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## ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, LIST OF MEMBERS, &c.

On account of the elimination of the Government Grant-in-aid of Printing, and the general economic depression, the Abstract of Proceedings and List of Members are omitted, and the Report printed in abstract only.

The Council regrets that present circumstances render it necessary to reduce the annual volume, but the present financial position is a matter of grave concern to the Council.

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### ANNUAL REPORT, 1931

(ABSTRACT.)

The Annual Meeting was held on the 16th March, 1931. The following were elected as Members of the Council for 1931:—Dr. A. H. Clarke, Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. W. E. L. Crowther, Mr. E. T. Emmett, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Mr. L. Rodway, Mr. J. Reynolds, Mr. E. E. Unwin, Mr. F. E. Ward, and Mr. C. Lord (*ex officio*).

Mr. W. E. Taylor was elected Honorary Auditor.

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

Chairman—Mr. W. H. Clemes, B.A., B.Sc.

Secretary—Mr. Clive Lord.

Standing Committee—Messrs. Clemes, Lord, and Dr. Lewis.

Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens—Drs. Clarke, Crowther, Lewis, Messrs. Clemes, Emmett, and Unwin.

*Meetings.*

Ten meetings were held, at which a number of valuable papers were read and lectures given.

*Finance.*

The total withdrawal of the Government grant has thrown the Society entirely on its own resources, with the result that the maintenance of the Library and the printing of the proceedings of the Society has entailed a heavy tax on the Society's resources.

*Papers and Proceedings.*

The printing of the Papers and Proceedings for the year 1931 has been delayed owing to financial considerations, but it is hoped to publish the volume in the near future.

*Natural Sciences.*

The Council of the Society, being of the opinion that it is urgently necessary for the well-being of the State of Tasmania that greater facilities be afforded for the study of and education in the natural sciences, took steps to bring the matter under the notice of the Government, with the result that the Honourable Minister for Education arranged a conference, and a Committee has been appointed to bring up a report.

*Rodway Herbarium.*

The Society interested itself in assisting the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum to purchase the Rodway Herbarium, and the splendid response made by Members of the Society and others enabled this most valuable collection to be retained in the State.

*Branches and Sections.*

The Northern Branch and the several sections of the Society continued their activities in a satisfactory manner.

*General.*

Owing to the Secretary (Mr. Lord) visiting England as one of the Australasian Delegates to the Centenary Meeting of the British Association, Mr. E. T. Emmett acted as Honorary Secretary for six months, and it is desired to place on record the Society's appreciation of his services.

*Obituary.*

It is with regret that the Society has to record the death of the following Members:—

Professor Alexander McAulay.

Mr. A. W. Courtney Pratt.

Mr. Alan C. Walker.

**BRANCH REPORTS****NORTHERN BRANCH.****ABSTRACT REPORT.**

The following were elected as Members of the Council of the Northern Branch for 1931:—Hon. T. Shields, M.L.C. (Chairman), Messrs. F. Heyward, F.R.V.I.A., W. R. Rolph, R. S. Padman, D. V. Allen, B.Sc., F. Smithies, J. R. Forward, R. A. Scott, and E. O. G. Scott (Hon. Secretary).

Five meetings were held during the year, and several interesting and instructive lectures were given. In addition, certain papers were read and discussions held. Generally, the Branch has had a successful year.

**SECTION REPORTS**

The only section in active operation was the Educational Section. Neither the Historical nor the Botanical Section held meetings.

