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## BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

ANNUAL MEETING, 19 *July* 1945

## REPORT FOR 1944

The special sub-Committee appointed to deal with urgent matters having decided in 1943 not to undertake any improvements in regard to water supply or electric light during the War, the work of the local Committee has consisted largely in maintaining the property in repair and in dealing with the usual matters of insurance, payment of taxes, rates and tithe.

The amount of insurance on the property has been raised by 50 per cent from £1,891 to £2,836 10s *od* on account of the increased values. The accounts of the local Committee shew an increase of £16 12s 9*d* in the balance for the year, and such sums accumulate to meet the cost of exceptional repairs or improvements.

The special Committee have not been able to visit Bibury during the year owing to difficulties of work and transport, but it is hoped that a visit may be paid during 1945.

The thanks of the Trust are again due to Mrs Longfield, Mrs Kennedy, and Mr C. P. Browne, members of the local Management Committee, of which Mrs Longfield is Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, for their work during the year, also to Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker & Price, who have again acted as Honorary Auditors.

We regret to record the death of the late Mr F. W. Duart-Smith, F.S.A., who has been a member of the Trust since 1938, and whose advice on financial matters has been of great value.

No new members joined the Trust in 1944, and the membership at the end of the year was 61.

HAROLD F. TREW, *Hon. Secretary*

## BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE

## Receipts and Expenditure for

RECEIPTS				£	s	d	£	s	d
BALANCES, 1 JANUARY 1944									
Post Office	..	..	..	465	3	2			
Lloyds Bank	..	..	..	39	8	10			
				<hr/>			504	12	0
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS :—									
10s 6d	..	..		£108	13	6			
21s	..	..		194	5	0			
20s	..	..		1	0	0			
				<hr/>			303	18	6
LIFE SUBSCRIPTION	..	..	..	15	0	0			
SALE OF PUBLICATIONS	..	..		5	15	0			
THE MERCHANT VENTURERS	..	..		2	2	0			
DIVIDENDS, WAR STOCK	..	..		22	15	0			
INTEREST, POST OFFICE	..	..		14	8	9			
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## BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES				£	s	d	£	s	d
EXCAVATION ACCOUNT	..	..	..	35	0	3			
FRYER BEQUEST	..	..	..	17	2	4			
ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS	..	..		4	4	0			
EDITOR	..	..	..	36	15	0			
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GENERAL FUND	..	..	..	..	1289	17	8		
				<hr/>			£1382	19	3

Examined and found correct

27 February 1945

L. GOODENOUGH TAYLOR,

Hon. Auditor

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
the Year ending 31 December 1944

EXPENDITURE				£	s	d	£	s	d	
<i>Transactions, VOLUME 64 :—</i>										
Printing	....	..	..	317	13	2				
Postage	..	..	..	12	11	10				
							<hr/>	330	5	0
SUBSCRIPTIONS, PRINTING SOCIETIES	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	8	4	
RENT PUBLIC LIBRARY	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	0	
INSURANCE	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	
WAR DAMAGE	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	0	
POSTAGES OF EDITOR, AND STATIONERY, AND POSTAGES OF TREASURER	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	19	4	
COUNCIL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT BRISTOL	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0	
USE OF MEETING ROOM	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0	
SUBSCRIPTION REPAID	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0	
PAYMENTS BY SECRETARY	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	0	2	
CHEQUE BOOK	..	..	..	..	..	..		5	0	
PRINTING	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	11	11	
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BALANCES, 31 DECEMBER 1944 :—							£373	2	0	
Post Office Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	479	11	11	
Lloyds Bank	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	17	4	
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							£868	11	3	
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31 December 1944

ASSETS				£	s	d
WAR STOCK (3%)	..	..	..	650	0	0
SAVINGS CERTIFICATES (21st year)	..	..	..	237	10	0
POST OFFICE ACCOUNT	..	..	..	479	11	11
LLOYDS BANK	..	..	..	15	17	4
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				£1382	19	3
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ROLAND AUSTIN, *Hon. Treasurer*

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

19 July 1945

The 70th Annual Meeting of the Society was held on 19 July 1945 in the Bristol Museum Lecture Theatre. The retiring President (Roland Austin, F.S.A.) in the chair.

Before proposing the election of the President for the year 1945-46 Mr Austin said that he was elected for the period July 1939-40, but in consequence of the War it was decided that he should remain in office for such time as the War continued and therefore he had served as President for six years. Happily the Society would now return to normal procedure. He also hoped that in due course it would be possible to resume the agreeable and helpful meetings which had been so much enjoyed in past years, though it might still be necessary to curtail the programmes.

