

The Royal Society of Tasmania

1940

Patron:

His Majesty the King.

President:

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

Vice-Presidents:

W. H. Clemes, B.A., B.Sc., retires 1941.
E. E. Unwin, M.Sc., retires 1942.

Council:

W. L. Crowther, D.S.O., M.B., retires 1943.
A. L. Meston, M.A., retires 1943.
V. V. Hickman, B.A., D.Sc., retires 1942.
A. N. Lewis, M.C., LL.D., M.H.A., retires 1942.
H. Allport, LL.B., retires 1941.
N. P. Booth, retires 1941.

Standing Committee:

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

Hon. Treasurer:

S. Angel.

Hon. Editor:

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

Hon. Auditor:

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 11th March, 1940.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Under the Society's Rules Dr. W. L. Crowther retired from the office of Vice-President, and Mr. E. E. Unwin was appointed in his place (retiring 1942).

Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

Under the Rules Mr. W. H. Hudspeth and Dr. J. W. Evans retired from the Council, and the following members of Council were elected in their place:—

Dr. W. L. Crowther (retiring 1943).

Mr. A. L. Meston (retiring 1943).

Mr. N. P. Booth was elected to the Council to sit for the unexpired portion of Mr. Unwin's period, namely, one year.

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, Dr. V. V. Hickman, and the Secretary.

The Council elected the following two Trustees to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and the Botanical Gardens in accordance with the amended Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens Act:—Mr. W. H. Clemes and Dr. A. N. Lewis.

Ten 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.

Library

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Council, to make the following change in the hours of opening the Society's Library:—

That members make use of the Library for reading purposes only when the Assistant-Librarian is present at the following times:—Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m.; on the evenings when a General Meeting is held, 7.30-8 p.m.

During the year 330 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 278, being made up of 131 British, 53 American, and 94 from other parts of the world. The Library now consists of 19,889 volumes.

The sum of £34 17s. 3d. was spent on books during the year, and the account was allocated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	10	2	5
R. M. Johnston Fund	8	15	0
Morton Allport Memorial Fund	11	7	5
Beattie Memorial Fund	4	12	5

In addition the Tasmanian Museum spent £6 16s. 1d. on books, which have been placed in the Society's Library for safe-keeping and are available to members.

Membership

The Society consists of the following members:—

	1939.	1940.
Honorary Members	2	2
Corresponding Members	3	3
Life Members	7	7
Ordinary Members	240	227
Associate Members	3	6
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During the year 21 names were removed from the Membership owing to deaths, resignations, &c., and 8 new names were added.

The Council regrets having to record the death of Sir Herbert Nicholls during the year.

Resignation of Auditor

The Council has accepted with much regret the resignation of Mr. Walter Taylor, both as a member of the Society and as Auditor. Mr. Taylor has rendered valuable work as Auditor since 1926, and his resignation has been caused by his removal to another State.

Royal Society Medal

Two medals of the Royal Society of Tasmania were presented during the year, both at the July meeting, one to Dr. W. L. Crowther for his contributions to Tasmanian ethnology, and one to Dr. V. V. Hickman for his researches on Tasmanian zoology, particularly his work on Tasmanian spiders and the early development of anaspides.

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.