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OBITUARY

by THE EDITOR

MR HERBERT JENNER-FUST, M.A., who died 11 November 1940, in his 100th year, was elected a member in 1906. He was interested in the work of the Society and served on the Council from 1917 to 1926. He was an authority on Local Government matters and took a considerable part in county affairs. His principal interest lay in the history of his family and its estates at Hill, near Berkeley, which had been held for over 300 years. There is at Hill a valuable collection of deeds and records relating to the lands, from which Mr Jenner-Fust compiled a detailed account of their descent, and of the members of the family, some of whom held high position in the legal profession. Though he would not be persuaded to publish the results of his long study of the muniments he was induced to write an account of the Manor of Hill for our *Transactions* (volume 54, 1931). At this time he was in his 90th year and up to his death retained perfectly clear knowledge of all that concerned his affairs.

MR JOHN E. PRITCHARD, F.S.A., who died 22 December 1940, was elected to membership of the Society in 1886 and had been very closely associated with it for 54 years. He served on the Council for 42 years, was secretary for Bristol from 1901 to 1910, President of the Society 1918-19 and 1919-20, and Chairman of Council 1920-24, his term being extended for an extra year owing to special reasons at the time. No one was more loyal to the Society or worked so constantly for its interest and advancement.

As an instance of his pertinacity it may be mentioned that during the first nine months of his secretaryship for Bristol he was responsible for the election of 55 new members. His care for the antiquities of Bristol is well known, and the record which is shown in our *Transactions*

by his long series of 'Bristol Archaeological Notes' is sufficient evidence of his thoroughness. He kept an eagle eye on every excavation which took place in Bristol, and it may be said that whenever and wherever a hole was dug, Pritchard was at once a vigilant observer, and, what is equally important, a careful recorder. One example of his persistence is shown in the case of the 'Dutch House', now alas destroyed through enemy action. Some will still remember the diversity of opinion among the Bristol City Council as to the preservation of the building, and that the decision to retain it was carried by only one vote. Even that was due in great measure to Pritchard, for he visited and saw every member of the City Council in his anxiety that the building should not be pulled down. His interest in archaeological matters was indeed very wide, and there are many libraries and other institutions throughout the country to which he presented books and antiquities.

At the meeting of the full Council held at Gloucester on 29 April 1941 the following record was approved for entry on the Minutes :—

That this Council record their deep appreciation of the great services rendered to the Society by Mr John E. Pritchard, F.S.A., for more than fifty years, and of his untiring interest in the preservation of the Antiquities of Bristol, and request the President to convey to Mrs Pritchard their sense of the loss which she and the Society have sustained.

SIR FRANCIS ADAMS HYETT, who died 19 May 1941 in his 97th year, had been a member for 61 years, having been elected in 1880, three years after taking up residence at Painswick House on the death of his father, William Henry Hyett. He was elected a member of Council in July 1888 and served the Society in one capacity and another for almost 53 years. He was elected a vice-President in 1898 and President in 1903. He was the first Chairman of

Council when the office was altered in 1917, its tenure being then limited to three years. Previously it had been almost a 'life' holding. He was assiduous in his attention to the business of the Society and presided over every meeting until his term ended in 1920. He contributed many papers to the *Transactions*, each one showing the deep knowledge he possessed of all that relates to the history of Gloucestershire and the eminent persons connected with events in the county. His last papers are printed in volume 51, and were written in his 86th year. His special interests lay in the history of Gloucester, and his volume entitled *Gloucester in National History* (1906) is a model of what a town-history should be. Its writing was prompted by the fact that the city was not included—as it might well have been—in the 'Historic Towns' series edited by E. A. Freeman and William Hunt. He also wrote a history of Painswick (1928), his native place, where his forbears had lived for some 200 years. His place in authorship is secured by the *Bibliographer's Manual of Gloucestershire Literature*, which included the city of Bristol, prepared in collaboration with Canon William Bazeley, who was so closely associated with our Society for over 40 years. The *Manual* was published in three volumes in 1895 to 1897, and took its place as one of the best—indeed if not the best—of county bibliographies. As an example of careful planning, useful arrangement, and of personal knowledge of the printed matter relating to a county, its value in bibliographical literature is assured. Not content with this Sir Francis conceived the plan of a supplement to the *Manual* in the form of a biographical bibliography of printed matter relating to men and women connected with the county, and Bristol, by birth, office or long residence, in the compilation of which he was joined by Roland Austin. The supplement (2 vols.) was published in 1915-16 and in its arrangement is the only one of its kind. It is now 44 years since the *Manual* was completed, and

since then a considerable collection of matter relating to Gloucestershire and Bristol has been written, while in the course of years notes of publications which escaped even the attention of Sir Francis and Canon Bazeley have accumulated as the basis for a supplement of references to the topographical and historical books and pamphlets before 1897, as well as those published since. The Society would be doing useful work by undertaking its publication. For nearly 70 years Sir Francis Hyett was very closely concerned with county administration, and in many other ways was outstanding in all that he did. He was elected to honorary membership of the Society in 1919.

RANDAL THOMAS MOWBRAY BERKELEY, the eighth and last Earl of Berkeley, was born 30 January 1865; he died 15 January 1942. The title had not been assumed for some 70 years, but in 1891 the late Earl laid a claim before the Committee of Privileges which was allowed. On the death of his kinsman, Lord Fitzhardinge (1916), the castle came into his possession, and for the remainder of his life it may be said that its history and restoration were his chief interest. In the course of the work undertaken by the Earl many features of archaeological value were made known and are carefully recorded in the article contributed to our *Transactions* (LX, 308-39). His scientific attainments were recognized in 1908 by the Royal Society electing him a Fellow in virtue of the researches carried on in his laboratory at Oxford, and his published papers. Lord Berkeley did not take any part in the Society's work but when the great meeting was held at Gloucester in 1926 and he was asked to allow members to visit the castle, permission was given at once, and all parts of it were thrown open, a privilege not enjoyed for many years.

