

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 19th APRIL 1958

The Annual General Meeting of members of the Society was held in the Stern Hall, Queen Mary College, London, E.1 (by kind permission of the Principal) on Saturday, 19th April, 1958, at 12.30 p.m.

The President (Prof. T. G. Tutin) was in the Chair and 75 members were present.

The Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at the British Museum (Natural History) on 30th November 1957, were read by the Hon. General Secretary. These and the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, as printed in *Proceedings*, Vol. 2, Part 3, page 316, were adopted.

The President referred with deep regret to the death of Mr A. H. G. Alston who had served the Society as Vice-President and on various Committees.

COUNCIL'S REPORT. The Report of Council for the year 1957 had been printed and circulated to all members. Its adoption was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF A VICE-PRESIDENT. Council had nominated J. E. Lousley for re-election and E. Milne-Redhead for election. On a show of hands they were declared elected.

ELECTION OF HONORARY SECRETARY, HONORARY TREASURER, HONORARY EDITOR, AND HONORARY MEETINGS SECRETARY. Council had nominated Dr. J. G. Dony, J. C. Gardiner, Dr. E. F. Warburg and Dr. H. J. M. Bowen respectively and they were elected unanimously and with acclamation.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. There were four vacancies occasioned by the retirement, under Rule 3(e), of O. Buckle, Prof. H. G. Baker, D. McClintock and Dr. E. M. Rosser, and two caused by the resignation of J. E. Raven and the election of E. Milne-Redhead as Vice-President. Six members, Miss C. M. Goodman, D. E. Allen, Mrs. B. H. S. Russell, E. B. Bangerter, A. C. Jermy, and R. A. Graham, had been nominated under Rule 3(f) and were elected. The order of seniority for retirement, as decided by lots drawn by the Chairman, is in the sequence given.

ELECTION OF AN HONORARY MEMBER. Council had nominated E. L. Swann, in recognition of his long and valued service to the Society as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer. The President said that Mr. Swann had seen the Society grow from about 450 members in 1947 to over 1350 in 1958, and the Treasurer's work increase in proportion. Mr. Swann thanked the President and members for the honour they had done him and commended to them the new Treasurer, who, being

resident in London, would, no doubt, soon be well known to members; and hoped that in the years ahead the Society would go from strength to strength.

The President mentioned that in connection with the Brussels Exhibition there would be herborizations, of which further details could be supplied by the Secretary, and enquired if there were any other business.

Miss Brooke said that the Adelaide Botanic Garden is starting a general herbarium and wishes for British plants. At her suggestion the Alton N.H.S. members have agreed to collect for them. The herbarium at Santiago, Chile, would also like specimens. The President said that Council would consider putting an appropriate notice in *Proceedings*. Dr. Rose announced that a Public Meeting will be held at Maidstone on May 3rd to inaugurate a Kent Naturalists' Trust and asked for the support of B.S.B.I. members.

J. E. Lousley appealed on behalf of the Conservation Committee for very early notice of threats to areas of special botanical importance, in order that we may inform Nature Conservancy, who look to us as the only organised body with members scattered all over the country. He also asked that special watch be kept for roadside spraying and exact information supplied immediately.

There being no further business, the President proposed that the thanks of the Society be conveyed to the authorities of Queen Mary College for placing the facilities of the College at our disposal for this Meeting, and to Mr. Wanstall for his excellent arrangements. After thanking the members for their attendance, the President declared the Meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

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