. Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, the University, Adelaide.
- Spencer, Sir William Baldwin, K.C.M.G., M.A., D.Sc., Litt. D., F.R.S. Melbourne.
- Wood-Jones, Professor F., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Sc., F.R.S. The University, Adelaide.

Year of Election.

Corresponding Members:

- 1901 Benham, W.B., M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.Z.S. Professor of Biology, University of Otago, Dunedin, N.Z.
- 1892 Bragg, W. H., M.A., F.R.S. Professor of Physics in the University College, London.
- 1901 Chapman, R. W., M.A., B.C.E. The University, Adelaide.
- 1875 Liversidge, Professor A. "Fieldhead," Coombe Warren, Kingston, Surrey, England.
- 1923 Pulleine, R., M.B. 163 North Terrace, Adelaide.
- 1902 Smith, R. G., D.Sc. Linnean Hall, Linnean Society of N.S.W., 16 College Street, Sydney.
- 1892 Thompson, G. M., F.L.S. Dunedin, N.Z.
- 1901 Wall, A., M.A. Canterbury College, Christchurch, N.Z.

Life Members:

- 1918 Avery, J. 52 Southerland Road, Annadale, Melbourne.
- 1908 Baker, H. D. American Consular Service, Washington.
- 1890 Foster, Lieut.-Colonel Henry. "Merton Vale," Campbell Town.
- 1905 Foster, J. D. "Fairfield," Epping.
- 1905 Grant, C. W. "High Peak," Huon Road.
- 1921 Harvey, D. H. "Manresa," Lower Sandy Bay.
- 1922 Jones, Sir Henry, Kt. Campbell Street, Hobart.
- 1894 Mitchell, J. G. Parliament Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1896 Sprott, G., M.D. Town Hall, Hobart.

Year of Election.	Members:
1921	Anderson, G. M., M.D., C.M. Clare Street, New Town.
1923	Agnew, Miss K. Augusta Road, New Town.
1925	Alexander, Miss H. Brown's River.
1921	Allen, D. V., B.Sc. Launceston Technical School, Launceston.
1924	Allen, F. A. 13 Franklin Street, West Hobart.
1925	Ashbolt, Sir Alfred. "Lenna," Battery Point.
1921	Baker, H. S., LL.B., M.A. Griffiths, Crisp, and Baker, Collins Street, Hobart.
1887	Barclay, D. 143 Hampden Road, Hobart.
1921	Barr, J. S., M.D. (Glasgow). Lower Sandy Bay.
1890	Beattie, J. W. 28 Jordan Hill Road.
1918	Bellamy, H., J.P., M.Am. Soc. C.E., M.I. Mech. E., F.R. San.I. Government Hydraulic Engineer, Adelaide.
1924	Bennett, Dr. H. W., L.D.S., D.D.S. Brisbane Street, Launceston.
1903	Bennett, W. H. Ashby, Ross.
1921	Bertouch, V. von. Wellington Square Practising School, Launceston.
1921	Bethune, Rev. J. W. Church Grammar School, Launceston.
1922	Biss, F. L. U.S.S. Co., Hobart.
1912	Black, R. A. Department of Agriculture, Hobart.
1909	Blackman, A. E. Franklin.
1920	Blaikie, T. W. Practising School, Elizabeth Street, Hobart.
1918	Bowling, J. "Barrington," Tower Road, New Town.
1924	Booth, N. P. Messrs. Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Ltd., Claremont.
1925	Bowden, F. B. Jordan Hill Road.
1925	Bowerman, Captain. Marine Board, Hobart.
1923	Breaden, J. C. 12 Waverley Avenue, New Town.
1923	Brett, R. G. 53a Hill Street, Hobart.
1917	Brettingham-Moore, E., M.B., Ch.M. Macquarie Street, Hobart.
1925	Brigden, J. B., B.A. Tasmanian University, Hobart.
1911	Brooks, G. V. Director of Education, Hobart.
1922	Brownell, C. C. 117 Hampden Road, Battery Point.