One of Lord Berkeley's intimate friends wrote an interesting appreciation in *THE TIMES* of 21 January

1942 in the course of which he said that the Earl's interest in Science was first awakened in his school holidays by talks with Bidder, the 'calculating boy', then an old man, who thrilled him with his lightning calculations. His friend says that 'within a few years of starting from scratch Lord Berkeley produced a series of papers which still stand as a classical contribution in a most difficult experimental field'.

REV. C. ERNEST WATSON, who died 1 August 1942, became a member in 1938. He had for many years shown the great power he possessed in probing into the past, and the history of Stroud, Rodborough, and other districts had engaged his close attention. In 1933 the Society was fortunate in receiving the result of such studies in his account of the Minchinhampton Custumal, and its place in the history of that manor, which by the persuasion of the editor he allowed to be published in the *Transactions* (LIV, 203-384). That survey is one of the outstanding articles in our volumes and ranks with those written by Sir John Maclean and Rev. Charles Taylor. Mr Watson was elected a member of the Council in 1939 and the help he would have given in the publication of the *Transactions* will be missed. For volume 61 he made a most careful analysis of the Spillman Cartulary, which was found at Frampton on Severn by the editor.

The death of EDWARD CLARE SEWELL on 19 October 1942, in his 92nd year, removes the last of the 504 names in the first list of members of the Society which is bound in with the *Transactions* of 1876. Not only is he thus distinguished, for it can be said that from the time of his becoming a member to the last year of his life he retained a continuous interest in the affairs of the Society. He was present at the first meeting (Gloucester) in 1876, as the existence of the ticket issued to him proves. Sewell's name appears as meeting secretary when the Society

visited Cirencester on 8 May, 1884, and for nearly 40 years he was always ready to make plans for other visits. From 1907 to 1932, when he took up residence at Parkstone, he was Local Secretary for the Cirencester district. No one can have known more of its antiquities, and he was always ready to impart information.

One of his principal interests in later years was the care of the Corinium museum, established by the fourth Earl Bathurst, of which James Buckman, a well-known geologist and botanist, and also an archaeologist, was the first curator. An article on the Curators of the museum was written for the *Transactions* (LV, 317-21) by Sewell. He was the fifth to hold the position, and was assiduous in the care of the Roman antiquities and the many exhibits which the Museum contained, in which he was greatly helped by Mrs Sewell. Together, between 1926 and 1928, they carried out an extensive re-arrangement of the cases and did much to make the museum of real use to the town and its many visitors. Besides the article mentioned above he contributed one on the Roman Palindrome in the museum (*Transactions*, LVII, 152-7), and a note on the Roman pavement at the Barton in Cirencester Park discovered in 1825, which is described by Mr A. H. Powell (*Transactions*, XXXIII, 69-79).

Sewell was for many years interested in forming a collection of the best-known works relating to Gloucestershire and was one of a few who gave much bibliographical information in the compilation of Hyett's *Manual of Gloucestershire Literature*.

By the death of WILLIAM HENRY KNOWLES on 18 January 1943 the Society has lost a member of outstanding reputation, a great authority on the subjects in which he was interested, and a personality which had a long record. Though by birth a North-countryman in every sense, when he came south twenty years ago Knowles showed the keenest interest in the Society's affairs and

it continued to the very last. He was born 14 May 1857 at Newcastle upon Tyne, where he was educated, and later practised as an architect for nearly forty years, making a reputation in the North which few have attained.

Apart from his profession Knowles gave much time to the study of Archaeology, the development of Ecclesiastical Building, and particularly to Roman remains, for which his residence in the north gave endless scope and of which he took every advantage. For several years he directed many important excavations at Corbridge, Alnwick, Tynemouth and elsewhere. He was a prominent member of the Society of Antiquaries of London (elected in 1899) and also of the Antiquaries of Newcastle (elected 1884) and was the senior Fellow of the latter at the time of his death. Some of his best-known work was connected with the 'History of Northumberland', published by a Committee of which he was a member, and he contributed plans and drawings to several of the volumes.

Knowles came south in 1922, residing at Cheltenham, and was elected a member of our Society 9 April 1923, and on 14 January 1924 was elected to the Council, a vacancy having occurred and the opportunity seized in order to obtain the benefit of his long experience. He was constant in his attendance at meetings. He became vice-Chairman of the Council, 5 July 1927 and Chairman 8 July 1930, serving in each case for the usual three years. He was elected President of the Society for the year 1930-31.

It is difficult to refer to all that Knowles did for the Society and the only complete record is shown in volumes 47 to 60 of our *Transactions*, in all of which his name appears in one way and another. However there is one particular piece of work which stands out as an example of his interest—the formation of the Roman Research Committee for Gloucester which he established. In his address as President of the Society he referred to excavations in Gloucester undertaken by John Bellows and St.

