Tariff will be £1/5/- per person but EVERY EFFORT will be made to reduce this price.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Are now due and will be received by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss J. Rowan, 17 Corrimo l Street, Wollongong.

Subscription £1/1/-, plus 10/6 for each additional member of the same household.

Life Membership £10/10/-.

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Please note that if you attain your 70th birthday this year and have been a member for the past ten (10) years you are exempt from the subscription.

You are respectfully reminded that our Constitution provides Members who do not pay the Annual Subscription prior to 30th April are deemed unfinancial!

OBITUARY:

Once again we mourn the passing of an old and valued friend of the Society in the person of James Jervis, A.S.T.C., Fellow, Councillor and Hon. Research Secretary (1949-61), R.A.H.S., who died on April 11th, at the age of 79.

Jim Jervis was one of those fast diminishing band of "Royal" stalwarts who took an active interest in our Society from its foundation. During the years 1945-1957 he was an annual visitor and guided us on some half dozen excursions. Those of us doing research found him always ready to help and he must have spent countless hours on Society and personal queries. His "Illawarra — A Century of History" in Vol. XXVII, R.A.H.S. Journal (1942) is still the "bible" of local research students.

Mr. Jervis, a schoolteacher by profession, as a young man spent some years in the Robertson area and he never lost his love for it and the Illawarra.

He was recognised as the leading topographical historian of N.S.W. and a paper entitled "Exploration and History of Settlement in North-West N.S.W." appeared in the R.A.H.S. Journal the day before his death.

To his widow, daughter and sister our deepest sympathy.

APRIL MEETING:

There was an attendance of 36 to hear a talk by Mr. D. C. Owen entitled "Some History of The Owen Family" which he illustrated by pictures, antiques, etc. The Owens have been in Illawarra for some 120 years and have played an important part in its history. Mr. Owen’s talk is not yet ready for publication.

NEW PUBLICATIONS:

We bring to your notice three recent publications on the life of the district, all of which will be very useful to the future historian.

"THE BELLAMBI COAL COMPANY LIMITED":

Issued late 1962 and gratis. 20 pages with cover, 8½" x 11".

Gives a picture of the Company’s operations, beautifully printed and illustrated.

"A HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE KIAMA DISTRICT":

A 16 page with cover 8 Vo. publication to commemorate the Presbyterian centenary, March 1863-1963, it is based on a history compiled by the Rev. J. Mullan, Minister 1949-1953, with additions by the Rev. M. D. MacLeod, present incumbent.

Issued gratis we are advised that on application to the Presbyterian Manse, Kiama, an odd copy might be procured.