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1907	Brownell, F. L. "Berwyn," Mercer Street, New Town.
1924	Budge, E. A., B.Sc. 302 Argyle Street, Hobart.
1918	Burbury, Frederick. "Holly Park," Parattah.
1919	Burbury, Charles. "Brookside," Moonah.
1925	Butler, A. L. Lower Sandy Bay.
1923	Butler, Mrs. G. H. Augusta Road, New Town.
1909	Butler, W. F. D., B.A., M.Sc., LL.B. Bishop Street, New Town.
1921	Butler, Reverend W. Corly. The Parsonage, Melville Street, Hobart.
1924	Calver, C. W. 112 Brisbane Street, Launceston.
1920	Cane, F. B. 90 High Street, Sandy Bay.
1913	Chepmell, C. H. D. Clerk of the Legislative Council, Hobart.
1920	Clark, W. I., M.B. Macquarie Street, Hobart.
1896	Clarke, A. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. "The Glen," Private Bag, St. Mary's.
1918	Clarke, T. W. H. "Quorn Hall," Campbell Town.
1910	Clemes, W. H., B.A., B.Sc. Clemes College, Hobart.
1922	Collier, J. D. A. The Librarian, Tasmanian Public Library, Hobart.
1925	Coogan, W. Lord Street, Sandy Bay, Hobart.
1924	Corstorphan, W. A. Toorak Avenue, New Town.
1924	Crabtree, R. W. The University, Hobart.
1920	Cranstoun, Mrs. F. A. 6 Gregory Street, Sandy Bay.
1924	Crisp, Cecil C. Lower Sandy Bay.
1911	Crowther, W. L., D.S.O., M.B. Macquarie Street, Hobart.
1917	Cullen, Rev. John. Macquarie Street, Hobart.
1918	Cummins, W. H., A.I.A.C. Manager, <i>The Mercury</i> Office, Hobart.
1925	Cunningham, Mrs. G. 22 Augusta Road, New Town.
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1922	Davidson, R. Temple Chambers, Macquarie Street, Hobart.
1924	Davies, G. B. 111 Patrick Street, Hobart.
1919	Davies, H. W. "Abermere," Mount Stuart.
1923	Davis, Alfred. Lord Street, Sandy Bay.
1923	Davis, Charles. Red Chapel Road, Lower Sandy Bay.

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- 1908 Dechaineux, L. Technical College, Hobart.
- 1903 Delany, Most Rev. Patrick. Archbishop of Hobart, 99 Barrack Street.
- 1921 Dryden, M. S. 13 Hillside Crescent, Launceston.
- 1921 Eberhard, E. C. Charles Street, Launceston.
- 1923 Edwards, Hon. F. B., M.L.C. Ulverstone.
- 1919 Elliott, E. A., M.B. Main Road, New Town.
- 1918 Ellis, F. Education Department, Hobart.
- 1921 Emmett, E. T. Railway Department, Hobart.
- 1921 Erwin, H. D. Hutchins School, Hobart.
- 1918 Evans, L. Acting Director of Agriculture, Hobart.
- 1921 Eyre, H. Manual Training School, Launceston.
- 1902 Finlay, W. 11 Secheron Road, Hobart.
- 1918 Fletcher, C. E. Education Department, Hobart.
- 1921 Forward, J. R. Mechanics' Institute, Launceston.
- 1921 Fox, Miss. Ladies' College, Launceston.
- 1918 Gatenby, R. L. Campbell Town.
- 1923 Gibbings, R. A. C. 28 Antill Street, Hobart.
- 1922 Giblin, A. V. King Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1925 Giblin, Miss Ella. 326 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
- 1908 Giblin, Major L. F., D.S.O., B.A. Davey Street, Hobart.
- 1924 Giblin, W. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Macquarie Street, Hobart.
- 1923 Gorringe, J. A. Kempton, Tasmania.
- 1923 Gould, H. T. Liverpool Street, Hobart.
- 1924 Gray, H. Fitzroy Place, Hobart.
- 1923 Green, Dr. A. W. 30 Parliament Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1921 Hall, E. L. 38 Lyttleton Street, Launceston.
- 1922 Halligan, G. H., F.G.S. "Hazeldene," Burns Road, Wairoonga, N.S.W.
- 1918 Harrap, Lieutenant-Colonel G. Launceston.
- 1924 Hawker, Mrs. J. F. 204 Davey Street, Hobart.
- 1919 Hay, Rt. Rev. R. S., D.D. Bishop of Tasmania, Bishops court, Hobart.
- 1924 Henry, Dr. C. C., M.B., F.R.C.S. St. John Street, Launceston.
- 1924 Heritage, F. W. Collins Street, Hobart
- 1921 Heritage, J. E. Frederick Street, Launceston.

