

The Royal Society of Tasmania

1946

Patron:

His Majesty the King.

President:

His Excellency Admiral Sir Hugh Binney, K.C.B., D.S.O.

Vice-Presidents:

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

W. H. Hudspeth, B.A., 1947, 1948.

Council:

S. W. Carey, D.Sc., 1947, 1948, 1949

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

V. V. Hickman, B.A., D.Sc., 1947, 1948.

L. W. Miller, M.Agr.Sc., F.R.E.S., 1947, 1948, 1949.

J. L. Somerville, M.Sc., F.A.C.I., 1947, 1948

J. W. C. Wyett, B.Sc., A.A.C.I., 1947.

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, V. V. Hickman, W. H. Hudspeth, J. Pearson.

Annual Report, 1946

The Annual Meeting was held in the Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, on the 5th March, 1946.

His Excellency, Sir Hugh Binney, attended for the first time as President of the Society. Prior to the meeting a deputation of the Society, consisting of the two Vice-Presidents and the Honorary Secretary, waited upon the Governor at Government House and asked him whether he would be so good as to accept the presidency of the Society, to which His Excellency agreed.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Vice-President: Under the Society's Rules, Professor V. V. Hickman retired from the office of Vice-President, and Mr. L. Cerutti was appointed in his place (retiring 1948).

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 Dr. J. B. Hamilton and Mr. G. C. Israel retired from the Council and the following members were elected to the Council in their places:—

Professor V. V. Hickman (retiring 1949).

Mr. W. H. Hudspeth (retiring 1949).

Also one member was required to take the place of Mr. L. Cerutti, who was elected Vice-President, and Dr. H. D. Gordon was elected for two years. The names of the full Council for 1946 are given on the previous page.

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

Assistant Librarian: Miss H. Taylor.

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

Nine ordinary meetings and one special meeting 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 1946 (present) volume.

Library

During the year 326 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 284, and new exchanges were arranged with the following institutions:—Royal Museum of Art and History, Brussels; Service de Documentation, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris; and Botanical Institute of the Academy of Sciences, Erevan, Moscow. The Library now consists of 21,385 volumes.

An amount of £57 3s. 3d. was spent on books during the year, and the account allocated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	16	13	0
R. M. Johnston Memorial Fund	16	0	2
Morton Allport Bequest	7	10	0
Clive Lord Memorial Fund	15	12	7
A. H. Clarke Bequest	1	7	6

Clive Lord Memorial Library

Reference has already been made to a valuable gift of 230 books presented to the Library by Mrs. Lord in memory of her late husband, Mr. Clive Lord (see 1944 volume, p. 118). During the year under review, the Council decided that a special Clive Lord Memorial Book Plate should be placed in these books, and this has now been done.

Shelves

During the year the Council purchased new bookshelves to meet the growing demands of the Library. These were provided at a cost of £97 11s. from the Reserve Fund, and have been placed at the Macquarie Street end of the Library.

Membership

The Society consists of the following members:—	1945	1946
Honorary members	2	2
Corresponding members	2	2
Ordinary members—		
Class A.	164	173
Class B.	100	114
Unclassified	14	7
	— 278 —	— 294 —
Life members	9	14
Associate members	14	18
	— 305 —	— 330 —

During the year 12 names were removed from the list of Members owing to deaths, resignations, etc., and 37 new members were elected, five of these being life members, 27 ordinary members, and five associate members.

Deaths

The Council regrets having to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—Miss D. Baudinet (1929), Miss I. Gunn (1928), and Mr. C. E. Boyes (1944).

Mr. Boyes was the grandson of Mr. G. T. W. Boyes, Colonial Secretary during the Franklin regime. The late Mr. Boyes was a valued supporter of the Society and from time to time presented documents of considerable historic value. Particular mention should be made of the valuable gift of the diary of his grandfather comprising 13 volumes covering the period 1832-1855 (see Papers and Proceedings, 1944, p. 118). These diaries have been studied by Mr. W. H. Hudspeth and have provided him with material for a lecture which was given before the Northern Branch of the Society on 8th October, 1946. This lecture is printed in the present volume (see page 35).

Alteration of Rules

A special meeting of the Society was called on 2nd April, 1946, in order to consider certain alterations to the Rules. Details regarding these alterations are given in the Abstract of Proceedings (see page 131).

Panel Heating

During the year a new system of panel heating was installed in the Society's Room. This was provided at a cost of £206 and was used only during the latter part of the year. The new system promises to solve satisfactorily the difficult problem of heating the room during the winter months.

Meteorological Books

A number of meteorological journals and publications were presented by the Council to the Commonwealth Meteorological Department, Hobart, during the year.

R. M. Johnston Memorial Lecture

During the year the Council decided to have an R. M. Johnston Memorial Lecture. This was held on 5th November, 1946, and Professor L. H. Martin, of the University of Melbourne, was invited to address the Society on the subject of 'Radar'. (See abstract on p. 137.) On that occasion Professor Martin was presented with the R. M. Johnston Memorial Medal. At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Crowther entertained members of the Council and their wives, together with the visiting lecturer, to supper at their home.