Clair Baddeley, and suggested that the time had arrived when something on a sensible scale should be done by the Society on a site of prime importance, and to give effect to the purpose he had in mind he proposed that a special Committee be formed. The result was that the Council at their meeting 12 January 1931 agreed that a Committee representing the civic life of Gloucester and its Scientific Societies, and including persons of prominence interested in its history should be appointed, and set out the objects of such a Committee (see *Transactions* LII, 301-2). This was followed by a meeting at Gloucester on 16 March 1932 convened by the Mayor (Mr W. R. Eggleton) when its purpose was explained by Knowles and St. Clair Baddeley. General approval was given by those present. The reports of the work undertaken are printed in *Transactions*, LIII, 267-84 (Crypt School site); LVI, 65-82 (Barbican and Bon Marché sites); LIX, 337-8 (Upper Quay street); and LX, 165-8 (Upper Quay street). These reports are examples of the careful plans and observations connected with any excavation which Knowles supervised.

Another excavation of first importance which Knowles undertook was at Deerhurst. For many years it had been felt that the unsightly buildings at the east of the church should be removed, and it was in great measure due to his influence with the Society of Antiquaries of London and elsewhere that it became possible to proceed with the first part of the work which was in mind. The Croome Estates Trustees gave general consent to the proposals made and from various bodies and donors, and from our Society, the necessary funds were forthcoming. By the wish of the Society of Antiquaries Knowles very gladly consented to direct the work. The removal of the buildings presented the opportunity for which he had long been waiting—to excavate the site of the apse and to determine the precise plan of the eastern arm of the church. The results attained gave general satisfaction

to all concerned, and particularly to the one whose influence had had so much to do with their fruition. The full report is printed in *Archaeologia* (1927), LXXVII, 141-163, with plans and plates. By permission of the Society of Antiquaries the report was printed in *Transactions* XLIX, 221-58.

A valuable piece of work which Knowles did soon after coming into the County was to prepare a report on the Roman baths at Bath for the Ancient Monuments Department.

The contributions made by Knowles to our *Transactions* are so numerous that only consultation with the general indexes to volumes 41-50 and 51-60 show their full extent. They are examples of acute observation and experience, and nearly all are made more valuable for the exact drawings and plans which they include. Those of particular note are on 'The development of Architecture in Gloucestershire before the 12th century', and his masterly papers on the Blackfriars at Gloucester, and the churches at Ashchurch, Inglesham, Elkstone, and Teddington. He established by actual measurements the fact that the 13th century fragments in Teddington church were obtained from Hayles abbey. This he was the first to notice and prove. It was not only by his papers that he conveyed so much sound information to those who wished to learn. At the meetings of the Society he was always ready to describe the architectural features of churches, castles, and other buildings, and did so in a way that all could understand. Knowles was particularly anxious to encourage the younger members attending the meetings, who regarded him with veneration. Possessed of a most friendly nature, and full of the joy of life to the end, William Henry Knowles will long be remembered both in the North and the South.

An appreciation of Knowles' work in Northumberland is recorded in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 1943, vol. 21, pp. 248-53.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY 1940-1943

The last report of proceedings of the Society was printed in *Transactions* for the year 1938-39 (volume 61). Reports for 1939-40 and 1940-1 were printed separately and sent to members. In order to continue such records, kept for so many years, some parts of these two reports are now reprinted and the financial statements summarized. It will be remembered that owing to the grave position of National Affairs in the summer of 1940 it was considered impossible to hold the usual annual business meeting, and for the first time in the history of the Society it had to be abandoned. The following particulars are taken from the report for the period 7 July 1939 to 29 October 1940.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

for the period 7 July 1939 to 29 October 1940

Owing to the outbreak of War on 3 September 1939 the full activities of the Society were at once affected. The usual Autumn and Spring meetings following that date were abandoned, and the Summer one of 1940, planned as a mere shadow of the usual full programme, was cancelled. It had been arranged as a means of keeping members in touch with one another ; saving us from a completely moribund state ; and above all by the endeavour to maintain, so far as possible, the cultural interest which in the end will prevail over any difficulty with which we are confronted. In consequence of the intense seriousness of events in June (1940) those closely concerned with the Society came to the conclusion that the meeting should not be held.

Reference was made to the effect on the Society caused by the Great War of 1914-18 (see *Transactions*, XLI, 110) and particularly to the membership.

The last meeting of the full Council was held at Bristol on 16 October 1939, it being the first over which Mr Charles Boucher presided as Chairman in succession to Mr Roland Austin who had completed the usual term of three years. A special report was submitted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee with reference to the policy which in their opinion should be adopted by the Society during the War with regard to Council meetings, General meetings, the issue of *Transactions*, and the constitution of Standing Committees. This report was very fully discussed and the following recommendations agreed:—

(1) That for the duration of the War meetings of Council and Committees be suspended and that all matters concerning the Society be delegated to the Chairman of Council, the Vice-Chairman, the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Treasurer and Editor, the General Secretary, and the Secretary for Bristol, who shall be empowered to make such decisions as may be necessary, provided that if occasion arises the Chairman shall summon a meeting of the Council.

(2) That General Meetings of the Society shall be suspended except that the Annual General Meeting for the transaction of business shall be held on a date to be arranged by the Chairman of Council.

(3) That the publications of *Transactions* be continued so far as circumstances permit.

(4) That the personnel of the Standing Committees remain as appointed in January 1939.

(5) That a leaflet as to the Society's work be issued.

(6) That the President (Roland Austin) elected for the year 1939-40 be asked to continue in office for the period of the War.

The members to whom the affairs of the Society had been delegated met at Bristol on 1 April 1940. At this meeting a statement of the finances of the Society was

submitted, and the Editor reported as to his proposals for the *Transactions*. The President then proposed that in addition to the meeting held for receiving the Council's report there should be an afternoon meeting, and that Mr C. W. Phillips, F.S.A., be invited to give an account of the discovery of the Ship-burial at Sutton Hoo, in Suffolk, which as members are aware he most kindly consented to do. All the arrangements, much to the regret of the Council, had to be abandoned.