- Year of Election.
- 1921 Heyward, F. J., F.R.V.I.A. 43 Lyttleton Street, Launceston.
- 1915 Hickman, V. V., B.Sc. Mulgrave Crescent, Launceston.
- 1914 Hitchcock, W. E. Moina, Tasmania.
- 1921 Hogg, W. Public Buildings, Launceston.
- 1918 Hogg, G. H., M.D., C.M. 37 Brisbane Street, Launceston.
- 1922 Hood, F. W. Customs House, Hobart.
- 1921 Horne, G., V.D., M.D., M.S., Ch.B. Lister House, Collins Street, Melbourne.
- 1923 Hudspeth, W. H. "The Nook," Lower Sandy Bay.
- 1923 Hungerford, Mrs. "Red House," Fern Tree.
- 1923 Hungerford, Miss. "Red House," Fern Tree.
- 1923 Hurst, Miss R. 39 Bay Road, New Town.
- 1909 Hutchison, H. R. 1 Barrack Street, Hobart.
- 1922 Huxley, G. H., M.A. Kent Avenue, West Hobart.
- 1913 Ie, G. W. R., LL.B. Mortimer Avenue, New Town.
- 1925 Irby, L. G. Conservator of Forests, Forestry Department, Hobart.
- 1898 Ireland, E. W. J., M.B., C.M. Launceston General Hospital, Launceston.
- 1919 Jackson, George A. 79 Collins Street, Hobart.
- 1906 Johnson, J. A., M.A. Training College, Hobart.
- 1922 Johnson, W. R. Clemes College, Hobart.
- 1922 Johnston, J. R. Murray Street, Hobart.
- 1921 Judd, W., M.A. College Street, Launceston.
- 1911 Keene, E. H. D., M.A. Burnie.
- 1922 Kemp, Andrew. Stoke Street, New Town.
- 1922 Kennedy, J. 96 Montpelier Road, Hobart.
- 1924 Kennedy, Mrs. J. 96 Montpelier Road, Hobart.
- 1910 Kermodé, R. C. Mona Vale, Ross, Tasmania.
- 1918 Knight, C. E. L., B.Sc. Claremont.
- 1919 Knight, H. W. National Mutual Buildings, Hobart.
- 1913 Knight, J. C. E. Claremont.
- 1924 Legge, R. W. Cullenswood, Tasmania.
- 1919 Lewis, A. N., M.C., LL.M. "Werndee," Augusta road, New Town.
- 1887 Lewis, Sir N. E., K.C.M.G., M.A., B.C.L., LL.B. Augusta Road, New Town.

