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## Excavation Fund.

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The Editor desires to report the formation of this fund. During the second year of his Presidency, Mr. Pritchard issued the following appeal to the members, and appended is the result of the response :—

TO THE MEMBERS.

In my address at the annual meeting last year, and again this year, I made special reference to the necessity, as a Society, of undertaking more definite work in the way of systematic excavating in the county, in order to throw more light upon the origin of the camps, the tumuli, and the Roman sites.

We are all aware that it is only by the help of the spade that definite results can be obtained, and it will be remembered that "*excavate*" was the key-note of the late Professor's Haverfield's address at Cirencester last September : his last public utterance on the subject.

I believe that the real life of the Society—which has so splendidly recovered from the lethargy of the war period—will depend upon more active work in the future, and before my year of office expires I am most anxious that a definite

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should be established to carry out such work.

*If every member will contribute five shillings this will guarantee a good start—some I know will give more.* I am sanguine enough to believe that every member will be fascinated by a definite policy of *research*, which in recent years we have almost wholly neglected.

Surely we may take an example from some of the younger Universities.

I am now asking you to contribute to such a fund. The result will be made known at the annual meeting on the 22nd inst., when the members present will be asked to appoint a Committee (to be elected annually) whose duty it will be to decide upon the work to be taken in hand, and report from time to time.

Our roll of members is larger than at any time in the Society's history, and as we are stronger more will be required of us.

May I ask for your kind response in course of post?

I have the honour to remain,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN E. PRITCHARD,

*President.*

Clifton, Bristol,

June 1st, 1920.

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