

Royal Society of Tasmania

Annual Report for the year 1965

The Council submits to members the following report on the activities for the year 1965.

The first meeting of the year was the Annual General Meeting held in March. The report and statement of accounts for 1964 were presented and were adopted. Nominations for the positions of Vice-President and members of Council were received and as no election was required the persons nominated were elected.

Vice-President—Professor G. C. Wade.

Members of Council—Professor I. H. Smith and Dr. W. W. Wilson.

The following were re-elected:—

Hon. Secretary—Dr. W. Bryden.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. G. E. A. Hale.

Hon. Auditor—Mr. A. M. Hewer.

After the formal business was concluded some selected scientific films were shown.

COUNCIL.

During the year four meetings of Council were held in addition to one held in Launceston when members of the Northern Branch Council were able to meet Council members and discuss matters of common interest.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

Eight general meetings were held during the year and after conducting necessary business, a lecture was delivered by a guest speaker, followed by general discussion. The following addresses were given:—

April: Mr. L. A. Endersbee, Hydro-Electric Commission, on "*Thailand and the Lower Mekong project of South-East Asia*".

May: Mr. Keith Taylor, Principal Research Scientist, C.S.I.R.O., Hobart, on "*The Status of the Sirex Wasp and its parasites in Australia and Overseas*".

June: Professor C. H. Barnett, Department of Anatomy, University of Tasmania, on "*The Human Foot*".

July: Mr. V. R. Long, Director of Education, Tasmania, on "*Developments in the Field of Education*".

August: Dr. W. W. Wilson, on "*Early Colonial Medicine*".

September: Mr. W. C. Wentworth, M.H.R., of New South Wales, on "*Nuclear Power for Australia*".

October: Mr. D. D. Lynch, Chairman, Inland Fisheries Commission, on "*A Fish Policy for Tasmania*".

November: Mr. A. M. Olsen, Harvesting Manager, Alginates (Australia) Pty. Ltd., on "*Brown Seaweeds and their Utilisation*".

PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Volume 99 of the "Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania" was published and distributed to members and to exchange libraries. This is the chief medium by which the series of periodicals in the Society's library is built up. The library itself is a very valuable section of the Royal Society of Tasmania, having a wide range of historical (Tasmanian), scientific and other publications.

As a result of exchanges, purchases, &c., the number of volumes in the library has increased by 310 volumes.

Each year greater use is made of the library by research workers in various States of the Commonwealth as well as by many Tasmanian members who are pursuing special individual studies.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The Northern Branch, centered in Launceston, was very active with a programme of general meetings and special excursions. Interest in historical matters in the North continues and many members show great enthusiasm for the varied projects on the year's programme.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total membership of the Society stood at 623 at the end of the year. This figure included 4 Honorary Life Members, 34 Life Members, 1 Corresponding Member and 1 Special Member.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Without the help so generously given by many individuals and organisations, the Society could not function as well as it does. The Council is most grateful to the Government of Tasmania, the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, the Press, the Radio, the Honorary Solicitor and to the many members and individuals outside the Society who have assisted during the year.

Northern Branch

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Arising from the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Branch held on 26th March, 1965, the Branch Council was composed as follows:—

Chairman—Mr. T. E. Burns.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. Justice G. H. Crawford.

Past-Chairman—Mrs. I. J. Mead.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. W. F. Ellis.

Members of Council—Dr. N. Gold, Mr. P. M. Hart, Mr. L. W. P. Reeves, Mr. G. H. Stancombe, Mr. F. L. Sutherland.

Mr. Burns and Mr. Ellis represented the Branch on the General Council of the Society and Mr. Ellis also served on the Standing Committee of the Society. Mr. Justice Crawford continued as the Northern Branch nominee on the Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park Board.

MEMBERSHIP.

On 31st December, 1965, the Northern Branch comprised 263 Members, representing an increase of four in the total over the past year.

ACTIVITIES.

Ten General Meetings were held during the year at which the average attendance was 65. The following papers were read:—

19th February, 1965—Anthropology Films, introduced by Mr. W. F. Ellis.

26th March, 1965—"Trends in Modern Colour Photography" by Mr. H. J. King.

22nd April, 1965—"The Gallipoli Landing" by Mr. F. C. Green, C.B.E., M.C.

21st May, 1965—"Law and the Quest for Certainty" by Hon. Sir Stanley Burbury, K.B.E., LL.B.

25th June, 1965—"The Growth of Libraries in Australia" by Hon. Mr. Justice Crisp, LL.B.

23rd July, 1965—"The Human Foot" by Professor C. H. Barnett, M.B., F.R.C.S.

24th September, 1965—"The History of Dentistry in Tasmania" by Dr. (Dent.) E. F. Marks, B.D.Sc., L.D.S.

22nd October, 1965—"Fifty Years Since Wegener" by Professor S. Warren Carey, D.Sc., M.A.I.M.M.

26th November, 1965—Bacteriology Films, introduced by Mr. R. W. Patterson, B.Sc., F.R.A.C.I.

10th December, 1965—Members' Night:

"Weekend Peak" by Mr. N. R. Harvey.

"Snakes Galore" by Mr. E. Vogelpoel.

"Let's Look at Canberra" by Mr. R. S. Smith.

"Samoan Beauties" by Mr. F. L. Sutherland.

"Mrs. Charlotte Cleveland—An Early Colonial Artist" by Dr. C. Craig.

EXCURSIONS.

Four excursions were arranged to areas of scientific or historical interest—

27th February-1st March, 1965—Cradle Mountain.

4th April, 1965—Mole Creek Caves.

27th October, 1965—Department of Agriculture Research Laboratories.

29th November, 1965—Carrick.

COUNCIL.

The Council of the Northern Branch met three times during 1965. In addition, it was represented at five meetings of the General Council, of which one was held in Launceston.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Branch Council records its appreciation of the Launceston City Council for the facilities at the Queen Victoria Museum which have been provided during the year.