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- 1912 Lindon, L. H. "The Lodge," Park Street, Hobart.
- 1900 Lines, D. H. E., M.B., Ch.B. Archer Street, New Town.
- 1921 Listner, W. P., M.A., LL.B. Augusta Road, New Town.
- 1912 Lord, Clive E., F.L.S. "Cliveden," Sandy Bay.
- 1921 Lord, Chester. "Mellifont," High Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1921 Lord, Raymond. "Handroyd," 6 Franklin Street, Hobart.
- 1924 Lord, Ronald. Derwentwater Avenue, Sandy Bay.
- 1922 Low, H. M. "The Gables," Pottery Road, New Town.
- 1893 McAulay, Professor A., M.A. The University, Hobart.
- 1923 McAulay, A. L., Ph.D. The University, Hobart.
- 1921 McClinton, Dr. R. 70 St. John Street, Launceston.
- 1922 Macleod, Mrs. L. H. High Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1919 Mackay, A. D. 83 Patterson Street, Launceston.
- 1918 Mansell, A. E. 331 Davey Street, Hobart.
- 1924 Marsh, James. "Westella," Elizabeth Street, Hobart.
- 1918 Martin, Brigadier-General W. Launceston.
- 1921 Masters, A. H. A.M.P. Chambers, Launceston.
- 1921 Meston, A. L. 115 Canning Street, Launceston.
- 1909 Millen, Senator J. Roxburgh, Newstead.
- 1907 Miller, L. S., M.B., Ch.B. 156 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
- 1921 Miller, R. M. State High School, Launceston.
- 1911 Montgomery, R. B. "Astor," Macquarie Street, Hobart.
- 1918 Murdoch, M.L.C., Honourable Thomas. 55 Montpelier Road, Hobart.
- 1921 Muschamp, Rev. E. Holy Trinity Rectory, Launceston.
- 1925 Nettlefold, R. Macquarie Street, Hobart.
- 1924 Newall, A. P. Charles Street, Moonah.
- 1882 Nicholas, G. C. "Cawood," Ouse.
- 1918 Nicholls, Sir Herbert, Chief Justice of Tasmania. Pillinger Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1910 Nicholls, H. M. Department of Agriculture, Hobart.
- 1921 Nye, P. B., M.Sc., B.M.E. Geological Survey Office, Hobart.
- 1917 Oldham, N. New Town.
- 1921 Oldham, W. C. 39 George Street, Launceston.

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- 1919 Oldmeadow, H. E. R. "Roseneath," Austin's Ferry.
- 1924 Oliver, H. Ländisfarne.
- 1922 Overell, Miss Lilian. Holebrook Place, Hobart.
- 1921 Padman, R. S. 56 St. John Street, Launceston.
- 1921 Patten, W. H. 59 Cameron Street, Launceston.
- 1923 Parker, Dr. G. M. Bellerive.
- 1922 Parker, H. T. "Montana," Bellerive.
- 1908 Parsons, C. J. 190 Davey Street, Hobart.
- 1925 Pearse, D. C. "Brown House," c/o P.O., Bellerive.
- 1923 Pedder, A. Stoke Street, New Town.
- 1922 Perrin, Miss K. C/o Mrs. F. Tyson, 227 George Street, Launceston.
- 1902 Piesse, E. L. "Merridale," Sackville Street, Kew, Melbourne.
- 1910 Pillinger, J. 4 Fitzroy Crescent, Hobart.
- 1918 Pitt, F. C. K. "Glen Dhu," The Ouse.
- 1925 Pratt, A. W. Courtney. "Athon," Mount Stuart Road, Hobart.
- 1925 Propsting, G. L. Earl Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1923 Purcell, G. A. Clemes College, Hobart.
- 1921 Reid, A. McIntosh. Geological Survey Office, Hobart.
- 1922 Reid, A. R. Curator, Beaumaris Zoo, Domain, Hobart.
- 1925 Reid, Miss M. L. The University, Hobart.
- 1921 Reid, W. D. Public Buildings, Launceston.
- 1921 Reynolds, John. Knocklofty Terrace, Hobart.
- 1925 Robinson, F. G. 42 Regent Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1884 Rodway, L., C.M.G. 77 Federal Street, Hobart.
- 1923 Rogers, G. H. B. 204 Davey Street, Hobart.
- 1921 Rolph, W. R. *Examiner* and *Courier* Office, Launceston.
- 1913 Ross, Hector. Cambridge, Tasmania.
- 1922 Sargison, H. Elizabeth-street, Hobart.
- 1921 Savigny, J. 21 York Street, Launceston.
- 1896 Scott, R. G., M.B., Ch.M. 172 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
- 1921 Scott, H. H. Curator, Victoria Museum, Launceston.
- 1925 Semmens, Rev. B. L. 17 Cedric Street, North Hobart.
- 1921 Sharland, M. S. R. *The Mercury* Office, Hobart.