The present membership of the Society is 492 compared with 543 in July 1939, a decrease of 51. Resignations number 38, all having occurred since War was declared. Only 14 applications for membership have been received since July 1939.

Fewer deaths (13) than usual have to be reported; they include some staunch supporters of the Society. Mr F. W. Godfrey, elected in 1900, had been our Local Secretary for the Tewkesbury district for many years and gave great help on various occasions. Canon W. C. Emeris had been a member for 52 years, from 1887. Mr F. T. S. Houghton (elected 1923) was well-known for his study of Place-Names, and the volumes for Warwickshire and Worcestershire published by the Place-Name Society owe much to his knowledge. Mr J. H. Arnold (1910) was Local Secretary for the Thornbury district, and a regular attendant at meetings. Others who have died are Mr C. F. Dawson (1924), Mr H. G. Bush (1911), Mr R. E. Bush (1905), Mr W. H. Woolley (1934), Mrs G. Montague (1929), all of Bristol; Mr Herbert Newman (1922), Colonel A. J. Palmer (1912), a life member, Mr F. Meath Baker (1933), and Capt. H. H. Willmore (1935).

The financial statement showed that income for 1939 was £438, of which £384 was from subscriptions, and £15 from the surplus on the meetings held, mainly owing to the success of the one at Gloucester. The total expenditure was £428, the principal item being £369 for volume 60

of *Transactions*. With the balance forward on 1 January 1939 the sum of £356 was in hand on 31 December.

The sixtieth volume of *Transactions* was issued on 9 October 1939. The principal contribution was that on the Diocese of Gloucester under the administration of Bishop Hooper, for which we are indebted to our Member Mr F. Douglas Price, who has been the first to study the material to be obtained from the Act Books. Volume 61 was sent to members in September 1940. For 1941 it was proposed to print a general index to volumes 51 to 60, and volume 62 would be a study of the Rolls of the Gloucestershire Sessions of the Peace for the years 1361-98, edited by Dr Elisabeth Kimball, of Westbrooke College, Portland, Maine.

The Summer meeting took place on 5 and 6 July at Gloucester. A pleasant feature of the programme was the invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress of Gloucester (Mr and Mrs G. Trevor Wellington) to a reception at the Guildhall in the evening of the first day. Members of the Corporation, the Town Clerk, and other officers were present. With the sanction of the Mayor a number of the City Charters and Council Books were selected by Mr Roland Austin and exhibited in the meeting room. They aroused much interest and as the President's address related to Local Records the exhibition was appropriate. On behalf of the Society the President expressed warm thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their kindness and hospitality.

The meeting was well attended and much pleasure was felt by the presence of Dr Hamilton Thompson, C.B.E., F.S.A., who had been invited as the Society's guest, and his knowledge of the places visited during the two days was very freely given. The thanks of the Society are also due to Captain J. S. Lowsley-Williams of Chavenage, Mr B. J. Fletcher of Daneway, and to Mr and Mrs Claud Biddulph of Rodmarton, who so kindly entertained them and did everything possible to meet the effect of a very

ANNUAL MEETING, BRISTOL, 1941

This meeting was held, by permission, at the Office of the Bristol Municipal Charities, Orchard Street, Bristol, on Monday 22 September 1941

The President : Roland Austin, in the Chair.

The report issued in November 1940 gave full particulars of decisions for dealing with the business of the Society. Meetings of the full Council were held at Bristol on 29 October 1940, at Gloucester on 29 April 1941, and a meeting of the Executive Committee on 22 September 1941.

Since October 1940 there has been a further decrease in the number of members. This was expected and the experience is not confined to ourselves, for Societies generally are feeling the effects of the War in a similar way. Figures were given in the last report as to the membership in 1914-18 and the revival which followed the end of that war. For comparison with the present position the number of members in 1914 was 566, and in 1918 it had fallen to 465. In July 1939 the number was 543 and today is 454, a decrease of 112 during the last two years. The loss by death in that time has been 28, and the number of resignations 84.

The list of deaths (15) since October 1940 includes several members who in the past have been prominent in the administration of the Society. Of some more than passing reference is necessary, and the notices of Mr John E. Pritchard, F.S.A., Mr Herbert Jenner-Fust, M.A., and Sir Francis Adams Hyett, B.A., printed in the report, are reprinted in the present volume (*see pp. 266-9*).

The Rev. H. J. Wilkins, D.D., was elected a member in 1904 and was well known for his special interest in the history of Westbury on Trym, where he was vicar from 1900 until his death on 23 June 1941. He will be remembered for the series of publications known as *Westbury and Bristol Records*, which show a remarkable instance of research in the history of a parish. Other members who

have died since last October are Mr E. W. Kendall (1924) of Bourton on the Water ; Sir John Birchall (life member from 1897) ; Mr A. S. Owen (1925) of Oxford, who took an active interest in the excavations at Salmonsbury some years ago ; Canon R. C. S. Jones (1907), formerly of Fairford and our local secretary for that district from 1919 to 1935 ; Mr H. T. Hickling (1925) of Cheltenham ; Mr Charles Bartlett (1912) of Portishead ; Mrs Walter Browne (1919) of Wotton under Edge, who in former years seldom missed the meetings ; Mr Robert Hall Warren (1920) of Bristol, member of the Council 1925-31 ; Sir Walter Essex (1923) of Bourton on the Water ; Dr T. Curtis Leman (1926) of Chipping Sodbury ; Mr H. A. Newth (1928) of Dursley.

