

# The Royal Society of Tasmania

1944

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**Patron:**

His Majesty the King.

**President:**

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

**Vice-Presidents:**

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

V. V. Hickman, B.A., D.Sc., 1944-45.

**Council:**

R. G. Brett, B.Sc., 1944, 1945, 1946.

A. L. Meston, M.A., 1944, 1945, 1946.

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

E. E. Unwin, M.Sc., 1944, 1945.

N. P. Booth, 1944.

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

**Hon. Secretary and Librarian:**

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

**Assistant Hon. Secretary:**

D. C. Pearse, M.C.

**Hon. Treasurer:**

S. Angel.

**Hon. Auditor:**

H. J. Exley, M.A.

**Hon. Editors of the Papers and Proceedings:**

Joseph Pearson.

D. C. Pearse.

**Standing Committee:**

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

## Annual Report, 1944

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The Annual Meeting was held in the Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, on the 14th March, 1944.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Vice-President: Under the Society's Rules, Mr. A. L. Meston retired from the office of Vice-President, and Professor V. V. Hickman was appointed in his place (retiring 1946).

Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

Council: Under the Rules, Mr. W. H. Clemes and Mr. L. Cerutti retired from the Council, and the following members were elected to the Council in their place:—

Mr. A. L. Meston (retiring 1947).

Mr. R. G. Brett (retiring 1947).

Also one member was required to take the place of Professor V. V. Hickman, who was elected Vice-President, and Mr. E. E. Unwin was elected for two years.

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

Hon. Secretary and Librarian: Dr. Joseph Pearson.

Hon Assistant Secretary: Mr. D. C. Pearse.

Assistant Librarian: Mrs. Clive Lord.

Standing Committee: Dr. W. L. Crowther, Mr. E. E. Unwin, Professor 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:—Mr. W. H. Clemes and Mr. E. E. Unwin.

Twelve 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 332 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 270. 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 20,756 volumes.

The sum of £42 10s. 3d. was spent on books during the year, and the account allocated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund .....	21	4	6
R. M. Johnston Fund .....	13	15	9
Morton Allport Memorial Fund .....	7	10	0

*Resignation of Mrs. Lord.*—Owing to failing health Mrs. Lord asked to be relieved of her duties in the Library, which she had carried out with conspicuous success since 1933. Mrs. Lord has rendered valuable service to the Society's Library during this period, and it is mainly because of her enthusiasm that the great improvement seen in the Library was due. Members recorded in the Minutes of their meeting, dated 14th March, 1944, their appreciation of Mrs. Lord's services to the Society.

Miss Helen Taylor was appointed in Mrs. Lord's place on 3rd April, 1944, and in consequence of this new appointment the Library is now open to members at the following times:—Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

#### *Membership*

The Society consists of the following members:—

	1943.	1944.
Honorary Members .....	2	2
Corresponding Members .....	3	2
Life Members .....	6	6
Ordinary Members .....	220	268
Associate Members .....	3	7
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	234	285
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During the year 19 names were removed from the list of Ordinary Members owing to deaths, resignations, etc., and 70 new members were elected, two of these being Life Members, 60 Ordinary Members and eight Associate Members. Also one Associate Member became an Ordinary Member.

#### *Deaths*

The Council regrets having to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—Miss B. B. Adams, Dr. B. A. Anderson, Dr. A. H. Clarke, Mr. S. E. Deegan, Lt.-Colonel H. Foster (Life Member since 1890), Mr. R. W. Legge, Mrs. J. A. McElroy, Mr. E. E. Unwin.

Dr. A. H. Clarke joined the Society in 1896 and, though an invalid for several years before his death, was a keen member of the Society and in earlier years served on the Council on many occasions and also acted as Vice-President. He was also a member of the Medical Section of the Society. Dr. Clarke died in June, 1944, and by the terms of his will the Society will receive a bequest of £100.

Mr. E. E. Unwin joined the Society in 1923 and served on the Council for many years and was Vice-President on more than one occasion. He gave several lectures before the Society and was a frequent speaker at the Society's General Meetings. He was an enthusiastic member of the Education Section of the Society. He died suddenly on 20th September, 1944.

Mr. R. W. Legge made himself an authority on the stone implements of the Tasmanian Aborigines and assisted the authorities of the Tasmanian Museum in an advisory capacity with reference to the Ethnographical Collections.

#### *Lady Clark*

The Council also records with regret the death of Lady Clark, wife of the President of the Society, His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark. Lady Clark showed a

keen interest in the affairs of the Society and, in the midst of a full life, found time to attend most meetings of the Society. She died on 5th September, 1944, after a short illness. A message of condolence was sent to His Excellency, and at the General Meeting held on 11th September, 1944, references were made to her death.

