

ANNUAL REPORT

1930

The Council and Officers.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms, The Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on 24th March, 1930.

The following were elected as members of the Council for 1930:—Dr. A. H. Clarke, Dr. W. E. L. Crowther, Messrs. W. H. Clemes, W. H. Cummins, A. V. Giblin, A. N. Lewis, E. E. Unwin, L. Rodway, F. E. Ward, and Clive Lord (*ex officio*).

Twelve meetings of the Council were held, the attendance being as follows:—Dr. Clarke 3 (leave of absence granted owing to illness, June to December), Dr. Crowther 12, Mr. Lord 12, Mr. Rodway 10, Mr. Clemes 9, Dr. Lewis 9, Mr. Unwin 9, Mr. Ward 6, Mr. Giblin 5, Mr. Cummins (leave of absence granted owing to visit to England) 2.

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

Chairman of the Council: Dr. A. H. Clarke, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Secretary: Mr. Clive Lord.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. V. Giblin.

Standing Committee: Messrs. Clemes, Lewis, and Lord.

Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens: Dr. Clarke, Dr. Crowther, Messrs. Lewis, Giblin, Clemes, and Unwin.

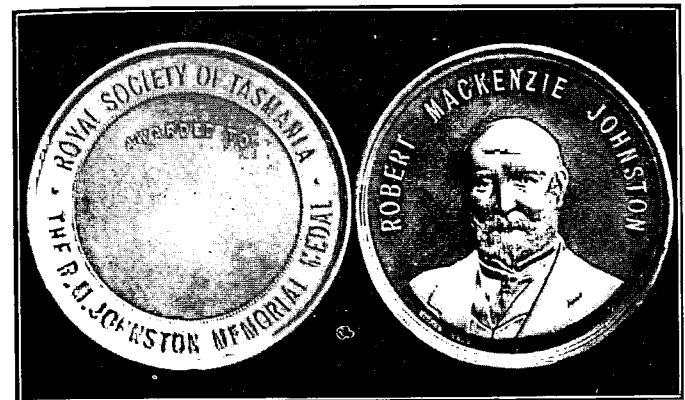
Meetings.

During the year ten meetings were held and the Council has pleasure in drawing attention to the attendance at the meetings and also to the special interest shown at such meetings as that to celebrate the opening of the new Library and meeting room, the reception to Sir Douglas Mawson, and the scientific staff of the *Discovery*, and the meeting at which Rear-Admiral Evans lectured on Scott's Last Expedition.

In addition to the lectures delivered, the scientific papers submitted were of considerable interest and value.

(See Abstract of Meetings for titles of lectures, papers, &c.)

R. M. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL.



THE R. M. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL MEDAL.

List of Awards:

- 1923 Sir T. 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.
- 1929 R. J. Tillyard, M.A., Sc.D. (Cantab.), D.Sc., F.R.S., F.N.Z. Inst., F.L.S., &c.

Library and Meeting Room.

The Council has pleasure in reporting the removal of the Library to larger premises, and desires to express its thanks and appreciation of the action of the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery with regard to the assistance rendered by the Trust in making the removal possible. The Society's meeting room can now accommodate an audience of 350, and it is of interest to note that the room has been twice filled since its opening in September. This fact is of interest as showing the wide appreciation by members of the meetings which were arranged during the past session. Much work yet remains to be done as regards catalogue revision in the new library, but it is hoped that this may be overcome during the coming year. The alterations made considerable work and the Council, in thanking the Trustees of the Museum for their assistance, also desires to add a note of appreciation with regard to the work done by the Museum staff. Had it not been for their working many hours overtime purely in the interests of the Society, the work could not have been carried out with the resources available to the Society. The Council also desires to record its thanks to Miss A. E. Giblin for assistance rendered with regard to the Library cataloguing.

A most welcome addition to the new Library was the presentation made by Mrs. A. N. Lewis. At the first meeting of the Council held in the new quarters, Mrs. Lewis presented a carved blackwood scroll containing the Society's crest. The carving has been incorporated in the panelled blackwood screen behind the President's chair, and the best thanks of the Society are due for this most handsome donation.

