

Obituary

FREDERIC WOOD JONES, D.Sc.

The late Professor Frederic Wood Jones, F.R.S., D.Sc., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., was born in London on January 23, 1879. His varied career included anthropological studies on behalf of the Egyptian Archaeological Survey of Nubia, a period as resident medical officer on the Cocos-Keeling group, professorships in the Universities of London and Hawaii and Director of Anatomy at the Pekin Union Medical College. In Australia he held the Chairs of Anatomy at Adelaide University from 1919 to 1926 and Melbourne University from 1930 to 1937. He left Australia to take the Chair of Anatomy at the University of Manchester in 1937 and later accepted the Sir William Collins Professorship of Human and Comparative Anatomy at the Royal College of Surgeons of London, which post he held until his death on September 29, 1954.

His interest and encouragement to a group of undergraduates resulted in the formation of the Melbourne University McCoy Society for Field Investigation and Research. President of the Society from 1935 to 1937, Professor Wood

Royal Australasian

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	£216	12	6
Fully-paid Membership Fund	90	9	0
Special Purpose Accounts—			
Grant—Sir Edward Hallstrom	£200	0	0
Grant—M. A. Ingram Trust (unexpended portion of £400)	322	15	0
		522	15 0
Fifty Years Index Account—			
Grant—Commonwealth Government ..	£370	0	0
Grant—M. A. Ingram Trust	250	0	0
Donations from Members	84	7	6
		704	7 6
N. J. Favaloro Trust Fund—			
(invested as per contra £170, plus £10 received during year)	£180	0	0
One-third Share of Income to date ..	3	10	2
		183	10 2
Accumulation Account—			
1/1/1954—Cr. Balance being Surplus of Assets over Liabilities, as per Balance Sheet 31/12/1953	£3,256	15	6
Add Sale of Cayley Paintings	6	6	0
Add Adjustment of Trust Account, State Savings Bank of Victoria	4	15	11
Add Net Income for year 1954, as per Statement of Receipts and Expenditure	338	16	3
		3,606	13 8
		£5,324	7 10

Jones was leader of the two expeditions to Lady Julia Percy Island and the Sir Joseph Banks group.

A vigorous exponent of the tenet that structure is the ultimate expression of function, his dissertations on biological theory were so original in thought and lucid in expression that they compelled critical examination, not infrequently ruffling the dignity of certain of his contemporaries who would seem to have preferred an undisturbed 'orthodoxy'. His zest for knowing, his exceptional talent for observation, and his originality in exposition found expression in an impressive series of publications, including standard works on his main subject, collected essays in both academic and lighter vein, and a large number of papers in learned journals. In all his activities he was a source of inspiration to his contemporaries and students.

Professor Wood Jones' interest in Australian birds centred mainly around the Tubinares, on which he published thirteen papers, the most important being three dealing with the olfactory organs of those birds (*Emu*, 36, 4; 37, 1 and 2).

Of his generation, Frederic Wood Jones was pre-eminently worthy of the appellation, in its original connotation, of 'a curious gentleman'.—J.A.T.

Ornithologists Union

DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS				
Cash at Bank—Commonwealth Bank of Australia	£624	19	10	
Subscriptions in Arrears (estimated)	50	0	0	
Library (estimated)	1,000	0	0	
Furniture and Specimens	280	0	0	
Stock (estimated)—				
Blocks	£10	0	0	
Copies of <i>Emu</i>	150	0	0	
Checklist	50	0	0	
		210	0	0
Fifty Years Index—				
Expenditure to date	£618	2	0	
Less Sales	98	14	0	
		519	8	0
N. J. Favaloro Trust Fund — Invested Commonwealth				
Government Inscribed Stock (face value)	170	0	0	
Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock (face value)	1,470	0	0	
Loan—State Electricity Commission of Victoria (face				
value of debentures held by Commonwealth Trading				
Bank of Australia)	1,000	0	0	

£5,324 7 10

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE			
Cost of publication and distribution of <i>Emu</i> —			
Printing	£707	12	2
Illustrations	242	1	11
Index and Reprints	6	16	4
Postage	30	9	3
			£986 19 8
Library Expenses			4 8 11
Insurance			6 6 8
Stamps and Telegrams			60 1 2
Typing			50 18 0
Printing and Stationery			95 2 3
Advertising			3 18 8
Rent of Premises, Electric Light, etc.			58 1 11
Bank Charges and Exchange			18 0
Sundry Expenses			4 4 5
Subscription—Victorian National Parks Association			2 2 0
Net Income for Year 1954			338 16 3
			£1,611 17 11

TRUST ACCOUNT AS AT

LIABILITIES			
Amount at credit, 1/1/1954	£1,076	10	5
Add Interest State Savings Bank Deposit		2	8
			£1,076 13 1
Less Amount in Trust Account (State Savings Bank Deposit) transferred to Accumulation	£4	15	11
Accumulated Interest to 1/6/1954 transferred to Income	1	17	2
			6 13 1
			£1,070 0 0

The Bank pass-books and statements have been examined; the certificates of the Inscribed Stock registered in the name of the Union and in the names of the Trustees, received direct from the Registrar of the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock, also certificate of debentures received direct from the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, are in agreement with the face value figures shown in the Balance Sheet and Trust Account.

Audited and found correct,

HUGH C. E. STEWART,

Hon. Auditor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

		INCOME					
Subscriptions . . . . .	..	£1,125	16	2			
Subscriptions in Arrears (estimated) ..		50	0	0			
					£1,175	16	2
Donations to Illustration Fund—							
From Members . . . . .	..	£35	0	1			
Camp-out Surplus		50	0	0			
					85	0	1
Sales of <i>Emu</i> . . . . .	..	£42	13	10			
Sales of <i>Checklist</i>		7	10	0			
					50	3	10
Contributions towards cost of article in <i>Emu</i>		£5	0	0			
Colour Blocks and Printing <i>Cisticola</i> article							
in <i>Emu</i> ; late T. Givens		47	5	0			
					52	5	0
Proportion of Grants from M. A. Ingram Trust towards							
publication of <i>Emu</i>					127	15	0
Advertisements in <i>Emu</i>					12	10	0
					£1,503	10	1
Interest on Commonwealth Govt. Stock ..		£85	5	0			
Interest on Deposits—							
State Savings Bank of Victoria		17	7	0			
Trust A/c, State Savings Bank of Victoria		1	17	2			
					104	9	2
International Com'tee for Bird Preservation		£3	15	0			
<i>Less</i> remitted		3	10	0			
						5	0
N. J. Favaloro Trust Account—							
Two-thirds of Income to date					3	13	8
					£1,611	17	1

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HOWARD JARMAN,
Hon. Treasurer.