

The Royal Society of Tasmania

1941

Patron:

His Majesty the King.

President:

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

Vice-Presidents:

E. E. Unwin, M.Sc., 1941.

H. Allport, LL.B., 1941, 1942.

Council:

W. H. Clemes, B.A., B.Sc., 1941, 1942, 1943.

L. Cerutti, B.A., Dip.Ed., 1941, 1942, 1943.

W. L. Crowther, D.S.O., M.B., V.D., 1941, 1942.

A. L. Meston, M.A., 1941, 1942.

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

A. N. Lewis, M.C., LL.D., 1941.

Standing Committee:

W. L. Crowther, E. E. Unwin, 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.

Auditor:

H. J. Exley, M.A.

Secretary and Librarian:

Joseph Pearson.

Annual Report

The Annual Meeting was held in the Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, on the 11th March, 1941.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Under the Society's Rules Mr. W. H. Clemes retired from the office of Vice-President, and Mr. Henry Allport was appointed in his place (retiring 1943).

Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

Under the Rules Mr. N. P. Booth and Mr. Henry Allport retired from the Council, and the following members of the Council were elected in their place:—

Mr. W. H. Clemes (retiring 1944).

Mr. L. Cerutti (retiring 1944).

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, Mr. E. E. Unwin, 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 Mr. E. E. Unwin.

Nine 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

During the year 236 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 130 British, 55 American, and 93 from other parts of the world. The Library now consists of 20,125 volumes.

The sum of £43 9s. 5d. was spent on books during the year, and the amount allocated as follows:—

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| General Fund | 6 | 15 | 4 |
| R. M. Johnston Fund | 16 | 15 | 11 |
| Morton Allport Memorial Fund | 14 | 18 | 6 |
| Beattie Memorial Fund | 4 | 19 | 8 |

In addition the Tasmanian Museum spent £3 8s. 6d. on books which have been placed in the Society's Library for safekeeping, and are available to members.

Membership

The Society consists of the following members:—

| | 1940. | 1941. |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Honorary Members | 2 | 2 |
| Corresponding Members | 3 | 3 |
| Life Members | 7 | 7 |
| Ordinary Members | 227 | 210 |
| Associate Members | 6 | 5 |
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| | 245 | 227 |
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During the year 26 names were removed from the ordinary membership owing to deaths, resignations, &c., and 9 new names were added, including 1 from associate membership.

Also, 2 resignations were received from associate members and 1 member was transferred to ordinary membership, while 2 new members were added.

The Council regrets having to record the following deaths during the year:— Miss M. B. Adams, Mr. A. E. Blackman, Mr. W. F. D. Butler, Mr. H. N. Grant, Mr. J. J. Millen, Mr. R. S. Padman, Dr. A. W. Shugg.

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 assistance.

Safeguard of Valuable Material

During the year the Council considered the question of removing some of the Society's valuable manuscripts, documents, and other irreplaceable material to places of safe keeping. The Council asks for further assistance from members in this connexion.