

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE

April 30, 1940.

The Committee of Management of the Scott Polar Research Institute beg leave to present to the Senate their Annual Report.

On the outbreak of war the Committee decided that the more valuable exhibits in the Institute must be removed from the risk of air raid damage, and this was done. The absence of much that is usually available to visitors, and the possibility of financial difficulties, made it advisable to close the building to the public. All other activities, however, have been continued as before, including the publication of an unusually large number of *The Polar Record*. Two rooms have been rented to the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning, the Director's Room and one of the Research Rooms being vacated for this purpose. The other Research Room has been occupied throughout the year by Brian Roberts, of Emmanuel College, a Research Student of the University.

In spite of the upheaval due to a state of war, gifts for the Institute have continued to come in from friends, three of whom may be mentioned. Mrs F. G. Jackson has presented a large collection of her husband's polar material, most of which was connected with the Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition of 1894-97. Mr and Mrs T. W. Bagshawe have founded a much-needed fund for museum cases, a very costly item for the Institute, with a donation of £50; and Mr R. W. Oates has continued his generous contributions to the Library.

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Page 67, line 13. *For Valdez anchorage read Valdez, Anchorage.*