

# ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

## 1919

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### *Annual Meeting.*

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Museum on 10th March.

Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G. occupied the chair.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were read and adopted.

There being 11 nominations for 9 vacancies on the Council, an election was held, the following being elected as the Council for 1919:—Dr. A. H. Clarke, Dr. Glasson, Messrs. W. H. Clemes, L. Dechaincux, T. W. Fowler, J. A. Johnson, L. H. Lindon, L. Rodway, C. C. Thorold.

Mr. R. A. Black was appointed Auditor.

The following were elected members of the Society:—Lieut.-Col. R. E. Snowden, Dr. E. A. Elliott, Messrs. W. N. Crawford, G. A. Jackson, Miss F. Stevenson.

Mr. Clive Lord exhibited a specimen of the spotted-tailed Sea Snake (*Hydruș platurus*). This being the first record of this species from Tasmania.

Mr. H. H. Scott (Curator of the Launceston Museum) delivered an interesting lecture upon certain osteological features of Tasmanian Cetacea.

### *Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. E. T. Emmett (Director of the Tourist Bureau) delivered an illustrated lecture on "The River Gordon and the West Coast of Tasmania."

### *Conversazione.*

After the business of the meeting was concluded, an adjournment was made to the Art Gallery, where a conversazione was held.

14TH APRIL, 1919.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Room, Museum, at 8 p.m., His Excellency Sir Francis Newdegate, K.C.M.G., presiding.

The following members were elected:—Mrs. G. O. Smith, Messrs. G. O. Smith, A. D. Chapman, W. E. Masters.

*Papers.*

The following papers were read:—

1. "Studies of Tasmanian Cetacea. Part I." *Orca gladiator*, *Pseudorca crassidens*, *Globicephalus melas*, by H. H. Scott and C. E. Lord.
2. "The Geology of Wineglass Bay," by W. H. Clemes.

*Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. Walter H. Cummins, A.I.A.C., delivered an illustrated lecture on "The Newspaper World."

12TH MAY, 1919.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Room, Museum, at 8 p.m.

Mr. L. Rodway presiding.

The following members were elected:—Captain Rigall, D.S.O., Messrs. Charles Burbury, Gerald Burbury, T. J. Burbury, Robert Headlam, and Charles F. Pitt.

Mr. Clive Lord exhibited a series of ornithological specimens.

Mr. T. W. Fowler delivered an illustrated lecture entitled, "Notes on Irrigation."

10TH JUNE, 1919.

*Special Meeting.*

A Special Meeting of the Society was held at 8 p.m. The object of the meeting was to consider the following additions to the Rules which had been recommended by the Council.

"55 b. The Council may, at its discretion, upon "the receipt of a request from a sufficient number of "members resident in any district, create a local association of members of the Society in such district, "and the Council shall also have power to dissolve "such local association at any time after it has been "formed."

"55 c. Every such association shall be carried "on in accordance with rules and regulations to be "laid down from time to time by the Council."

"55 d. The Council may, at its discretion, contribute towards the expenses of any local association "in any year a sum not exceeding one-third of the "subscriptions received during such year from members who are also members of such local association."

The Chairman, Mr. Rodway, briefly explained the object of the new rules, and after a short discussion the rules as recommended were unanimously adopted.

10TH JUNE, 1919.

*General Meeting.*

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Museum at 8.15 p.m., Mr. L. Rodway, O.M.G., presiding.

The Secretary tabled a file of correspondence received from Mr. L. A. Evans, relating to a supposed tunnel at the River Gordon.

*Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. Rodway delivered an illustrated lecture on "Tasmanian Fungi."

14TH JULY, 1919.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Museum at 8 p.m., His Excellency Sir Francis Newdegate, K.C.M.G., presiding.

*Papers.*

1. "The Geology of Maria Island," by W. H. Clemes, B.A., B.Sc.
2. "Studies of Tasmanian Cetacea, Part II.," by H. H. Scott and C. E. Lord.
3. "The Early History of Maria Island," by C. E. Lord.

*Illustrated Lecture.*

An illustrated lecture on Maria Island was given by Messrs. Clemes and Lord.

11TH AUGUST, 1919.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Museum at 8 p.m., Mr. L. Rodway presiding.

*Member.*

Mr. A. N. Lewis was elected a member of the Club.

*Papers.*

1. "Additions to Tasmanian Mollusca," by W. L. May.
2. "Revision of Professor Haswell's types of Australian Pycnogonidæ," by Professor Flynn.
3. "Notes on a rare Tasmanian Crustacean," by Professor Chilton.

*Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. Rodway delivered an illustrated lecture on Tasmanian Cordyceps.

## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

Owing to the influenza epidemic it was impossible to hold the usual meetings of the Society during September and October. A meeting of the Council was held on 1st September, at which several papers were read.

## 10TH NOVEMBER, 1919.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Museum at 8 p.m., Mr. L. Rodway presiding.

Before the business of the meeting was proceeded with, reference was made to the severe loss that the Society had sustained owing to the death of Mr. W. H. Twelvetrees, Government Geologist of Tasmania.

Mr. Lord drew attention to the fact that the English Blackbird had been found nesting in Tasmania. He suggested that steps should be taken to prevent this species becoming a pest to fruitgrowers. It was resolved to write to the Government concerning the matter.

*Lecture.*

Dr. W. L. Crowther delivered an instructive lecture on Tasmanian Whaling.

## 15TH DECEMBER, 1919.

A meeting was held at the Museum at 4.30 p.m.

The following members were elected:—

Rt. Rev. R. S. Hay, Bishop of Tasmania, Messrs. J. R. Irby, H. Warlow-Davies, T. H. Leahy, A. D. Mackay, and T. H. Williams.