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- 1921 Shields, M.L.C., Honourable Tasman. 13 Patterson Street, Launceston.
- 1925 Shoobridge, K. Glenora.
- 1921 Shoobridge, Honourable L. M. "Sunnyside," New Town.
- 1924 Shoobridge, Rupert. "Fenton Forest," Glenora.
- 1923 Shoobridge, S. E. C/o Messrs. H. Jones and Co., Hobart.
- 1923 Simson, Mrs. L. 3 St. George's Square, Launceston.
- 1917 Slaytor, C. H. Misterton, Doncaster, England.
- 1924 Smith, Colonel R. P. A.M.P. Society, Hobart.
- 1921 Smithies, F. 34 Patterson Street, Launceston.
- 1925 Stackhouse, C. K. R. 55 Patterson Street, Launceston.
- 1924 Stephens, Crofton. Messrs. Clerk, Walker, Stops, and Stephens, Collins Street, Hobart.
- 1919 Stevenson, Miss F. "Leith House," New Town.
- 1920 Swindells, A. W. 2 Patrick Street, Hobart.
- 1918 Taylor, W. E. Elboden Street, Hobart.
- 1920 T aylour, W. H. Equitable Buildings, Collins Street, Melbourne.
- 1922 Thomas, Lieutenant-Colonel L. R., D.S.O. The University, Hobart.
- 1921 Thomas, P. H. Agricultural Department, Hobart.
- 1923 Thomas, J. F. 64 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.
- 1922 Thompson, E. H. Lower Sandy Bay.
- 1918 Thorold, C. C. Hutchins School, Hobart.
- 1923 Unwin, E. E., M.Sc. Pendle Hill, Mortimer Avenue, New Town.
- 1925 Urquhart, M. L. Ashfield Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1918 Walch, P. B. C. King Street, Sandy Bay.
- 1925 Walker, Norman. The Hutchins School, Hobart.
- 1913 Wardman, John. Botanical Gardens, Hobart.
- 1918 Waterhouse, G. W. Messrs. Ritchie and Parker, Alfred Green and Co., Launceston.
- 1922 Waterworth, E. N. Poet's Road, West Hobart.
- 1922 Watson, D. W. "Undine," Glenorchy.
- 1922 Wayn, Miss A. L. C/o J. Moore-Robinson, Lower Sandy Bay.
- 1918 Weber, A. F. Lands Department.
- 1923 Webster, Hugh C. "Greystanes," Lower Sandy Bay.
- 1923 Wherrett, Miss A. Florence Street, Moonah.
- 1922 Winch, A. A. "Stornoway," Huon Road, Hobart.
- 1925 Winch, M. W. Stoke Street, New Town.
- 1901 Wise, H. J. Lambert Avenue, Sandy Bay.
- 1924 Young, F. M., B.A. Montagu Street, New Town.

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The Council and Officers.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms, the Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on 9th March, 1925.

The following were elected as members of the Council for 1925:—Messrs. W. H. Clemes, W. H. Cummins, Dr. W. L. Crowther, Major L. F. Giblin, Rt. Rev. R. S. Hay, Messrs. J. A. Johnson, A. N. Lewis, L. Rodway, and Dr. Sprott.

During the year eight meetings of the Council were held, and the attendance was as follows:—Mr. Rodway, 8; Mr. Lord, 8; Mr. Clemes, 6; Mr. Johnson, 6; Dr. Crowther, 5; Mr. Lewis, 5; Dr. Sprott, 5; Rt. Rev. R. S. Hay, 4; Major Giblin, 4; Mr. Cummins, 3.

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

Chairman of Council.—Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G.
Secretary.—Mr. Clive Lord.

