

# ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

## 1918.

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The Annual General Meeting was held at the Museum on 11th March.

His Honor the Chief Justice (Sir Herbert Nicholls, K.C.M.G.) occupied the chair.

The annual report and statement of accounts were read and adopted.

The following were elected as members of the Council for 1918:—Dr. A. H. Clarke, M.R.C.S., Messrs. W. F. Dennis Butler, B.Sc., LL.B., W. H. Clemes, B.A., B.Sc., L. Dechaineux, T. W. Fowler, J. A. Johnson, M.A., L. H. Lindon, M.A., L. Rodway, C.M.G.

Mr. R. A. Black was appointed auditor for the year.

The following were elected members of the Society:—Messrs. H. S. Innes, T. W. Robertson.

### *Papers.*

The following papers were read:—

1. Observations regarding accumulated Capital and Wealth, by R. M. Johnston, I.S.O., F.S.S.
2. Discovery of Fossil Fruit near Derby by R. M. Johnston, I.S.O., F.S.S.

### *Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. E. T. Emmett, Director of the Government Tourist Bureau, delivered an illustrated lecture on "The Caves of Tasmania."

### *Conversazione.*

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

15th APRIL, 1918.

The monthly meeting was held at the Museum on 15th April. His Excellency, Sir Francis Newdegate, K.C.M.G., presided.

His Excellency, as President of the Society, appointed Major E. L. Piesse and Mr. R. M. Johnston as Vice-Presidents for the year.

*Lectures.*

Mr. L. H. Lindon delivered an illustrated lecture upon New Zealand mountains.

Mr. J. W. Beattie delivered a short illustrated lecture on the newly discovered caves at Hastings.

13th MAY, 1918.

The monthly meeting was held at the Museum at 8 p.m., Dr. A. H. Clarke presiding.

Before the business of the meeting was proceeded with, the chairman referred to the severe loss that the Society had sustained owing to the death of one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. R. M. Johnston, and also Col. Legge.

Mr. Johnston was elected a member of the Society in 1873, and had contributed no less than 103 papers to the journal. At the time of his death he was senior Vice-President of the Society, and during the whole period of 45 years during which he had been connected with the Society he had been an active member. His chief work was the "Geology of Tasmania."

Col. W. V. Legge was elected a member in 1873, and contributed 17 papers to the journal. His chief work was "The Birds of Ceylon."

The Chairman moved, "That this meeting wishes to place on record its sense of the great loss the Royal Society has sustained in the deaths of Colonel W. V. Legge and the Vice-President, Mr. R. M. Johnston."

The motion was carried, all members standing.

Mr. H. E. Bellamy was elected a member.

*Lecture.*

Mr. A. J. Taylor delivered an illustrated lecture upon "A Trip to Europe."

10th JUNE, 1918.

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

On the recommendation of the Council, His Excellency, the President, appointed Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., as a Vice-President of the Society in the place of the late R. M. Johnston.

The Chairman drew attention to the loss that the Society had sustained by the death of Mr. Augustus Simson, of Launceston.

Dr. Heyward and Mr. C. C. Thorold were elected members of the Society.

His Excellency, the President, presented, on behalf of the Royal Society of New South Wales, the Clarke Memorial Medal for 1918 to Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G.

*Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. Clive Lord delivered an illustrated lecture on "The Mammals of Tasmania," and an interesting discussion took place at the conclusion of the lecture.

8th JULY, 1918.

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

The evening was devoted to a discussion concerning the English "Education Bill." Mr. J. A. Johnson delivered a short address on the measure, and the discussion was continued by His Excellency the President, Dr. Clarke, Messrs. Brooks, Copland, and Dechaineux.

12th AUGUST, 1918.

The monthly meeting was held at the Museum on 12th August at 8 p.m., Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., Vice-President, presiding.

Reference was made to the unfortunate accident which had befallen His Excellency the Governor.

*Paper.*

"Two new Australian Pycnogonidæ," by Professor Flynn.

*Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. T. W. Fowler delivered an illustrated lecture on "Tasmania from a scenic standpoint."

9th SEPTEMBER, 1918.

The monthly meeting was held at the Museum on 9th September at 8 p.m., Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., Vice-President, presiding.

Mrs. H. L. Roberts delivered a short address upon the fauna of Tasmania and moved the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—"That the Royal Society of Tasmania bring under the notice of the Government the urgent need for the better protection of our native Fauna and the need for an amendment of the 'Game Protection Act.' "

*Papers.*

1. "The Thallus of the Genus *Parmelia*," by Dr. J. Shirley.
2. "Critical remarks upon the Table Cape Fossil Mollusca (Johnston Collection, Tasmanian Museum)," by Mr. W. L. May.
3. "Notes on the Mammals of Tasmania," by Mr. Clive Lord.

14th OCTOBER, 1918.

*75th Anniversary of the Society.*

The 75th Anniversary meeting of the Society was held at the Museum on 14th October, 1918, His Honor the Chief Justice (Sir Herbert Nicholls, K.C.M.G.) presiding.

Congratulatory messages from various kindred societies were read.

The exhibits included a complete set of the Society's publications and numerous interesting items dealing with its early history.

*Lecture.*

Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., delivered an illustrated lecture upon the early history of Tasmania and its connection with the Society.

*Members.*

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. J. R. Bryer, H. Gillett, A. E. Bennett, W. H. Cummins, A. Conlon, A. F. Weber, T. W. H. Clarke, F. Ellis, C. E. Fletcher, John Taylor, E. A. Bennison, H. W. Knight, J. Avery, F. Burbury, M.H.A., George Finlay, Norman Nicolson, A. E. Mansell, Alfred Burbury, F. C. Pitt, L. Q. Kermode, Percy Walch, J. W. Gould, J. Bowling, C. E. L. Knight, W. Watt, R. L. Gatenby, L. Evans, Colonel Martin, V.D., Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Harrap.

*Conversazione.*

Those present then adjourned to the Art Gallery, where a conversazione was held.

18th NOVEMBER, 1918.

The monthly meeting was held at the Museum on 18th November, 1918, at 8 p.m., Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., Vice-President, presiding.

The Chairman referred to the death of the Hon. Henry Dobson, who was one of the oldest members of the Society

and the Society's representative on the National Parks Board.

*Members.*

The following new members were elected:—Sir Herbert Nicholls, K.C.M.G., Messrs. T. Murdoch, D. McKinnon, E. O. Bisdee, E. O. Rowland, W. E. Taylor.

*Lecture.*

Professor Flynn delivered a lecturette upon "Some Rare Tasmanian Whales."

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Rodway's lecture on "Edible and other Tasmanian Fungi" was postponed.