

Royal Society of Tasmania.

Annual Report for the Year 1958.

PRESIDENT.

During the year the President of the Society, His Excellency Sir Ronald Cross, completed his term as Governor of Tasmania and returned to Britain. The Society expressed thanks to Sir Ronald for his interest and support, and opportunity was taken to express thanks to him in person before he left Tasmania.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 5th March, 1958, when the President of the Society, His Excellency Sir Ronald Cross, occupied the Chair.

The following office-bearers were elected:—

Vice-President: Under the Society's Rules, Dr. W. E. L. H. Crowther retired from the office of Vice-President and Mr. L. W. Miller was elected to the vacancy.

Hon. Secretary and Librarian: Dr. W. Bryden.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. E. A. Hale.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. A. M. Hewer.

Council: Under Rule 21 Dr. Martin and Dr. Teniswood retired from the Council and Dr. E. R. Guiler and Mr. K. D. Nicolls were elected in their places for a period of three years.

Professor Hytten resigned in December, 1957, and Dr. W. E. L. H. Crowther was elected to fill this casual vacancy for one year.

After the general business of the meeting was completed Professor J. McManners delivered a lecture on "Ceremony and belief in provincial France on the eve of the Revolution."

COMMITTEES.

The Council made the following appointments for the year:—

Standing Committee: Mr. L. W. Miller, Mr. G. H. Stancombe (Northern Branch), Dr. E. R. Guiler, Dr. W. Bryden (Honorary Secretary).

Representatives on the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery: Professor A. Burn and Mr. G. F. Davies.

Representative on the Trustees of the Botanical Gardens: In March Mr. S. Angel intimated that he would like to be relieved of the appointment and in September Mr. Guy Barrett was appointed in his place.

Representative to the Library Association of Tasmania: Dr. W. Bryden.

Representative on the Nomenclature Board: Mr. E. R. Pretzman.

MR. S. ANGEL—HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Council expressed their thanks to Mr. Angel who had represented the Society on the Board of Trustees of the Botanical Gardens for many years.

He had also been a Council member for over 20 years, and Treasurer for about 19 years, and in November Council agreed to submit his name for nomination to Honourary Membership.

CLIVE LORD MEMORIAL LECTURE.

Mr. P. G. Law, Director of the Australian Antarctic Division, Department of External Affairs, was invited to deliver the Clive Lord Memorial Lecture. This was given at the October meeting which was held in the Town Hall, Hobart.

His Excellency, the Administrator (Sir Stanley Burbury) presented the Clive Lord Memorial Medal after which Mr. Law delivered the lecture which was entitled "Current Australian Scientific Research in Antarctica."

GENERAL MEETINGS.

Other meetings held were:—

April: "The Heart of the City" (illustrated), by Professor Peter Scott.

May: "What's in a Name" by Professor J. R. Elliott.

June: "Darwin's Century" by Professor H. N. Barber.

July: "Water Resources in Tasmania" by Mr. A. W. Knight.

August: "The History and Significance of the Petroleum Industry in the Middle East" by Mr. N. R. Seddon, Managing Director of BP Australia Ltd.

September: "From Sea Waves to Electric Waves" by Professor Gordon Newstead.

November: Three films—"Wheels across Africa" "Address Antarctica" "As Old as the Hills."

LIBRARY.

Some 395 volumes (books and journals) were added to the library during the year. There are now 310 institutions on the exchange list and the number of volumes in the library has grown to 31,735.

PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Volume 92 of the "Papers and Proceedings" was published and once again the Society wishes to extend thanks to the Government of Tasmania for financial support in this connection.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

The Council is indebted to Miss E. M. Geddes for her services to the Society.

THANKS.

The Council extends its thanks to all those who have assisted by donations and by their interest and support.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

In November a number of members from the Northern Branch came to Hobart. On the afternoon of Saturday, 29th November, Battery Point and

