

# The Royal Society of Tasmania

1949

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**Patron:**

His Majesty the King.

**President:**

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

**Vice-Presidents:**

W. L. Crowther, D.S.O., M.B., F.R.A.C.P., 1949.

A. L. Meston, M.A., 1949, 1950.

**Council:**

W. H. Hudspeth, B.A., 1949, 1950, 1951.

F. C. Wolfhagen, LL.B., 1949, 1950, 1951.

J. W. C. Wyett, B.Sc., A.A.C.I., 1949, 1950.

D. Martin, M.Sc., 1949, 1950.

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

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

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**Assistant Hon. Secretary:**

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**Hon. Treasurer:**

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H. J. Exley, M.A.

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

Joseph Pearson and D. Martin.

**Standing Committee:**

W. L. Crowther, S. W. Carey, W. H. Hudspeth, J. Pearson.



*Cataloguing the Library*

The Council desires to acknowledge the help given by the University authorities in permitting Miss Megan Griffiths, B.A., Cataloguer at the University of Tasmania's Library, to direct the cataloguing of the Society's Library. During the year under review Miss Griffiths has put in full time in the Society's Library doing this work.

*Membership*

The Society consists of the following members:—

Honorary members .....	2
Corresponding members .....	3
Ordinary members—	
Class A .....	221
Class B .....	136
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Life members .....	25
Associate members .....	25
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During the year 17 names were removed from the List of Members owing to deaths, resignations, &c., and 33 new Ordinary Members were elected. (Also one Ordinary Member became a Life Member and five Associate Members became Ordinary Members.)

*Deaths*

The Council regrets having to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—Mr. H. R. Hutchison (1909), Mr. C. E. Radcliff (1935), Mr. B. J. Cronly (1936), Mrs. H. Shaw (1944), Mr. H. L. Dakin (1944), Dr. R. W. Lawrence (1946).

*Purchase of Slides Belonging to the late Dr. A. N. Lewis*

During the year under review the Executors of the estate of the late Dr. A. N. Lewis offered the Society his collection of geological lantern slides, together with the cabinet. The Government made a special grant of £100 to the Society in order to buy this collection on condition that the Society would make the collection available to the Education Department and the University of Tasmania.

*Public Address System (Loud Speakers)*

On the occasion of a special meeting when a large number of people are present in the Society's room it has been found that people at the back of the Hall have had difficulty in hearing some the speakers. This difficulty has now been got over by the purchase of a loud speaker apparatus (public address system) and this has been used with success on the occasion of some of our larger meetings. The cost of purchasing this apparatus (£43 17s. 6d.) was made from the Life Membership Fund.

*Purchase of Film Strip Projector*

The same fund was also used for the purchase of a film strip projector (£32 1s. 1d.).

*Captain D. C. Pearse*

During the year Capt. D. C. Pearse, who had filled the post of Assistant Secretary for some years, asked to be relieved of his duties and Mr. D. Martin has been appointed in his place. Capt. Pearse was thanked for his valuable services at the Council Meeting held on 28th June, 1949, and by members of the Society at the General Meeting held on 5th July, 1949.

*Appointment of Hon. Solicitor*

During the year under review Mr. F. C. Wolfhagen was appointed Hon. Solicitor to the Society.

*Papers and Proceedings*

As in previous years the Government has borne the cost of printing the Papers and Proceedings and have agreed in future to provide a sum not exceeding £400 for this purpose.

*Gifts to the Society*

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

Mr. K. R. von Stieglitz: Midland Pioneers; A short History of Ross with some tales of the Pioneers.

The Royal Empire Society Scientific Congress Report, vols. 1-2, presented by the Executive Committee C.S.I.R.O.

The Australian Environment: Presented by the Conference Committee, Specialist Conference in Agriculture, Aus. 1949.

A Botanist in Southern Africa: Portion of cost provided by Mrs. C. F. Charles.

Papers of the Dorcas Society.

Journal of Peter Harrisson, 1822.—From Mrs. J. Bruford, on condition that a typescript copy of the Journal be made and given to Mrs. Bruford.

Further gifts bearing on the Franklins, from the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge—

- (a) 4 water colour sketches.
- (b) 3 satin Regatta programmes.
- (c) A pencil sketch of Sir John Franklin on Swan Is.
- (d) 4 letters about and to the Franklins, 1843-73.
- (e) The resolution and letter sent to Lady Franklin in 1868 by the Legislative Council of Tasmania thanking her for her gift of Betsy Island.

