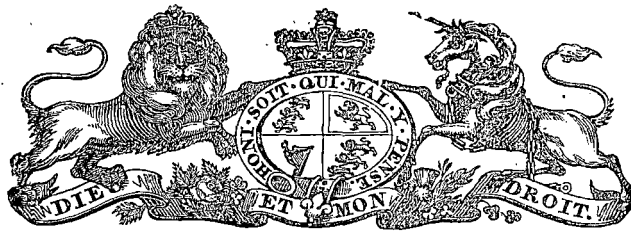


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ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA :

REPORT FOR 1891.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*REPORT of the ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA for 1891.*

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THE Council of the Royal Society of Tasmania have much pleasure in submitting the following Report for 1891.

The first monthly meeting took place on April 22nd, when the President, His Excellency Sir R. G. C. Hamilton, K.C.B., occupied the Chair, there being a good attendance of Fellows, Lady Hamilton and several ladies being also present. Mr. A. Morton, who, in conjunction with Mr. C. H. Grant (then absent from the Colony), had been appointed as Delegates from the Royal Society to the third meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science held at Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1891, gave an interesting account of their proceedings, reporting that Hobart had been fixed as the next place of meeting, and that His Excellency Sir R. G. C. Hamilton had consented to fill the important office of President.

Six meetings of the Society have been held, that of November having been postponed owing to the near approach of the Science Congress in January. All the meetings had been well attended by the Fellows.

Thirteen papers have been read, on many of which interesting discussions took place. His Excellency had been present in the Chair on all occasions. The subjects of the papers read were:—

*By H. H. Montgomery, D.D., Bishop of Tasmania.*

1. "Account of the Mutton Birds or Sooty Petrels, as seen in their homes among the Furneaux Islands, Bass Straits, Tasmania."

*By Mr. R. M. Johnston, F.L.S.*

2. "Notes on a Collection of Plant Impressions from the Henty River."
3. "Observations on the Causes of Elevation and Subsidence of the Earth's Crust."

*By Baron von Mueller, K.C.M.G.*

4. "Remarks on some Rare Tasmanian Plants."

*By Mr. A. B. Biggs.*

5. "The Possibilities of the Telescope."
6. "Total Eclipse of the Moon, May 24, 1891."
7. "The Transit of Mercury, May 10, 1891."

*By Mr. F. Danvers-Power, F.G.S.*

8. "Notes on the Mount Lyell District, No. 1."
9. "Notes on the Mount Lyell District, No. 2."

*By Mr. F. J. Jacobs, A.T.A.*

10. "Note on the Arithmometer as an aid to Actuarial Work."

*By W. Spencer, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng.*

11. "Hypnotism and alleged Phenomena."

*By Mr. A. J. Taylor, F.L.S., F.R.G.S. Eng.*

12. "Notes on the Shell Mounds at Seaford, Little Swanport."

COUNCIL.

No change has taken place during the session.

LIBRARY.

The most noteworthy circumstance in connection with the Library has been the completion of the rare and expensive work "The Birds of Asia," by J. Gould, F.R.S., the remaining 23 parts being a munificent gift to the Society by the Hon. J. W. Agnew, M.D.

FELLOWS.

Six Fellows and two Corresponding Members have been elected; twenty have been lost through resignation or death. The hearty congratulations of the Council were, during the session, given to Mr. James Barnard and the Hon. Dr. Agnew, who in May celebrated their jubilee as Members of the Royal Society of Tasmania and its precursor, the Tasmanian Society for Natural Science.

FINANCE.

The income has been:—Subscriptions to Royal Society, £175; fixed deposit, £208; interest, £10 18s.; total, £393. Expenditure, £235 1s. 1d.

In moving the adoption of the Report the Chairman stated that the meeting would have been held in January but that the meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science took up the whole of the time of those engaged. The Society had met with great success, for which the thanks of the Members were due to the liberality with which their requests had been met by the Parliament of Tasmania. The Municipal Corporation also deserved thanks for the manner in which they had given space at the Town Hall to hold the lectures in. The Committee had used almost superhuman exertions to make the affair a success, and from the results which had attended the labours of those engaged there was no doubt but that the whole had been a most undoubted success.

Mr. C. H. Grant seconded this, which was carried.

Votes of thanks were moved by Mr. C. Belstead and seconded by Mr. C. H. Grant, to the Auditors for the work carried out by them during the past twelve months, they being re-elected to fill that position; and by Mr. A. Morton, seconded by Mr. C. H. Grant, to the Press as follows:—"That a vote of thanks be accorded the Press for its valuable services in promoting the objects of the Royal Society by its ready and accurate reports of the evening meetings, and in various other matters,"—both of which were carried unanimously.

Mr. Morton, in moving the above, spoke in feeling terms of the services rendered by the late Mr. J. Johnson, formerly a member of the reporting staff of *The Mercury*. The seconder and the Chairman also endorsed the remarks made by the Secretary, after which the meeting terminated.

*STATEMENT of the Funds of the ROYAL SOCIETY for Year ending 1891.*

<b>Receipts.</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>s.</b>	<b>d.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>s.</b>	<b>d.</b>	<b>Expenditure.</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>s.</b>	<b>d.</b>
Balance from 1890.....		28	12	0				Salary of Secretary .....		50	0	0
Fixed Deposits.....		208	0	0				Ditto Attendant .....		6	0	0
					236	12	0	Current Expenditure.....		179	1	1
Subscriptions .....	...				175	10	0	Fixed Deposits .....		218	8	0
Refund Weaver's Cheque.....	...				1	1	0					
Interest on Fixed Deposit.....		10	18	0								
Ditto .....		10	8	0								
					21	6	0					
Bank Balance per Pass Book												
Credit .....		5	19	1								
Interest drawn in error.....		0	5	0								
		6	4	1								
Outstanding cheques £9 6s. 8d.;												
£15 17s. 6d.....		25	4	2								
					19	0	1					
					<u>£453</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£453</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>

Examined and found correct.

JOHN MACFARLANE.  
FRANCIS BUTLER.

29th March, 1892.

*STATEMENT of the Funds of the MORTON ALLPORT MEMORIAL FUND for the Year 1891.*

<b>1891.</b>		<b>Dr.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>s.</b>	<b>d.</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>s.</b>	<b>d.</b>
Balance as per statement for 1891.....			68	1	4	Purchase Buller's "Birds of New Zealand"	13	13	0
Interest .....			2	14	6	Balance in Savings Bank to credit of Fund	57	2	10
			<u>£70</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£70</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>

Examined with Savings Bank Book, and found correct.

JOHN MACFARLANE.  
FRANCIS BUTLER.

29th March, 1892.