The Society had suffered from the effect of the War. In September 1939 the members numbered 543, and on the day of this meeting it was 429. There were however signs of awaking interest shown by nominations received, though it would be a long time before the number (728) reached in 1928 could be attained.

Reference was made to the finances of the Society and the fact that it had been possible to issue a volume of Transactions each year, though they were not quite so thick as in pre-war times.

The annual report referred to various matters concerning the year 1944-45, and the death of several members (*see below*). Meetings were arranged at Church-down and Painswick. Visits were also made from the Bristol centre to Thornbury, Wells, and Bradford on Avon. Dr F. C. Eeles gave a lecture at Bristol on the

Church Towers of Somerset. At Gloucester the Society joined with the City Museum Committee in arranging two lectures by Mr and Mrs Christopher Hawkes on Pre-historic Britain, there being a full audience on each occasion. The Society is indebted to Mrs E. M. Clifford, F.S.A., for organizing the lectures and to the Mayor and Corporation for allowing them to be held in the Council Room.

The report states that the office of Secretary for Meetings had been kindly undertaken by Lt.-Colonel B. S. Browne, F.S.A., who has had much experience in arranging such meetings.

Reference was made to the condition of Spoonley Wood Roman Villa which had been discussed by the Council and the Excavations Committee. Regret was expressed that the roof of the larger building had now collapsed.

The City Estates Committee has been approached with a view to preserving the remains of St. Oswald's Priory, one of the historical buildings of the County, but it has not been possible to obtain really effective protection of its ruins. The house in Westgate Street, Gloucester, known as the Duke of Norfolk's has been scheduled for preservation, if possible, under the Town and Country Planning Act.

## OBITUARY

The names of eleven Members have to be mentioned in the obituary for the year, many had a long connexion with the Society.

MR F. W. DUART-SMITH, F.S.A., J.P., elected in 1914; Member of Council 1927; President for the year 1937-38, when the Society's meeting was at Wells; vice-President, 1939; Chairman of the Library Committee of the Council. He had much in common with archaeological pursuits, was an observant traveller, and his knowledge of the littoral of the Mediterranean is shown by his Address at

Wells (volume 59, pp. 33-59). He was present at the meetings of the Society for many years.

SIR CHARLES FORTESCUE-BRICKDALE, F.R.G.S., elected 1934, was particularly interested in the history of Newland and contributed papers to *Transactions*, volumes 55, 56, 58, 61.

MR H. C. MOFFATT, elected 1900, had a great knowledge of silver metal-work.

MR W. R. LYSAGHT, elected 1911, was the owner of Chepstow Castle, and much interested in its history. He invited the Society to see the castle on more than one occasion.

MR JOSIAH GREEN, Town Clerk of Bristol, elected 1926,  
MR W. N. HIGGS, of Cheltenham, elected 1923.

REV. L. M. ROBINSON, S.T.D., D.C.L., of Massachusetts, elected as a Life Member in 1923.

MR T. E. SHERWOOD-HALE, of Alderley, Wotton under Edge, elected 1914. He was much interested in the connexion with Sir Matthew Hale, Lord Chief Justice, who was born at Alderley in 1609, and died and was buried there in 1676.

MRS SIVETER, of Gloucester, elected 1922 and a constant attendant at meetings.

MR JAMES THATCHER, of Bristol, elected 1934.

REV. A. H. VEASEY, formerly of Northleach, elected 1901.

The Chairman said that it gave him great pleasure to propose Dr E. W. W. Veale, LL.D., F.S.A., as President of the Society for the year 1945-46, and in doing so felt that it was most appropriate for the proposal to be made in Bristol where Dr Veale is so well known and so interested in its history. He belongs to a great profession whose roots go back for many hundreds of years and he has made a deep study of its working. All historians of local history are indebted to him for his volumes on the Great Red Book of Bristol, a work of vast interest and

full of information as to the Trade and Administration of Bristol. The result of his studies has been printed by the Bristol Record Society and will remain the authority for the city ordinances made from the 14th century.

Dr Veale's name was then put to the meeting and he was elected President by full agreement of all present.

The nominations of Officers for the ensuing year were submitted and accepted *en bloc*. The full list is printed in the *Transactions*. Members are asked to note that Mr I. V. Hall is now Treasurer of the Society in place of Mr Roland Austin, who has resigned, and they are asked to remember the change when their subscription becomes due. Mr Austin has collected (with one break) the subscriptions for 19 years.

After the meeting members were shown the Royal Fort and the Georgian House. Sir Lionel and Lady Taylor kindly invited them to tea in the Art Gallery. Miss E. Ralph, hon. secretary for Bristol, took great pains in preparing the arrangements for the meeting.