The financial statement submitted for 1940 showed that the income was £389, and expenditure £366, of which £308 was for volume 61 of *Transactions*. The balances on 31 December were on general account £307 3s 2d, excavation account £31 15s 9d, and the Fryer bequest £41 8s 6d. The assets were £1242 17s 5d and liabilities £77 8s 3d without valuing the Society's library, which must be considerable. The books are insured for an adequate sum under the War Damage Act 1941 (part 2, business scheme) and this will be continued until the end of the War.

The special report printed after volume 61 was published stated that this year (1941) there would be a general-index to volumes 51-60 of *Transactions*, thus continuing the three earlier indexes published since 1876. A volume on the Justices of the Peace for Gloucestershire in the 14th century was in preparation by Dr Elisabeth Kimball, of Westbrooke College, Maine, U.S.A.

The question of holding meetings was discussed at some length and a vote as to the principle taken, 3 voting for and 10 against, which was considered would fairly represent the general feeling of the Society. It will be remembered that during the War of 1914-18 no such meetings were held.

Mrs E. M. Clifford, F.S.A. (SCOT.) and Professor Edward Fawcett were elected Vice-Presidents.

The President referred to certain activities promoted for the preservation of records of architectural value, such as the schemes of the National Buildings Record, the Central Council for the Care of Churches, the Courtauld Institute of Art, and the Architectural Records Committees formed in various counties.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1940

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
Balances 1 Jan. 1940			<i>Transactions, v. 61</i>	£308	2 7
General Fund ..	£285	1 5	Library	29	8 10
Excavations Fund	31	0 3	Printing, etc. ..	4	2 7
Fryer Bequest ..	40	8 6	East Window, Cathedral	10	0 0
Subscriptions ..	344	7 6	General payments	12	5 4
Donations	4	4 0	Repayments ..	2	2 0
Dividends	22	15 0			
Publications ..	7	18 6		£366	1 4
Interest	10	6 7	Balances		
Sundries	7	0	31 December 1940	380	7 5
				£746	8 9
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LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Excavations Fund ..	£31	15 9	War Stock (650) ..	£650	0 0
Fryer Bequest ..	41	8 6	Savings Certificates	212	10 0
Advance payments ..	4	4 0	Lloyds Bank.. ..	69	6 6
Surplus			Post Office	311	0 11
General Fund ..	1165	9 2			
				£1242	17 5
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ANNUAL MEETING, GLOUCESTER, 1942

The President: Roland Austin in the Chair.

The meeting was held on 10 September, 1942. The report of the Council showed that the number of members was 438, 5 new members having been elected during the year, and that 13 had died. Some were of many years standing, in one case for 51 years, and another for 41.

Mr Albert J. Stevens, elected in 1890, at one time attended our meetings regularly. Mr J. D. Thorp, elected 1925, will be remembered for his account of the rectors of Coates, and the detailed history of the parish printed in *Transactions*, vol. 50. Mr C. B. Fry, F.S.A., had completed 41 years of membership, and was President in 1932-33, when he received the Society at his home at Hannington. He wrote a history of Hannington Manor, which was printed for private circulation.

The Earl of Berkeley, elected 1918, contributed to *Transactions*, vol. 60, pp. 308-39, an account of the discoveries he made at Berkeley Castle, and during the Gloucester meeting of 1926 he gave the Society the privilege of visiting the Castle, which it had not done since the meeting of 1905. (See obituary, pp. 269-70). A great loss is felt by the death of the Rev. C. Ernest Watson, of Rodborough, who became a member in 1938. (See obituary, p. 270).

Though not contributors to the *Transactions* other members who were interested in the work of the Society were Mr Roger Ford, a life member from 1901, Sir Stanley Tubbs (1905), Mrs R. B. Martin (1933), Mrs Philip Percival (1919), Dr L. Wilkin (1914), Mr G. R. Barlow (1924), and Mrs Robert Morley.

The present constitution of the Society is 37 life members, 349 subscribing members, 51 libraries and institutions, and one honorary member, a total of 438.

The accounts for 1941 presented by the Treasurer included the following information. Income from subscriptions, dividends, etc. was £349 19s 2d, the balance on 1 January 1941 being £380 7s 5d. Owing to the difficulty in printing, the volume for 1941 was delayed and so expenditure was only £154 15s 6d, of which £91 15s was paid on account of the work so far done. The general expenditure for the report for 1939-40, War Damage Act, the library, and meetings, etc. was £63 0s 6d. A balance of £575 11s 1d was carried forward

ANNUAL MEETING, BRISTOL, 1943

The President : Roland Austin, in the Chair

The 67th annual meeting of the Society was held on 14 July in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Bristol, by the kind permission of the Lord Mayor (H. A. Wall, Esq.), who welcomed the members and referred to the formation of the Society in Bristol in 1876.

A report of the Council for the period September 1941 to December 1942 was issued to members on 13 March 1943, and therefore the one presented at the meeting was very brief. Particulars of the financial statement were given.

Reference was made to the lecture on Anglo-Saxon art delivered by Mr T. D. Kendrick, F.S.A., Keeper of the British and Medieval Antiquities in the British Museum, at a joint meeting with the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club in Cheltenham in April. There was a large attendance and much interest shown in the subject, of which Mr Kendrick is an acknowledged authority.

The report stated that Mr W. E. Lovegrove, F.S.A., owing to removal to Abergavenny, had resigned as the Society's representative on the Campden Town Trust and that Professor E. T. Campagnac, M.A., had consented to take his place.

The President reported that at a meeting of the full Council held on 10 June it was resolved that the powers given (by resolution of 16 October 1939) to certain Officers of the Society to act as an Executive Committee of the Council should be discontinued, and that the Council would resume its full functions.