Standing Committee.—Messrs. Rodway, Clemes, Lord, and Major Giblin.

Editor of Papers and Proceedings.—Mr. Clive Lord.
Hon. Treasurer.—Dr. W. L. Crowther.

Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens.—Doctors Crowther and Sprott, Messrs. Clemes, Johnson, Lewis, and Rodway.

Meetings.

During the year eleven ordinary and one special meeting of the Society were held, and were well attended. Details will be found in the Abstract of Proceedings.

Membership.

The membership of the Society shows a slight decrease. This may be traced to the financial depression which the State generally is experiencing at the present time. In any case, a membership of over 200 for such a comparatively small community may well be considered satisfactory, particularly so, as the membership roll has been carefully revised and contains only financial members. The roll at the end of the year showed:—4 Honorary Members, 8 Corresponding Members, 9 Life Members, and 225 Ordinary Members.

Historical Documents.

Last year's report referred to a most valuable collection of Franklin MSS. presented to the Society by Mr. W. F. Rawnsley, and it is the pleasant duty of the Council to place on record a continued interest in the work in which the Society is engaged of acquiring historical documents for its library. The most recent addition has been a series of notes on early Tasmanian history and notes on the Journal of Captain Charles O'Hara Booth prepared by Mr. R. W. Giblin, F.R.G.S.

Publication of Professor McAulay's Papers.

The Council records with great satisfaction that a second instalment of Professor McAulay's *Researches on Relativity* has been published by the Society in the face of great typographical difficulties, this work being done at the charge of a special fund subscribed by members and others for the purpose.

Library.

Reference was made in last year's report to the congested state of the Library, which makes orderly arrangement impossible, and seriously threatens the practical usefulness of the valuable collection. The position has naturally grown worse with the additions made during the year. Additional space is most urgently required. The Museum trustees are prepared to make available a storeroom in the basement under the present Library as soon as they can obtain funds for at least a temporary structure to house the stores, etc., now occupying the room. It is most earnestly to be hoped that the comparatively small amount required for this purpose will be provided this year.

Centenary of Constitutional Independence.

The Centenary of Constitutional Independence of Tasmania was celebrated by means of a dinner held at the Society's Rooms on the 3rd December, 1925.

Speeches suitable to the occasion were made by several members of the Society and representatives of the Government and other public bodies present.

Further details concerning this function will be found in the Report of the Historical Section.

Obituary.

It is with regret that the Society has to record the death of the following members during the year:—The Honourable J. R. Chapman, Messrs. Robert Gould, Edward Hawson, W. L. May, and in addition the following Corresponding Members:—Professor W. A. Haswell and Mr. J. H. Maiden.

R. M. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL.



The R. M. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL MEDAL.

List of Awards:

- 1923 Sir T. W. Edgeworth David, K.B.E., C.M.G., B.A., F.R.S., F.G.S.
 1925 Professor F. Wood-Jones, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Sc.

BRANCH REPORT

NORTHERN BRANCH.

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Owing to the absence of our late Hon. Secretary from the State, no ordinary meetings of the Northern Branch were held until June. Mr. Halligan (Hon. Secretary), having then decided to remain in Sydney, forwarded his resignation, which was accepted with much regret, involving as it did not only the loss of his services as Secretary, but also as an active member of our Branch.

Mr. R. Stewart Padman was elected to fill the position. At the Annual Meeting, held in June, the following were elected members of the Council:—Hon. Tasman Shields, Messrs. H. H. Scott, J. E. Heritage, R. O. Miller, F. Smithies, J. R. Forward, F. J. Heyward, W. D. Reid, and R. S. Padman. At the conclusion of the formal business an illustrated lecture on "Town Planning" was given by Mr. F. J. Heyward, F.R.V.I.A.

On the 20th July Mr. H. H. Scott gave an interesting lantern lecture at the Museum, his subject being "Clouds."

On the 17th August we were favoured with a visit from Mr. J. C. Breaden, one of the members of our parent association. His lecture, "Wild Flowers and Ferns," illustrated by beautiful hand-painted slides, was much appreciated by the large attendance of members and visitors.

