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GLOUCESTER ROMAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE

In his Presidential Address to the members of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society at the Annual Meeting in July 1930, Mr W. H. Knowles, F.S.A., reviewed the field research work that had taken place in Gloucestershire on British and Roman sites during the past century, and remarked on the activities at the present day of a large number of kindred societies. He suggested that the Roman area of the City of Gloucester (*Glevum*)—a subject of the first importance—should be explored in a systematic and comprehensive manner.

The Council of the Society at their meeting held 12 January 1931 discussed the proposal to form a GLOUCESTER ROMAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE and agreed that a Committee representing the civic life of the City and its scientific societies, and including persons interested in its history, should be appointed, as follows:—

- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester
- The Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester
- His Worship the Mayor of Gloucester
- The Hon. Secretary of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club
- Dr R. E. M. Wheeler, M.A., F.S.A., Keeper of the London Museum
- R. G. Collingwood, M.A., F.S.A.
- The Chairman of the Streets Committee of the Corporation of Gloucester
- The Town Clerk of Gloucester
- The City Surveyor of Gloucester
- The Curator of the Gloucester Museum
- The President of the Gloucestershire Architectural Association
- The Secretary of the Gloucestershire Architectural Association
- *The President of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society (1930-1, W. H. Knowles, F.S.A.)
- *The Chairman of the Council of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society

*The Secretary of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society

*Roland Austin, M.A., F.S.A.

*W. St. Clair Baddeley, *Chairman of Executive Committee*

*F. W. Duart-Smith, F.G.S.

T. Hannam-Clark

Colonel E. B. Jeune, D.L.

Colonel A. B. Lloyd-Baker, D.S.O.

*T. Overbury, F.R.I.B.A.

S. Pitcher

J. E. Pritchard, F.S.A.

*G. McN. Rushforth, M.A., F.S.A.

J. J. Simpson

F. W. Waller

* The Executive Committee

Hon. Secretary, L. E. W. O. Fullbrook-Leggatt, M.C., B.A.,
Wotton Lawn, Gloucester

The objects of the Committee are :—

(1) to study the antiquities of Gloucester associated with the Romano-British period and to secure their preservation ;

(2) to prepare a complete survey of the Roman site and, as opportunity may permit, to investigate its remains by excavation or other means ;

(3) to obtain on loan for exhibition in the Museum, Roman objects found in the city and now in private custody.

The Committee will be greatly assisted in their work if those who are able to do so will observe the wish expressed in no. 3 above. They also ask that the structural features of the period which may be observed during building or other operations shall be reported immediately to the Secretary in order that they may be examined by a member of the Executive Committee.

The first meeting of the Committee was held on 16 March 1931, when Mr St. Clair Baddeley was unanimously elected chairman and Mr L. E. W. O. Fullbrook-Leggatt honorary secretary.

By invitation of the Mayor of Gloucester (Councillor W. R. Eggleton) a well-attended meeting was held at the Guildhall on Thursday, 26 March, when the purpose of the Committee was explained by Mr Knowles and Mr Baddeley, and the general approval of those present was signified.

As the outcome of meetings held by the Executive Committee, and with the consent of the Governors of the Gloucester United Schools, it has been decided to cut a trench in the grounds of the Crypt School fronting Brunswick road, across the assumed site of the fortifications which surrounded Roman Glevum, and so far as may be possible determine the dimensions of the ditch and whether an earthen rampart or stone-built wall formed its further defence. The results obtained will influence the further work of the Committee. Excavation was begun on 1 June but owing to the date of the issue of the *Transactions* it is not possible to include a report.