At the same Meeting it was recommended that Mr Charles E. Boucher, B.Sc., Mr Henley Evans, F.S.A. and Mr W. E. Lovegrove, F.S.A. be elected vice-Presidents, and that Miss E. Ralph, archivist to the Bristol Corporation, be appointed Secretary for Bristol in the place of Mr C. Roy Hudleston, who had resigned as he was now living in the north of England.

The following were nominated as Local Secretaries :— Gloucester, Mrs E. M. Clifford, F.S.A. (SCOT.); Newent, Mr Harold Trew, F.R.I.B.A.; Wotton under Edge, Miss Joan Evans, D.LITT., D.LIT., F.S.A.

Some particulars of the financial statement for 1942 were given. The subscriptions received for that year were £304—compared with 1939 this was a decrease of £80. With the balance from 1941 the total income was £930. Expenditure came to £356, of which £280 was for the amount due on the two volumes issued in 1942. The balance on 31 December 1942 was £573.

The general index to *Transactions* 51-60 had been published. The 'Rolls of the Gloucestershire Sessions of the Peace for 1361 to 1398', also issued, was an important contribution to Gloucestershire Records and had met with appreciation in the United States and Canada. (Volume 63 of *Transactions* was in preparation for issue in the Autumn).

The President mentioned various matters concerning the Society and stated that the membership that day numbered 424, compared with 438 the year before. He had hopes of a revival of interest in the Society and this had been shown by the recent election of several new members in Bristol. The Society was fortunate in the appointment of Miss E. Ralph as Secretary for Bristol. The printed report issued in March made reference to the death of several prominent members who in the past had done much for the Society, especially Mr E. C. Sewell, Mr W. H. Knowles, F.S.A., Dr Fawcett, F.R.S., and the Rev. C. E. Watson. He also referred to the death (1 March 1943) of Mr Alfred Bruce Robinson, of Bristol, who by his will, lately made known, had bequeathed to the Society a reversionary sum of £5000. Mr Robinson joined the Society in 1938 and was very interested in its purpose. He was an assiduous collector of Bristol books and of those relating generally to Gloucestershire. The bequest to the Society opens up the

prospect in years to come of great development. It may be many years before it takes effect and all will wish that it be so for the sake of Mrs Bruce Robinson, who joined with her husband in making such a magnificent bequest to the Society. Many of us may not be here to assist in determining the use to which it shall be put, but we may feel sure it will receive most careful thought and that Mr Robinson's name will be associated with it in every way.

Reference was also made to the decision of the Congress of Archaeological Societies at a meeting in London to set up a Council of British Archaeology, which would include representatives of the Societies, grouped as may be found most suitable, and that another meeting of the Congress would be held to receive the recommendations of the Committee appointed to report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1942

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
Balances 1 Jan. 1942			<i>Transactions</i> ..	£280	2 11
General Fund ..	£502	2 6	Library	43	5 9
Excavations Fund	32	11 3	War Damage		
Fryer Bequest ..	40	17 4	Insurance ..	9	0 0
Subscriptions ..	309	2 6	Theatre Royal, Bristol	10	0 0
Donations	2	2 0	Subscription ..	2	0 0
Dividends	22	15 0	General payments	12	8 10
Sales	8	6 6			
Interest	12	16 0			
				<hr/>	<hr/>
			Balances	£356	17 6
			31 December 1942	573	15 7
				<hr/>	<hr/>
	£930	13 1		£930	13 1
				<hr/>	<hr/>
LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Excavations Fund ..	£33	7 3	War Stock (650) ..	£650	0 0
Fryer Bequest	16	6 4	Savings Certificates..	225	0 0
Advance payments ..	5	5 0	<i>Transactions</i> ..	41	6 8
			Lloyds Bank.. ..	48	16 6
			Post Office	524	19 1
	£54	18 7			
Surplus					
General Fund ..	1435	3 8			
	£1490	2 3		£1490	2 3
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AFTERNOON MEETING

Members met at the Theatre Royal, the whole premises being thrown open for their pleasure. Mr Wilfrid Leighton, F.S.A., the Chairman of the Preservation Committee, gave some particulars of the circumstances which led up to the eventual restoration and preservation of the Theatre, and Mr James Ross, M.A., City Librarian, read a most informative paper on its early history and associations. A collection of play-bills and other documents relating to the past days of the Theatre had been arranged.

Members were taken to see some of the sites of bombed churches in the City and then to John Wesley's Chapel in Broadmead, a building of very great interest. Its history was described by Rev. Frederic Platt, D.D., to whom the members were most indebted by the intimate acquaintance which he possesses of Wesley's work.

The agenda paper prepared for the meeting included notices of District Meetings arranged for 17 August at Cirencester, 8 September at Wells, and 22 September at Tewkesbury.

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

ANNUAL MEETING, 29 October 1940

The annual meeting of the Archaeological Trust was held at Bristol, Mr Wilfrid Leighton, F.S.A., in the chair. The Chairman presented the report of the Council and the statement of accounts for the year 1939, both of which were approved.

REPORT FOR 1939

No new Trusts were accepted during the past year. Mr H. Stratton Davis, the Hon. Secretary, being now engaged on Government work which necessitates his absence from Gloucester, the administration of the Trust has been taken over temporarily by the Chairman.

The accounts for 1939 show a balance in hand on account of the Trust Income of £51 12s 3d, which is a few shillings less than the balance at the commencement of the year.

Arlington Row, Bibury

The Local Management Committee report that the property is in good order and all the rents have been paid punctually. During the year payments on account of the property exceeded receipts by £5 12s 6d, but there was a balance in hand at the end of the year of £67 6s 4d. The thanks of the Council are due to the Committee and in particular to Colonel W. E. Longfield, for their continued interest and work.