Our City Engineer, Mr. G. D. Balsille, on the 2nd December, gave a most interesting lecture on "Water Treatment and Purification." Although our meetings this year have been less in number than usual, the larger attendances at the last several meetings evidence a growing interest which we hope will be maintained next year.

SECTION REPORTS

HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SECTION.

During the past year the Section's activities have been confined to the preparation and presentation of an "historical" night before the October meeting of the Society, and assisting with the arrangements for the dinner with which the Society celebrated the centenary of the State's separation from New South Wales. The historical evening took the form of a series of lecturettes by members of the Section on the Franklin Period in Tasmania (1836-43). Whilst preparing their papers, the members found some new materials and hitherto obscured facts which will be of undoubted value when the history of the State can be again written. Mr. W. F. Dennis Butler (Chairman of the Section) gave an account of the interest Sir John and Lady Franklin took in education and the results of their labours in this field. Mr. A. W. Courtney Pratt read a descriptive paper on the life and character of Franklin, whilst an instructive paper on the administrative difficulties of the times was read by Mr. G. W. R. Ife. The explorations by land and sea of the Franklins were described by Mr. Clive Lord, F.L.S. Mr. Lord made special reference to the assistance given by the Franklins to scientific men as, R. C. Gunn, Joseph Milligan, and John Gould. He also pointed out that the Franklin MSS. in the possession of the Society contained some valuable facts and descriptions of Gould's work in Tasmania which were worthy of further investigation. This evening is the fourth given by the Section, and it is hoped that it will be possible to prepare an evening on the Denison Period (1847-55) next year.

It was largely through the efforts of the Section that any recognition of the completion of the century of Tasmania's separation from New South Wales was made in the State whatsoever. As a result, a dinner was held by the Society in its rooms on the evening of the 3rd December, 1925. Unfortunately, His Excellency the Governor (Sir James O'Grady, K.C.M.G.) was unable to attend owing to the death of the Queen Mother. His Excellency sent the following communication, which was read at the dinner:—

Had circumstances permitted, I would have been with you at the dinner to commemorate the Centenary of Tasmania's Independence. I was, as you know, hope-

ful that the dinner would have taken place at Government House, but the death of our beloved Queen Mother made that impossible. Nevertheless, I feel I ought to write how glad I am, in the regrettable circumstances, that the Royal Society of Tasmania have resolved even in an abbreviated way to celebrate the occasion of our hundredth year of independence as a Sovereign State. I am sure His Gracious Majesty the King would agree that even midst our sorrow, no matter in how simple a manner, this epoch in our island history should be celebrated.

One hundred years ago the fructification of our liberties as a British community became a fact. From that time onward those liberties have grown broad based upon the people's will, until we reached the full manhood of a Sovereign State. In achieving this position surely the mind of our people when considering this centenary of creation will pause and give thought to the work of the pioneers who made this island State habitable for their sons and daughters, and have given to us richness of life, and, indeed, have made of the State, in modern, social, and intellectual considerations, no small partner in the evolution of the Empire to the place it now occupies in the world's community.

Since I have been in Tasmania I may, perhaps, have unduly stressed the relativity in importance of small as against large States, emphasising that in the mosaic of Empire a place is not to be judged by mere area.

Your celebration on December 3 will, I am sure, add more effectively to that idea—if it is worth anything—but will, anyway, pay to the pioneers their just tribute of praise and cement more securely, if need be, the fabric of Empire of which we are so reasonably proud. Trusting that you will have a successful gathering, and again regretting it is not possible to be with you. Yours sincerely, James O'Grady, Governor.

The Chairman of the Section in proposing the principal toast, "The Constitutional Independence of Tasmania," gave a résumé of the events which led up to separation from the Mother Colony. He dwelt on the attitude of the various Sydney Governors towards the young and growing colony, and showed how the first system of Government became an obstruction in the path of progress. Public opinion in the colony expressed itself, and a little later the Home Author-

ities saw fit to make the change. Response was made by a representative of the Government (Mr. R. Cosgrove, M.H.A.) and the leader of the Opposition, Hon. J. C. McPhee, M.H.A.

