

The Royal Society of Tasmania

1943

Patron:

His Majesty the King.

President:

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

Vice-Presidents:

A. L. Meston, M.A., 1943.

W. L. Crowther, D.S.O., M.B., V.D., 1943-44

Council:

H. Allport, LL.B., 1943, 1944, 1945.

V. V. Hickman, B.A., D.Sc., 1943, 1944, 1945.

N. P. Booth, 1943, 1944.

H. D. Gordon, B.Sc., Ph.D., 1943, 1944.

W. H. Clemes, B.A., 1943.

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

Hon. Secretary and Librarian:

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

Hon. Treasurer:

S. Angel.

Hon. Auditor:

H. J. Exley, M.A.

Hon. Editor of the Papers and Proceedings:

Joseph Pearson.

Standing Committee:

W. L. Crowther, E. E. Unwin, V. V. Hickman, J. Pearson.

Annual Report, 1943

The Annual Meeting was held in the Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, on the 23rd March, 1943.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Vice-President: Under the Society's Rules, Mr. H. Allport retired from the office of Vice-President, and Dr. W. L. Crowther was appointed in his place (retiring 1945).

Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

Council: Under the Rules, Dr. W. L. Crowther and Mr. E. E. Unwin retired from the Council, and the following members were elected to the Council in their place:—

Mr. H. Allport (retiring 1946).

Dr. V. V. Hickman (retiring 1946).

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:— Mr. W. H. Clemes and Mr. E. E. Unwin.

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

Library

During the year 163 volumes were added to the Library in addition to a number of reports and pamphlets from British and foreign institutions and learned societies. The number of institutions on the Exchange List for the year was 276. Extending the practice which at first was confined only to European countries, it has now been decided to withhold all British and foreign exchanges until the conclusion of the war, with the exception of a few special cases. The Library now consists of 20,428 volumes.

The sum of £53 3s. 1d. was spent on books during the year, and the account allocated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	35	11	9
R. M. Johnston Fund	8	6	10
Morton Allport Memorial Fund	9	4	6

In addition, the Tasmanian Museum spent £2 6s. 9d. on books, which have been placed in the Society's Library for safekeeping, and are available to members.

* The title of this office, as regards its present holder, was altered to Hon. Secretary and Librarian, by a resolution of the Council on 1st October, 1943.

Membership

The Society consists of the following members:—

	1942.	1943.
Honorary Members	2	2
Corresponding Members	3	3
Life Members	6	6
Ordinary Members	213	220
Associate Members	4	3
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	228	234
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During the year 13 names were removed from the list of Ordinary Members owing to deaths, resignations, etc., and 19 new members were elected.

One Ordinary Member became a Life Member, and the resignation of one Associate Member was received.

Deaths

The Council regrets having to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—Mr. C. W. Grant (Life Member), Mr. G. H. Halligan, The Rt. Rev. R. S. Hay (Bishop of Tasmania), Mr. A. B. Raymond-Barker, Mr. R. O. M. Miller, and Dr. A. N. Lewis.

Dr. A. N. Lewis had been a member of the Council for many years and, on occasion, Vice-President. A full obituary notice is contained in the present volume.

Centenary Celebrations

During the year the Society celebrated its Centenary, having been founded on the 14th October, 1843, by Sir J. E. Eardley-Wilmot, Bart., Lieut.-Governor of Van Diemen's Land. The Council decided to hold special meetings to celebrate this event. An account of these meetings is dealt with in another part of this volume (p. 223).

A special medal was struck to celebrate the Centenary. Each of the two lecturers received a medal, and replicas were sent to the Royal Society of London, the Royal Societies of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and the Royal Society of New Zealand. It was agreed by the Council that silver-plated replicas should be struck in case members of the Society wish to acquire them. These replicas may be obtained by application to the Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor

On 4th August the President of the Society, His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.B.E., completed ten years of office, and on that occasion he was honoured by His Majesty the King by the bestowal of the G.C.M.G. The Society sent him the following telegram:—

'The Council and members of the Royal Society of Tasmania send Your Excellency and Lady Clark cordial greetings on the completion of ten years of office as His Majesty's representative in Tasmania. Further they wish to express their deep appreciation of the kindly interest which Your Excellency and Lady Clark have always shown in the affairs of the Society. They earnestly desire that you may both be spared for many years of happiness'.

His Excellency sent the following reply:—

Dear Mr. Pearson,

My Lady Wife and my self are greatly moved by the kind expressions of appreciation and the good wishes conveyed to us from the Council and members of the Royal Society, by their telegram of the 4th.

It has been a very great pleasure indeed to have been so closely associated for so long with the Royal Society, and it is nice to know that this feeling is reciprocated. Such things are a great help in the none too easy task of properly carrying out my duties under war conditions.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) E. CLARK.

Future Policy of the Society

At the November meeting a preliminary discussion took place regarding the future policy of the Society, and it was then decided to hold a further meeting early in 1944, in order to discuss, and, if possible, formulate the future policy of the Society.

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.