The death during the past year of Colonel A. J. Palmer is much regretted; he was one of the original members of the Committee. The Council recommend that Mr

THE BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 December 1939

RECEIPTS	£	s	d	EXPENDITURE	£	s	d
To BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 31 DECEMBER 1938	49	17	10	By POSTAGES	2	5	
„ DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS	2	2	0	„ ANNUAL RETURN FORM AND STAMPS ..	5	2	
„ ARLINGTON ROW, BIBURY Surplus as at 31 December 1938	72	18	10	„ BALANCE AT BANK, 31 DECEMBER 1939 GENERAL FUND	51	12	3
Less excess of payments over receipts for year to 31 December 1939	5	12	6	„ ARLINGTON ROW COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, BALANCE IN HAND ..	67	6	4
	67	6	4		7	7	
	£119	6	2		£119	6	2
	BALANCE SHEET, 31 December 1939						
GENERAL SURPLUS, exclusive of properties held in Trust as under	118	18	7	CASH AT BANK	51	12	3
(1) FREEHOLD PROPERTY — Arlington Row, Bibury, Gloucestershire				GENERAL FUND	51	12	3
(2) THE BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY				ARLINGTON ROW ACCOUNT			
£650 3½% War Stock				CASH IN HANDS OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT	67	6	4
£162 10s Savings Certificates (as valued 22 January 1933)							
	£118	18	7	W. LEIGHTON, <i>Chairman</i>			
				ROLAND AUSTIN			
					£118	18	7

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have examined the foregoing statement of accounts and balance sheet with the accounts of the Trust, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the accounts of the Trust.

GLOUCESTER, 12 October 1940

DUART-SMITH, BAKER & PRICE, *Hon. Auditors.*

R. W. Brigstocke of Arlington, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Colonel Palmer's death. If this recommendation is adopted the Committee will consist of Judge Kennedy, Colonel Longfield, and Mr Brigstocke.

The thanks of the members of the Trust are also due to Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker & Price, the Hon. Auditors, whose re-election the Council have much pleasure in recommending.

The Chairman referred to the usefulness of Members of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society giving their support to the Trust and mentioned that only 69 out of a membership of 500 had done so. As the result of his remarks several of those present signified their wish to become ordinary members of the Trust and were elected.

For the information of those so disposed the qualification (if a member of the Archaeological Society) for ordinary membership is a single donation of not less than 10s. Anyone subscribing not less than £1 a year is qualified to be a subscribing member, and a gift of £5 qualifies for life membership.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and financial statement, which was agreed, and the re-election of the Hon. Auditors approved.

ANNUAL MEETING, 22 *September* 1941

The annual meeting of the Archaeological Trust was held at Bristol, Mr Wilfrid Leighton, F.S.A., in the chair, the following members being present:—Charles E. Boucher, Roland Austin, Thomas Overbury, F. W. Duart-Smith, Mrs Duart-Smith, Mrs E. M. Clifford, Miss Harding, Mrs D. P. Dobson, Rev. F. W. P. Hicks, Henley Evans, and others who are members of the Archaeological Society.

The Chairman presented the report of the Council and the statement of accounts for the year 1940.

THE BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 December 1940

INCOME	£	s	d	EXPENDITURE	£	s	d
To BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 31				BY POSTAGES			9 1
DECEMBER 1939	51	12	3	" ANNUAL RETURN			5 0
" DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS	2	10	0	"			14 1
" ARLINGTON ROW, BIBURY	£	s	d	" BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31			
Surplus 31 December				DECEMBER 1940 :—			
1939	67	6	4	GENERAL ACCOUNT	53	8	2
Add excess of receipts				ARLINGHAM ROW ACCOUNT	72	11	0
over payments for year							
to 31 December 1940	5	4	8				
			72 11 0				
			£126 13 3				£126 13 3

BALANCE SHEET, 31 December 1940

LIABILITIES	£	s	d	ASSETS	£	s	d
GENERAL SURPLUS, exclusive of properties held in Trust as under	125	19	2	CASH AT BANK			
(1) FREEHOLD PROPERTY — Arlington Row, Bibury, Gloucestershire				GENERAL FUND	53	19	8
(2) THE BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY				ARLINGTON ROW ACCOUNT	72	11	0
£650 3½% War Stock							
National Savings Certificates (as of the value of £212 10s 31 December 1940)							
CREDITORS			11 6				
			126 10 8				
			£126 10 8				£126 10 8

W. LEIGHTON, *Chairman*
ROLAND AUSTIN

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have examined the foregoing statement of accounts and balance sheet with the accounts of the Trust, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the accounts of the Trusts.

GLOUCESTER, 8 September 1941

DUART-SMITH, BAKER & PRICE, *Hon. Auditors.*

REPORT FOR 1940

During the past year no new Trusts were accepted. Mr H. Stratton Davis, the Hon. Secretary, being now engaged on Government work which necessitates his absence from Gloucester, the administration of the Trust has been taken over temporarily by the Chairman.

The Accounts for the past year show a balance in hand on account of the Trust Income of £53 19s 8d.

Arlington Row, Bibury

The Local Management Committee report that the property is in good order. There is a balance in hand of £72 11s. The thanks of the Council are due to the Committee, and in particular to Colonel W. E. Longfield, for continued interest.

The thanks of the members of the Trust are also due to Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker & Price, the Hon. Auditors, whose re-election the Council have much pleasure in recommending.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and financial statement, which was agreed, and the re-election of the Hon. Auditors approved.