The Chairman of the Society (Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G.) proposed a toast to "Historical Studies," which was responded to by Dr. W. L. Crowther, who emphasised the peculiar interest in the study of Tasmanian history and the necessity for its advancement.

The scope of the Historical Section is limited owing to the pressure of business on all its members. Nevertheless it seeks the co-operation of all members of the Royal Society in its search into the Past and placing the facts gleaned on record for the benefit of the community.

JOHN REYNOLDS,
Hon. Secretary.

EDUCATION SECTION.

The President was Mr. G. H. Huxley, and the Secretary Mr. H. T. Parker. Twelve members were enrolled during the year. Meetings were held monthly, the following subjects being dealt with:—

31st March.—Business Meeting.

21st April.—"Vocational Training in the Elementary Schools." By Mr. G. H. Huxley.

15th May.—"The Emotional Aspect of Education." By Mr. H. T. Parker.

16th June.—"Report on Rural Education in Denmark made by Director of Education in Victoria." By Mr. T. W. Blaikie.

28th July.—"The Tragedy of the English Public Schools." By Major L. F. Giblin.

18th August.—"The Cultural Aspect of Vocational Training." By Mr. L. Dechaineux.

15th September.—"Sex Instruction." By Mr. E. E. Unwin.

21st October.—"Some Aids to Character Training in Secondary Schools." By Mr. Walker.

H. T. PARKER,
Hon. Secretary.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1925. GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	22 13 1	Salaries	45 1 0
Government Grant	100 0 0	Paper and Proceedings—	
Subscriptions	206 17 0	1924 (part)	94 1 8
Sale of Tickets, etc.	8 11 10	1925 (part)	111 8 2
Contributions re Centenary Dinner (part)	25 2 0	Meetings, etc.	205 9 10
Contributions re Centenary Dinner	13 10 0	Library	49 6 8
Rent of Room	10 0 0	Light and Fuel	16 18 11
Donations to McAulay Fund	1 19 0	Petty Cash and Postages	3 16 6
Refund from M.A.M. Fund		Northern Branch	10 10 0
		Miscellaneous	6 3 0
		Expenses re Centenary Celebrations (part)	28 16 0
		Advance to M.A.M. Fund	2 14 0
		Balance	2 17 0
			<u>£383 12 11</u>

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CLIVE LORD,
Secretary.

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R. A. BLACK,
Hon. Auditor.

I have compared the Receipt Book, Vouchers, and Bank Book
and found them to be correct.

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MORTON ALLPORT MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Revenue, 1925	£ s. d. 9 15 0	Part Cost Mathews's "Birds of Australia" ..	£ s. d. 10 10 6
Loan from General Fund	2 14 0	Refund of Loan to General Fund	1 19 0
	<u>£12 9 0</u>		<u>£12 9 0</u>

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Secretary.

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29/1/26.

R. A. BLACK,
Hon. Auditor

R. M. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance Brought Forward	£ s. d. 16 2 10	Sollas's "Ancient Hunters"	£ s. d. 1 10 0
Revenue, 1925	10 19 0	Balance	25 11 10
	<u>£27 1 10</u>		<u>£27 1 10</u>

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NORTHERN BRANCH.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

Balance on 31st December, 1924	£ s. d. 18 8 1	Advertising	£ s. d. 2 7 0
Interest	0 15 4	Printing	2 10 6
Share of Subscriptions	10 10 0	Postages	0 14 6
		Travelling Expenses	2 7 6
		Balance in Bank	21 13 11
	<u>£29 13 5</u>		<u>£29 13 5</u>

R. STEWART PADMAN,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Compiled from the books and accounts of the Royal Society of Tasmania (Northern Branch), and certified to be in accordance therewith.

J. E. HERITAGE,
Hon. Auditor.