

## OBITUARY

### FRANK ANGEL, 1876-1969

The Association lost one of its oldest members with the death of Frank Angel on October 5, 1969. Born July 1, 1876, with a twin brother, who predeceased him by three years, he was one of a family of twelve. He was educated at the then highly regarded, but now defunct, Whinham College of North Adelaide to which he daily walked from Norwood. On completing his education he entered the firm of Kronheimner Ltd., the forerunner in South Australia of W. D. & H. O. Wills Ltd., and remained in the one place of employment for the whole of his working life.

In 1913 he joined the Association and when Robert Crompton enlisted in 1915 he became Acting Secretary and then Honorary Secretary until March, 1920. After occupying the position of President for one year he became in 1921 a member of the Editorial Committee, a post he held for more than 20 years. This splendid service was rewarded with Honorary Membership in 1949.

As a young man he was very interested in physical culture and at one time was champion gymnast of South Australia. He hardly had a day's sickness up to the day he died. The possessor of a fine baritone voice he was a member of the Unitarian Church Choir for a record period of 70 years. In 1912 he was a member of the *RAOU* Camp-Out at Flinders Island (Bass Strait) and about 1915 was one of a group of Naturalists who visited Moolooloo Station in the Flinders Ranges. He was closely associated with many of the State's great field workers such as Edwin Ashby, Prof. J. B. Cleland, Symonds Clark, Prof. Howchin and Capt. S. A. White.

Like his twin brother he became at an early age very interested in entomology, particularly in butterflies. This interest infected his great friend Frank Parsons and they joined forces in travelling over much of Australia collecting specimens. These were carefully prepared and mounted and eventually became one of the great collections of Lepidoptera. After his death this collection and a number of interesting artifacts secured in New Guinea about 1912 by his brother-in-law, Cecil Taplin, became the property of the South Australian Museum.

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