

The Royal Society of Tasmania

1945

Patron:

His Majesty the King.

President:

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

Vice-Presidents:

V. V. Hickman, B.A., D.Sc., 1945-46.

H. Allport, LL.B., 1945-47.

Council:

L. Cerutti, B.A., Dip.Ed., 1945, 1946, 1947.

W. L. Crowther, D.S.O., M.B., 1945, 1946, 1947.

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

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

G. C. Israel, M.Sc., A.I.C., A.A.C.I., 1945.

J. B. Hamilton, M.B., Ch.M., F.R.A.C.S., 1945.

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, H. Allport, V. V. Hickman, J. Pearson.

Annual Report, 1945

The Annual Meeting was held in the Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, on the 19th March, 1945.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Vice-President: Under the Society's Rules, Dr. W. L. Crowther retired from the office of Vice-President, and Mr. H. Allport was appointed in his place (retiring 1947).

Hon. Secretary and Librarian: Dr. Joseph Pearson.

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

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Angel.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. E. J. Exley.

Council: Under the Rules, Mr. N. P. Booth and Dr. H. D. Gordon retired from the Council, and the following members were elected to the Council in their place:—

Dr. W. L. Crowther (retiring 1948).

Mr. L. Cerutti (retiring 1948).

Also one member was required to take the place of Mr. Henry Allport, who was elected Vice-President, and Mr. G. C. Israel was elected for one year.

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

Assistant Librarian: Miss H. Taylor.

Standing Committee: Dr. W. L. Crowther, Mr. H. Allport, Professor V. V. Hickman, and the Secretary.

The Council elected the following two members of the Society to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens:—Professor V. V. Hickman and Mr. H. Allport. Later in the year Mr. Allport found it necessary to resign from this position, and Dr. H. D. Gordon was appointed in his place.

Nine 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 303 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 286. With the termination of the war the usual exchange with overseas institutions has been resumed. The Library now consists of 21,059 volumes.

An amount of £54 8s. 1d. was spent on books during the year, and the account allocated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	27	16	1
R. M. Johnston Fund	17	5	7
Morton Allport Memorial Fund	3	5	0
Clive Lord Memorial Fund	5	2	6
A. H. Clarke Bequest	0	18	11

Membership

The Society consists of the following members:—

	1944.		1945.
Honorary Members	2		2
Corresponding Members	2		2
Ordinary Members	266	Class A	164
	(one	Class B	100
	class)	Unclassified	14
		—	278
Life Members	6		9
Associate Members	7		14
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Total	283		305
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During the year 19 names were removed from the List of Members owing to deaths, resignations, etc., and 41 new members were elected, three of these being Life Members, 28 Ordinary Members, and 10 Associate Members.

Deaths

The Council regrets having to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—Mr. Arthur Butler (joined 1925), Mr. T. W. H. Clarke (1918), Mr. W. E. Hitchcock (1914), Mr. E. D. F. Kemp (1930), Mr. H. J. Wise (1901).

Prior to his death Mr. Clarke made a bequest of £500 to the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum to be spent expressly on the Zoological Section.

Franklin Centenary

On the 18th May, 1945, which was the centenary of the departure of Sir John Franklin on his last expedition to the Arctic in His Majesty's ships 'Erebus' and 'Terror', the Society laid a laurel wreath on the Franklin statue in Franklin Square. Members of the Shiplovers' Society, the Regatta Association, and the Historical Society also laid wreaths on the Franklin statue.

Farewell to His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark

At the June meeting of the Society an opportunity was given to members of the Royal Society of Tasmania and the friends of the Tasmanian Museum to bid farewell to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Ernest Clark, prior to his departure from Tasmania. (See page 164.)

The Council wishes to record their gratitude for the faithful service which His Excellency rendered to the Society during his twelve years' tenure of the office of President of the Society. During that period he attended about 70 meetings and on most occasions took an active part in the discussions which followed the papers.

New Book-plate for Library

During the year the Council decided to have a book-plate bearing the badge of the Society to be placed in the Society's books other than those which had been purchased from the special memorial funds.

Preservation of Ancient Buildings and Scenic Reserves

During the year the Lord Mayor of Hobart called a public meeting of citizens in order to discuss the question of the preservation of ancient buildings and scenic reserves. A committee was duly appointed to submit proposals to the Minister for

Lands and Works. After receiving the deputation the Minister decided to obtain the advice of a small temporary committee consisting of representatives of the Royal Society of Tasmania and other societies. Dr. C. N. Atkins was appointed to represent the Society on this advisory council. As a result of the deliberation of this temporary committee, the Minister instructed the Scenery Preservation Board to draw up a list of scenic reserves and buildings which should be preserved, and later the Scenery Preservation Board solicited the help of the Royal Society of Tasmania in this matter.

Charges for Early Copies of the Papers and Proceedings

During the year the Council discussed the question of the charges for early copies of the Society's Papers and Proceedings, and decided that a flat rate of £1 should be paid for any back numbers of the Papers and Proceedings prior to the year 1900. When only six copies or less of a particular issue remained, these would not be sold.

Arrival of His Excellency Admiral Sir Hugh Binney (Governor of Tasmania)

At the levee held at the Town Hall, Hobart, on December 24th, 1945, the Royal Society of Tasmania presented an address of welcome to the new governor.

Printing of Papers and Proceedings

The Government has decided to increase the printing vote to £200 and the Council wishes to record its appreciation of this generous assistance.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1945.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last Account	1	4 4	Salaries	124	2 4
Subscriptions (not including three Life Memberships)	354	2 0	Petty cash	35	0 0
Rents, sales, etc.	34	19 0	Library	54	8 1
			Stationery	16	16 4
			Miscellaneous	45	13 2
			Fuel and light	11	13 4
			Transferred to Reserve Fund	50	0 0
			Insurance	10	13 10
			Northern Branch	10	13 0
			Papers and Proceedings, postage	3	16 0
				362	16 1
			Balance to next Account	27	9 5
	£390	5 6		£390	5 6

S. ANGEL, Hon. Treasurer.

V. V. HICKMAN, Vice-President.

H. J. EXLEY, Hon. Auditor.

JOSEPH PEARSON, Hon. Secretary.

Balances in Royal Society Funds, 1945.

	£	s. d.
Reserve Fund	217	14 4
Life Membership Fees	91	2 6
Clive Lord Memorial Fund	41	14 9
R. M. Johnston Memorial Fund	18	6 3
Morton Allport Memorial Fund	3	15 0
A. H. Clarke Bequest	1	5 3