

The Royal Society of Tasmania

Annual Report

1937

The annual meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on the 8th March, 1937.

The following were elected as members of the Council for 1937:—
Mr. H. Allport, Mr. S. Angel, Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. W. L. Crowther,
Mr. J. W. Evans, Mr. W. H. Hudspeth, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Hon. L. M.
Shoobridge, Mr. E. E. Unwin.

His Excellency the Governor nominated the following members
as Vice-Presidents:—Mr. S. Angel and Dr. W. L. Crowther.

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

Chairman of the Council: Mr. W. H. Clemes.

Secretary: Dr. Joseph Pearson.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

Standing Committee: Dr. Lewis, Mr. Unwin, and the Secretary.

Representatives of the Society on the Board of Trustees of the
Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and Botanical Gardens:—
Mr. W. H. Clemes, Mr. S. Angel, Mr. W. H. Hudspeth, Dr. A. N.
Lewis, Hon. L. M. Shoobridge, Mr. E. E. Unwin.

Ten meetings have been held during the year, and in addition
to the lectures delivered scientific papers of considerable value and
interest were submitted for publication.

(See abstract of meetings for abstracts of lectures, papers, &c.)

The Society's library continues to be used extensively by mem-
bers and many others desiring historical and scientific information.
During the year a number of new volumes have been added to the
various sections. In December, 1936, the number of books totalled
18,733, and in December, 1937, 18,984, showing that 251 volumes
have been added.

A very valuable gift to the library has been made by Mrs. L. Rodway, who has donated the whole of the botanical books belonging to the late Mr. Rodway. It is proposed to have these suitably labelled as the Rodway Memorial Library, and they should prove of great value to students of botany.

The membership for the year, compared with that of 1936, is as follows:—

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| Honorary members | 3 | 2 |
| Corresponding members | 3 | 3 |
| Life members | 7 | 7 |
| Ordinary members | 233 | 241 |
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| | 246 | 253 |

During the year 16 names were removed from the membership owing to deaths, resignations, &c., and 23 new names were added.

The Council regrets to have to record that the following members have died during the year:—

Mrs. C. S. Agnew.
 Dr. R. J. Tillyard.
 Dr. R. G. Scott.
 Lt.-Colonel G. Harrap.
 Mr. Hector Ross.

During the year the rules of the Society have been revised and brought up to date, and it is hoped to print these revised rules during 1938.

A request was received for the publication of a classified index to the Papers and Proceedings published subsequent to the last published index, and the Council arranged for this work to be undertaken by several members of the Society. When the index is completed it will supply a long-felt want.

The Government has assisted again with the printing of the Papers and Proceedings, and this concession is greatly appreciated by the Council.