

THE WIRELESS INSTITUTE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the Wireless Institute of Australia (Tasmanian Division) was held last evening at the Masonic-hall. The President (Colonel O. L. Olden) presided over a large attendance.

Owing to a dispute having arisen in the course of the preliminary committee meeting the secretary of the Institute (Mr. Geo. A. Collie) vacated this position, and Mr. T. Watkins was elected acting secretary.

The President read the report for the year, in the course of which it was stated that the council had arranged and carried out a programme of activities, and had been successful in bringing the Institute prominently under the notice of the public by giving demonstrations. The council was now pleased to report steady progress. During the past twelve months the council had received rather a set back, owing to an atmosphere of antagonism displayed by some so-called enthusiasts; owing to this the council had not been able to carry out all its arrangements, and recommended that a council be appointed which would have the full confidence of all experimenters in Tasmania. The demonstration given in the City-hall had not been the success the council anticipated, but despite the many interferences, they had been successful in receiving music, and it was heard and danced to by those present. The City-hall was the biggest one in Australia in which a demonstration had been attempted. Mr. W. L. Scanlon, the division's first secretary, had tendered his resignation during November, 1923, owing to pressure of business; the council desired to place on record their appreciation of the good work done by the late secretary during the formation of the division. Members wished to congratulate Mr. T. W. Watkins on his appointment as Honorary State Inspector, and trusted that all experimenters would give him their support and assistance. In addition to those mentioned elsewhere in this report, the thanks of the Institute were due to the following:—Mr. Lucas (City-hall); Miss Dalton and members of the Gaiety Orchestra; Mr. F. Bennett; Mr. H. Webster, the Auto Equipment Company.

The financial position of the division was not very satisfactory.

The council considered that the prospects for wireless experimenting in Tasmania, generally, were particularly bright.

The officers elected for the year were as follows:—President, Colonel O. L. Olden; vice-presidents, Father Roach, Mr. Peterson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Crockett; Council, Messrs. C. E. Johnston, C. Monk, G. Adams, W. Donohue, S. Deegan. On the motion of Mr. E. Baring the council elected for the year consisted entirely of experimenters.

The President, in summing up the Institute's activities during its first year, expressed the wish that the work undertaken during the coming year would not be upset by petty troubles amongst the members, as had been the case in the past.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in next week's "Illustrated Tasmanian Mail."