#### *Future Policy of the Society*

Particular mention should be made of the Special Meeting of the Society held on 8th February, 1944, in order to give members an opportunity of discussing the future policy of the Society. A full account of the proceedings of this meeting is given on page 121 in the Abstract of Proceedings.

#### *Alteration of Rules*

Arising out of the discussion which took place at the above Special General Meeting, certain alterations of Rules were passed at a special meeting held on 8th October, 1944 (see Abstract of Proceedings for that date). Particular mention should be made, however, of the alteration in Rule 33, which affects the basis of membership for Ordinary Members of the Society. By resolutions passed by the Special General Meeting on 9th October, 1944, it was decided that from the 1st January, 1945, two classes of Ordinary Members should be recognized:—

- (1) £1 10s. for those Ordinary Members who choose to receive the Papers and Proceedings; and
- (2) £1 1s. for those Ordinary Members who do not wish to receive the Papers and Proceedings.

#### *Monthly Meetings*

It should be noted that during the year the monthly General Meetings reverted to the original day, namely, the second Monday in the month.

#### *Gifts to the Society*

His Excellency the Governor, one copy of *Who's Who*, 1943.

The Council wishes to place on record their appreciation of a valuable gift of 230 books made by Mrs. Lord to the Library on the occasion of her retirement. These books comprise part of the library brought together by her late husband, Mr. Clive Lord, formerly Secretary to the Society.

The Council also wishes to record a valuable gift of 58 volumes of 'The Mercury' from the year 1860 to 1891, with one or two omissions, from Mr. J. H. S. Munro, of Zeehan.

Mr. J. E. Heritage, Launceston, presented 2 volumes of Caldwell's Journal of the United Service Institution, giving a description of Sir John Franklin's overland journey to Macquarie Harbour.

Mr. C. E. Boyes presented the diary of G. T. W. B. Boyes, 13 volumes, 1823-1824, 1829-1835; also a document appointing Joseph Hone Public Commissioner of Insolvent Estates for Hobart Town, dated 2nd August, 1839.

Mr. A. L. Butler, volume 8 of the *Avicultural Magazine*.

Dr. W. L. Crowther, 2 volumes of the *Medical Directory*, 1941 and 1942.

*Facilities for Members Visiting Other States*

There have been inquiries from members as to whether membership of the Royal Society of Tasmania carried with it any privileges in the various Royal Societies in Australia. The Council has been in touch with all the Royal Societies on the mainland and the result is that there is now a reciprocal arrangement whereby members of the Royal Society of Tasmania, bearing a letter of introduction from the Secretary of the Royal Society of Tasmania, will be allowed to use the Library and to attend any meetings of the Royal Societies in the different States.

*Tasmanian Association of Scientific Societies*

During the year seventeen scientific societies in Tasmania, including the Royal Society of Tasmania, have formed the Tasmanian Association of Scientific Societies. The main objects of the Association are to bring the individual societies into closer contact with each other, to arrange joint meetings and to provide the general community with information about scientific progress and the relation of science to modern life.

Dr. J. Pearson was elected President, Mr. L. Cerutti, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. S. Gill, Hon. Treasurer.

*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.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA.  
GENERAL FUND.

*Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending 31st December, 1944.*

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Brought forward from last Account	14	3 5	Salaries	119	6 8
Subscriptions	279	18 0	Petty cash	35	0 0
Sale of publications, rentals, etc.	16	17 9	Lighting	14	13 5
Transferred from Memorial Funds—			Library	67	8 6
R. M. Johnston Fund	13	15 9	Stationery	22	18 11
M.A.M. Fund	7	10 0	Miscellaneous	18	7 5
			Insurance	9	17 8
	21	5 9	Reserve Fund	35	0 0
			Northern Branch (1/3 of 24 subscriptions)	8	8 0
				331	0 7
			Balance to next Account	1	4 4
	£332	4 11		£332	4 11

S. ANGEL, Hon. Treasurer.  
H. J. EXLEY, Hon. Auditor.

W. E. L. CROWTHER, Vice-President.  
JOSEPH PEARSON, Hon. Secretary.

*Balances in Royal Society Funds, 1944.*

	£	s. d.
Reserve Fund	219	15 7
Life Membership Fees	46	2 6
Clive Lord Memorial Fund	33	5 4
R. M. Johnston Memorial Fund	3	4 7
Morton Allport Memorial Fund		Nil