Preservation of Ancient Buildings and Scenic Reserves

During the year the sub-committee appointed by the Council of the Society continued to function, and met on several occasions. It is the intention of the Council to ask the Minister for Lands and Works to receive a further deputation in order to discuss this subject.

Meeting of Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science

A meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science was held in Adelaide this year after a lapse of seven and a half years. Professor A. Burn, Dr. H. D. Gordon, and the Hon. Secretary (Dr. Joseph Pearson) represented the Society. Dr. Pearson was President of Section D (Zoology) of the Association and the subject of his presidential address was 'some Problems in Marsupial Phylogeny'.

Printing of Index to Papers and Proceedings

The attention of members is drawn to the inclusion in the present number of the second and concluding part of the Index of the Papers and Proceedings for the years 1898-1944 inclusive. The first part of this index was printed in the Papers and Proceedings for 1945.

Gifts to the Society

The following is a list of gifts to the Society during the present year, in addition to the numerous exchanges received from British and foreign institutions:—

Then and Now in Old Westbury, by K. R. von Stieglitz: Presented by the Author.

- Letters of Queen Victoria, Vols. 1-3 (1837-61): Presented by Mr. J. D. McElroy.
- The Aryan Maori, by Edward Tregear: Presented by Mr. J. D. McElroy.
- New Zealand of To-day, by Edward Wakefield: Presented by Mr. J. D. McElroy.
- Dictionary of the New Zealand Language, by Wm. Williams: Presented by Mr. J. D. McElroy.
- Typee: A Peep at Polynesian Life, by Herman Williams: Presented by Mr. J. D. McElroy.
- Polynesian Mythology and Ancient Traditional History, by Sir George Gray: Presented by Mr. J. D. McElroy.
- Photographs of Tasmania, by J. W. Beattie: Presented by Miss V. Hunt.
- Share Register and Directors' Minute Books, Turkish Bath Coy., 1863-1892: Presented by Mr. G. A. Roberts.
- Addresses to H.E. Sir John Stokell Dodds from the Museum and Royal Society, 1901: Presented by Mr. J. D. A. Collier.
- List of Relics of Capt. James Kelly housed in the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston: Presented by Mr. H. W. Wilson.
- Document appointing G. T. W. Boyes Colonial Secy., V.D.L., 1842: Presented by Mr. C. E. Boyes.
- Various letters from G. T. W. Boyes to his wife, Mary Boyes, 1820-1832: Presented by Mr. C. E. Boyes.
- Copy of Franklin Letters to Dr. Turnbull, 1845: Presented by Dr. C. Craig.
- Copy of Arthur Letters to Dr. Turnbull, 1839: Presented by Dr. C. Craig.

Milligan Bequest

During the year the Society sold a one-acre block of land at Bicheno which had been left to the Society by Joseph Milligan, a former Secretary of the Society, in his will dated 3rd November, 1883. The block was sold for £150 and this sum has been used to purchase Commonwealth Bonds to that value.

There still remains of this bequest three acres of land at Georgetown, and this is still held by the Society.

Printing of Papers and Proceedings

Once again the Government has very generously contributed a sum of £200 towards the printing of 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, 1946.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last Account		27	9	6	Salaries		156	17	0
Membership Fees—					Group Insurance		2	4	0
A	172 = 258	9	6		Petty Cash		40	1	0
B	107 = 112	7	0		Fuel and Light		24	0	5
Associate	17 = 8	10	0		Library		80	9	6
Life Members	6 = 90	0	0		R. M. Johnston Memorial Lecture, expenses		11	0	0
		469	6	6	Miscellaneous		80	12	8
Rental, sales, &c.		62	19	9	Postage of Papers and Proceedings		27	7	10
Sale of land at Bicheno, Milligan Bequest		146	17	4	Stationery, Printing and Advertising		34	9	8
Transferred from Memorial Funds for books—					Insurance		9	12	7
1945—					Northern Branch, share subscriptions		10	13	0
R. M. Johnston Memorial	17	5	7		Milligan Bequest (Commonwealth Loan)		150	0	0
Morton Allport Fund	3	5	0		Reserve Fund—				
A. H. Clarke Bequest	0	18	11		Six Life Memberships	90	0	0	
Clive Lord Memorial	4	10	0		Transferred from General Fund	50	0	0	
		25	19	6			140	0	0
1946—							767	7	8
R. M. Johnston Memorial	16	0	2						
Morton Allport Fund	7	10	0						
A. H. Clarke Bequest	1	7	6						
Clive Lord Memorial	15	12	7						
		40	10	3	Balance to next Account		5	15	1
		£773	2	9			£773	2	9

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

HENRY ALLPORT, Vice-President.
JOSEPH PEARSON, Hon. Secretary.

Balances in Royal Society Funds, 1946.

	£	s.	d.
Reserve Fund	122	4	4
Life Membership Fees	163	15	6
Clive Lord Memorial Fund (£200)	29	1	8
R. M. Johnston Memorial Fund (£232)	2	0	6
Morton Allport Memorial Fund (£200)	0	10	0
A. H. Clarke Bequest (£100)	2	3	10
Milligan Bequest (£150)			Nil