Reference to the résumé of meetings and reports will show that the activities of the Society have been well maintained during the session under review, and the removal to larger rooms marks a very distinct advance in the Society's history.

Finance.

The question of finance has naturally caused the Council some concern, owing to exceptional expenditure, more particularly with regard to the removal of the Library and the extensions incidental thereto. It is with great regret that the Council has to advise members that the Government has withdrawn from the Estimates the £100 granted as some assistance towards the publishing of the Papers and Proceedings of the Society. Whilst the Council realises fully the need

for economy at the present time, it is felt that the Society has been unduly reduced by the withdrawal of the whole amount of the vote, particularly so when all the advantages arising to the State from the Society's work are taken into consideration. The question of Government support towards publishing the results of Tasmanian scientific work will need to receive the earnest attention of the incoming Council, as without such support it will be a matter of considerable difficulty to issue the Papers and Proceedings in the usual form. The matter is further complicated owing to the exceptional expenditure during the year, mainly in connection with the removal of the Library; no payments have been made on account of the 1930 Papers and Proceedings, and a large amount is outstanding. It was hoped to meet this out of the £100 Government Grant usually paid over in January, but owing to the withdrawal of the vote the Society is thrown entirely on its own resources.

Papers and Proceedings.

The papers read before the Society were of a high standard, and those printed in the Proceedings should prove of considerable interest. Several papers were held over and every effort will be made, in the interests of Tasmanian scientific research, to publish the results of such research work during the coming year, but, owing to financial considerations, the matter is one of considerable difficulty. The support of the members and also of all who appreciate the value of scientific research to Tasmania is hoped for in this connection, as the work which is being so ably done by research workers is in the public interest.

Branches and Sections.

The Northern Branch and the several sections of the Society have continued their activities during the period under review. Detailed Reports of these activities are omitted on account of economy.

Obituary.

It is with regret that the Society has to report the deaths of the following members:—Sir Alfred Ashbolt, Mr. J. W. Beattie, Mr. Charles Davis, Dr. A. Withers Green, Captain F. W. Hood, Mr. J. G. Mitchell, Mr. M. W. Simmons, Colonel R. P. Smith.



THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA MEDAL.

List of Awards:

- 1927 L. Rodway, C.M.G.
1930 Clive Lord.

Note.—The Royal Society of Tasmania Medal was established in 1927. It is awarded for eminence in research and for work of outstanding merit on behalf of the Society and the State (*vide* Abstract of Proceedings, P. & P. 1927, pp. 212-214).

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA.
GENERAL FUND.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1930.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	0	9	7	Salaries, Travelling Expenses, etc.			
Subscriptions	242	11	0				56 0 0
Government Grant	100	0	0	Papers and Proceedings—			
Rent	5	10	0	1929 (Part)	112	19	6
Sale of Publications	1	6	3	1930 (Nil)			
Miscellaneous	9	14	0				112 19 6
				General Printing			33 8 2
				Library			29 14 3
				Insurance			5 18 9
				Light and Fuel			3 10 0
				Petty Cash and Postages ..			13 0 0
				Lantern, Operator, etc. . . .			15 10 0
				Miscellaneous, including cost of Special Meetings, Re- opening Library, etc. . . .			68 14 9
				Northern Branch			8 8 0
				Refund to M.A.M. Fund ..			1 0 0
				Bank Charges			0 0 10
				Balance carried forward ..			11 6 7
							£359 10 10
	£359	10	10				

Examined and certified to be correct.

WALTER E. TAYLOR, F.F.I.A.,

3rd March, 1931.

Hon. Auditor.

A. V. GIBLIN, Hon. Treasurer.

CLIVE E. LORD, Secretary.

8th January, 1931.

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA.
R. M. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL FUND, 1930.**

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	2	18 6	Books purchased for Library (Encyclo-		
Interest	14	12 0	pædia Britannica, 14th Ed.)	31	4 0
Dr. Balance carried forward	13	13 6			
	£31	4 0		£31	4 0

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MORTON ALLPORT MEMORIAL FUND, 1930.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	4	10 6	Books purchased for Library	14	13 5
Interest	10	4 0	Credit Balance carried forward	1	1 1
Refund from General Account	1	0 0			
	£15	14 6		£15	14 6

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