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Medals presented—

- 1923. Sir. T. W. Edgeworth David, K.B.E., C.M.G., F.R.S., F.G.S.
- 1925. Professor F. Wood-Jones, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Sc.
- 1929. R. J. Tillyard, M.A., Sc.D. (Cantab.), D.Sc., F.R.S., F.N.Z.Inst., F.L.S.
- 1934. Professor W. J. Dakin, D.Sc., Professor of Zoology, University of Sydney.

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ADDENDUM

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The Royal Society of Tasmania (RST) was formed in 1843. It was the first Royal Society outside the United Kingdom, and its mission is the advancement of knowledge. The work of the Royal Society of Tasmania includes: Promoting Tasmanian historical, scientific and technological knowledge for the benefit of Tasmanians, Fostering Tasmanian public engagement and participation in the quest for objective knowledge, Recognising excellence in academia and supporting Tasmanian academic excellence, and. The Royal Society Library and Archives are an accessible treasure trove of scientific history. It is quite easy to lose yourself in obscure books of 1827 Society meeting reports or carefully preserved letters to Fellows exchanged two centuries ago. The register of gifts is another intriguing repository of generosity from individuals wishing to donate their contribution to scientific progress. It had been inscribed in October 1843 with the words "For the Royal Society, Presented by Mrs Atkins". The first page was dedicated to her father John George Children FRS (1777-1852) who had nurtured Anna's artistic and scientific interests from an early age. Anna's cyanotype photographic images were created as an accompaniment to William Henry Harvey's 1841 British Algae. The Royal Society of Tasmania was founded on 14 October 1843 as the Botanical and Horticultural Society of Van Dieman's Land. Its first president was the Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony, Sir John Eardley Wilmot. On 12 September the following year Queen Victoria consented to becoming Patron of the Society, and the Society was named The Royal Society of Van Dieman's Land for Horticulture, Botany, and the Advancement of Science. It was the first 'Royal Society' formed outside Great Britain. The Royal Society of Tasmania supports the advancement of knowledge. Monthly meetings are held in both Hobart and Launceston. Annual volumes of papers are published, and it has libraries in Hobart and Launceston. 220 the royal society of tasmania, 1843-1943. Memorial funds and medals. Morton Allport Memorial Fund (1879) The sum of £200 was raised by special subscription as a memorial to Morton. Allport, a generous donor of collections to the Museum and a contributor of numerous papers, who also took an active interest in the introduction of salmon and other trout. The income accruing from the Memorial Fund is applied to the purchase of scientific books. R. M. Johnston Memorial Fund (1920) The sum of £230 was subscribed as a memorial to R. M. Johnston, Government. Statistician, a member of the Society f