

The Royal Society of Tasmania

1939

Patron:

His Majesty the King.

President:

His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.B.E.

Vice-Presidents:

W. L. Crowther, D.S.O., M.B., V.D., 1939.

W. H. Clemes, B.A., B.Sc., 1939, 1940.

Council:

V. V. Hickman, B.A., D.Sc., 1939, 1940, 1941.

A. N. Lewis, M.C., LL.D., M.H.A., 1939, 1940, 1941.

E. E. Unwin, M.Sc., 1939, 1940.

H. Allport, LL.B., 1939, 1940.

J. W. Evans, M.A. (Cantab.), F.R.E.S., 1939.

W. H. Hudspeth, B.A., 1939.

Standing Committee:

W. L. Crowther, A. N. Lewis, V. V. Hickman, J. Pearson.

Hon. Treasurer:

S. Angel.

Hon. Editor:

Joseph Pearson, D.Sc. (Manc.), D.Sc. (Liverpool), F.R.S.E., F.L.S.

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Walter E. Taylor, F.F.I.A., F.I.A.S.

Secretary and Librarian:

Joseph Pearson, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.L.S.

Annual Report

The Annual Meeting was held in the Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, on the 16th February, 1939.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Under the Society's Rules Dr. A. N. Lewis retired from the office of Vice-President, and Mr. W. H. Clemes was appointed in his place (retiring 1941).

Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

Under the Rules Mr. W. H. Clemes and Professor A. L. McAulay retired from the Council, and the following members of Council were elected in their place:—

Dr. A. N. Lewis (retiring 1942).

Dr. V. V. Hickman (retiring 1942).

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

Secretary and Librarian: Dr. Joseph Pearson.

Assistant Librarian: Mrs. Clive Lord.

Standing Committee: Dr. W. L. Crowther, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Mr. W. H. Hudspeth, and the Secretary.

The Council elected the following five Trustees to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and the Botanical Gardens:—Mr. W. H. Hudspeth, Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Dr. W. L. Crowther, Mr. J. W. Evans.

Eleven meetings were held during the year (see proceedings for abstract of papers). In addition scientific papers were submitted for publication and have been printed in the present volume.

During 1939 the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens Act was amended by Parliament so as to alter the representation of the Government and the Royal Society on the Board of Trustees. Previously the Board was composed of nine members as follows:—

Trustees appointed by the Government	2
Trustees appointed by the City Council	2
Trustees appointed by the Royal Society of Tasmania	5

Under the amended Act the representation will be as follows:—

Trustees appointed by the Government	5
Trustees appointed by the City Council	2
Trustees appointed by the Royal Society of Tasmania	2

This amendment will come into force in 1940.

Library

During the year 382 volumes were added to the Library in addition to a number of reports and pamphlets from British and foreign countries. The number of Institutions on the Exchange List for the year was 283, being made up of 135 British, 52 American and 96 from other parts of the world. The Library now consists of 19,649 volumes.

The sum of £47 18s. 8d. was spent on books during the year, and the amount was allocated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	22	5	6
R. M. Johnston Fund	17	2	6
Morton Allport Memorial Fund	4	7	3
Beattie Memorial Fund	4	3	5

In addition the Tasmanian Museum spent £4 7s. 7d. on books and the Botanical Gardens £5 11s. 3d. These books have been placed in the Society's Library for safe-keeping, and are available to members.

358 book covers were provided during the year, making a total of 1608.

New Lantern

During the year the Council decided to purchase a new lantern to replace the old one which was unsatisfactory, and an instrument has been obtained which serves three purposes, namely, an ordinary projection lantern with an epidiascope and microscopic attachment.

Membership

The Society consists of the following members:—		1938.	1939.
Honorary Members	2	.....	2
Corresponding Members	3	.....	3
Life Members	7	.....	7
Ordinary Members	232	.....	240
Associate Members .....	.....	.....	3
		Total	255
		244	.....

During the year 16 names were removed from the membership owing to deaths, resignations, etc., and 27 new names were added.

The Council regrets having to record the deaths of the following members during the year: Mrs. David Meredith, Hon. L. M. Shoobridge, Mr. L. Morrisby, Mr. F. E. Wallace, Mr. J. B. Scott.

Clive Lord Memorial

At the General Meeting on 17th April the Clive Lord Memorial Prize of £10 was awarded to Mr. R. J. Linford for his essay on "The Customs Tariff and Economic Expansion—A Survey of the Industrial Development of Tasmania during the years 1803 to 1850 and its relation to revenue collections".

On 23rd October Professor J. B. Cleland of the University of Adelaide delivered the second Clive Lord Memorial Lecture on "Some Aspects of the Ecology of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of Tasmania and Southern Australia". His Excellency the Governor presented the Clive Lord Memorial Medal to Professor Cleland.

Printing of Papers and Proceedings

Once again the Government has very generously printed the Papers and Proceedings. The Council wishes to record its appreciation of this generous assistance.