ANNUAL MEETING, 10 *September* 1942

The Annual Meeting of the Trust was held at Gloucester, when there were present Wilfrid Leighton, *Chairman*, Roland Austin, Mrs Clifford, F. W. Duart-Smith, Mrs Duart-Smith, T. Overbury, C. E. Boucher, Henley Evans, Sir Lionel Taylor, Colonel N. H. Waller, F. G. Fass, the Misses Auden, T. Hannam Clark, Rev. F. W. P. Hicks.

REPORT

The Chairman reported that in the absence of Mr Stratton Davis he had continued to manage the affairs of the Trust, and presented the following report.

THE BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 December 1941

INCOME	£ s d	EXPENDITURE	£ s d
To BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 31 DECEMBER 1940	53 8 2	By POSTAGES	4 10
„ ARLINGTON Row, BIBURY Surplus 31 December 1940	72 11 0	„ ANNUAL RETURN	5 0
Add excess of receipts over payments for year to 31 December 1941	22 9 11	„ CHEQUE BOOK	2 0
	95 0 11	„ BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	11 10
	£148 9 1	GENERAL ACCOUNT	52 16 4
		ARLINGTON ROW ACCOUNT	95 0 11
			£148 9 1

BALANCE SHEET, 31 December 1941

LIABILITIES	£ s d	ASSETS	£ s d
GENERAL SURPLUS, exclusive of property held in Trust, viz.	147 17 3	CASH AT BANK	
(1) FREEHOLD PROPERTY—Arlington Row, Bibury, Gloucestershire		GENERAL FUND	52 17 1
(2) THE BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY		ARLINGTON ROW ACCOUNT	55 4 3
£650 3½% War Stock		£40 3% DEFENCE BONDS	40 0 0
National Savings Certificates (as of the value of £218 15s 31 December 1940)			
CREDITORS	4 1	W. LEIGHTON, <i>Chairman</i>	
	£148 1 4	C. E. BOUCHER	
			£148 1 4

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have examined the foregoing statement of accounts and balance sheet with the accounts of the Trust, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the accounts of the Trusts.

GLOUCESTER, 22 June 1942.

DUART-SMITH, BAKER & PRICE, *Hon. Auditors.*

REPORT FOR 1941

The business of the Trust for the past year has been simply a matter of routine. Five new members, all members of the Archaeological Society, have been elected, and their donations have increased the commencing balance of income by a small amount to the total of £53 8s 2d at the end of the year.

Arlington Row, Bibury

The Local Management Committee report that the property is in good repair. During the year £40 of the balance at the bank has been invested in 3% Defence Bonds as a contribution to the local War Effort. Exclusive of this investment the Committee had at the bank on 31 December last a balance of £55 4s 3d, receipts during the year having exceeded payments by £22 9s 11d.

The Hon. Auditors, Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker and Price, retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The Chairman's report was adopted unanimously, and Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker and Price, were re-elected Hon. Auditors and very cordially thanked for their services in the past.

ANNUAL MEETING, 14 July 1943

The annual meeting of the Trust was held at the Council House, Bristol, on Wednesday, 14 July 1943, when there were present:—Mr Wilfrid Leighton, chairman, Mrs Clifford, Mrs Dobson, Messrs Roland Austin, C. E. Boucher, Henley Evans, Sir Lionel Taylor, T. Overbury, A. C. Powell, Rev. F. W. P. Hicks, C. B. Trye, Sir George Oatley, T. Easton and others.

The following report was read and adopted, and Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker & Price, were re-elected Auditors and thanked for their services in the past.

REPORT FOR 1942

The Hon. Secretary, Mr H. Stratton Davis, being still absent from Gloucester on Government work, the Chairman has continued to administer the affairs of the Trust, which during the year have been entirely uneventful.

Accounts

At the 31 December 1942 the credit balance on account of income amounted to £53 18s 6d. During the year £40 of the cash at bank was invested in the purchase of 3 per cent. National Defence Bonds.

Arlington Row, Bibury

The death during the year of Colonel W. E. Longfield, who had acted as Hon. Secretary of the local management committee is recorded with the deepest regret. Colonel Longfield had acted in this capacity since the acquisition of the property and had always taken the keenest interest in its welfare. The secretarial work was taken over by Judge Kennedy, who had been an active member of the committee for some years. Unfortunately the death of Judge Kennedy since the close of the year has also to be recorded. The work is now being undertaken by Mrs M. K. Longfield, who reports that the property is in good order and that all rents have been paid promptly. The other members of the management committee are Mr Norman Jewson, F.R.I.B.A. and Mr K. B. Mackenzie, F.R.I.B.A. At the 31st December the Arlington Row account showed a credit balance of income of £79 6s. £40 of the Arlington Row balance has also been invested in National Defence Bonds as a contribution to the war effort.

The thanks of the Trust are again due to Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker & Price, the Hon. Auditors, whose re-election is recommended.

The Chairman reported that Mr H. Stratton Davis had expressed a wish to resign the Hon.-Secretaryship. He had acted in that capacity from the foundation of the Trust, and his services in its administration had been of the greatest value. It was decided that Mr Davis's resignation be accepted with regret, and a resolution was passed expressing the members' great appreciation of the keen interest he had always shown and the great value of his work to the Trust.

It was decided that Mr Harold Fletcher Trew, F.R.I.B.A. be appointed Hon. Secretary *pro tem*.

In view of the great difficulty of arranging meetings of the Council owing to present conditions, it was decided that a management committee be appointed, consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, and Roland Austin, Thomas Overbury and J. Ralph Edwards, with full power to act.

The question of improving the water supply to the Arlington Row property was discussed and left to the decision of the new committee.

