VALE:
Miss ISOBEL LEE, M.B.E. — LIFE PATRONESS:
Members will be saddened to learn that Miss Lee passed away on December 23rd.
Joining the Society in 1946, and obtaining life membership in 1961, she at all times took a keen and lively interest in the affairs, aims and work of this Society. Declining years and failing physical strength prevented her attending meetings, however our Bulletin kept her well informed and on many occasions the Society has benefited from her quiet generosity.
COUNCIL:
At the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting held on Thursday, 5th February, 1970, the following officers were elected.
Patron — Dr. H. C. Maldon (re-elected).
President — Miss P. de Jersey (elected).
Senior Vice-President — Mr. G. Seymour (elected).
Junior Vice-President — Mr. J. Maynes (elected).
Secretary — Mrs. Hilde J. Shaw (elected).
Treasurer — Mr. H. McCarthy (elected).
Hon. Research Secretary — Mr. W. A. Bayley (re-elected).
Hon. Curator — To be filled by Council.
Councillors — Mrs. M. M. Evans, Mrs. M. E. Howells, Mrs. E. Mackreth, Miss P. Merrett, Mr. E. Beale (re-elected).
This is the first year that the Society has had a woman in the office of President.
Throughout the year we have not had an appointed Museum Curator and Mrs. Evans accepted the position on a temporary basis until a permanent appointment was made by Council. The Society is indebted to Mrs. Evans for continuing in the office of Curator throughout the year, as the Council has been unable to make an appointment.
COUNCIL MEETINGS:
There were ten ordinary Council Meetings and one extra-ordinary Council Meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of 9. Three months leave of absence from the Council was ganted to Mr. G. Seymour during his journey overseas.
MONTHLY MEETINGS:
5/2/70 Annual General Meetings and Election of Officers for the year 1970. Slides from the Society’s collection were later screened.
5/3/70 “The Oldest Road”, Mr. W. G. McDonald (Past President), Illustrated. The speaker considered, with respect to previous theories, that in the light of additional information the descent of the range by Throsby, Macquarie, etc. would have been at a point about three-quarters of a mile south of the head of Bulli Pass, and almost due west of Bulli Public School. Analysis of early travellers’ accounts and old maps weigh heavily in favour of this theory, and ground examination following the 1968 bush fires revealed unmistakable vestiges of a road descending the range at this point.