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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventy-seventh Annual General Meeting was held at the Town Library, Banbury, on Thursday, 3rd July, 1952.

The chair was taken by the President, Sir Lionel Goodenough Taylor, M.A., supported by the Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Annual Report of Council.

The Report was adopted by the Meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Accounts of the Society and they were formally adopted.

Sir Lionel Goodenough Taylor then proposed the election of Mr W. I. Croome, F.S.A., as President of the Society for the year 1952-53 and said his great experience and knowledge would be of immense value to the Society. He was Vice-Chairman of the Central Council for the care of churches. Chairman of the Gloucester Diocesan Advisory Committee and a member of the Church Assembly Repair of Churches Commission.

The list of nominations made by the Council for office of Vice-Presidents, Members of Council, Local Secretaries and Executive Officers for 1952-53 was moved by Colonel B. Browne and seconded by Mr V. Osmond.

Miss E. Ralph read the Report of the Records Section.

The following members of the Records Section were elected for the year 1952-53: Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst, Dr Joan Evans, T. Hannam-Clark, Dr D. Hinton, Wilfrid Leighton, Elizabeth Ralph, Dr Margaret Sharp, A. R. Wagner, Dr F. S. Wallis, Rev. J. E. Gethyn Jones, Irvine Gray, Lt.-Colonel Lloyd-Baker and P. V. McGrath.

Mrs E. M. Clifford moved that the warm thanks of the Society be accorded to the retiring President, Sir Lionel Goodenough Taylor for his services during the past year, and for his Presidential Address.

REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1951-2

The Council in presenting its seventy-seventh Annual Report has pleasure in stating that the membership of the Society is 544, an increase of 49 compared with the previous report.

Among those who have died during the year are: Lt.-COLONEL SIR RUSSELL KERR who was a Vice-President, JAMES CHAPMAN (1948), J. J. DICKER (1939), W. L. DOWDING (1902), BARRE R. M. FORBES (1919), MRS C. H. FRENCH (1922), H. E. BLINMAN HARRIS (1940), MISS H. W. ROYDS (1938), MRS VAUGHAN HARRISON (1926), LT.-COLONEL H. W. K. WAIT (1897), and MRS T. WEATHERHEAD (1920).

Finance

The Treasurer's account for the year 1951 shows that the Society's financial position remains sound. The income amounted to £667 7s 0d which included £41 16s 9d, the final balance on the winding up of the Archaeological Trust. The finance of the Spring and Summer Meetings showed a profit of £30 7s 10d. The yearly expenditure very largely depends on the amount spent on the *Transactions* and for volume 68, this was £426 2s 10d. The balance of income over expenditure carried forward to next year is £150 11s 6d.

Publications

Volume 69 of the *Transactions* was issued during the year and volume 70 is at the proof stage. We are grateful to the Hon Editor, Dr Joan Evans, who obtained a grant of £60 from the Council of British Archaeology towards the cost of printing one of the papers.

General Meetings

The Summer Meeting was held at Cirencester on the 28-30 June under the Presidency of Lady Apsley, C.B.E., and was well attended. The Annual Meeting was held at Cirencester

Park when members were entertained to supper by Lady Apsley. The Council wishes to thank her and the Earl Bathurst for the very kind hospitality given to the Society on that occasion and for the opportunity of being shown the interesting features of the Park by Lord Bathurst.

Particular appreciation was also felt for the hospitality shown by Wing-Commander Grant-Ferris at Hazleton Manor on the first day of the Meeting.

The Autumn Meeting took place in Bristol.

The Spring Meeting was held in May, when over 100 members were present. Kempsford, Cricklade and Lydiard Tregoze were visited. Mr Thomson, Mr Stratton-Davis and the Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst ably described these places, and to them and Colonel Browne the Council offers sincere thanks.

Meetings at Bristol

The Hon. Secretary for Bristol, Miss G. A. Jones, arranged the following evening meetings in Bristol during the winter :

Monday, 22 October 1951. 'Household accounts of Elizabeth Berkeley,' by C. D. Ross, Esq., D. PHIL.

Monday, 26 November 1951. 'The Architectural Setting for the Anglican Ritual,' by T. H. B. Burrough, Esq., T. D., R. W. A., F. R. I. B. A.

Monday, 28 January 1952. 'The History of Redland Court,' by Miss J. Charlton and Miss D. M. Milton.

Monday, 25 February 1952. 'Prisoners of War at Stapleton Gaol 1782-1815,' by Mrs Dorothy Vinter.

Two Summer Meetings were arranged, one to Woodchester to view the Roman pavement, and the second to Portbury and the Gordano valley.

Council Meetings

The usual quarterly meetings of the Council have been held. Matters connected with Bradley Mote, Quenington Church, Spoonley Wood Roman Villa, Woodchester Roman pavement, Stoke Orchard Church, have been considered by the Council and action taken where necessary. During the year excavations have taken place at Whittington Court Roman villa, the

Town Wall at Cirencester, Cricklade, Prestbury Moat, Naunton and Crickley Hill.

The Council appointed a Meetings Committee to assist the Meetings Secretary in the arrangement of excursions.

The Council also appointed an *ad hoc* Committee to consider the completion of the Victoria County History of Gloucestershire. The Committee explored all possibilities and advised the Council that to enable the V.C.H. of the County to be completed, a guaranteed income of approximately £2,000 a year for five years would be necessary and that as only a small part of this could be raised by public appeal, the financing of the project would fall on the County and municipal boroughs. It further advised that under existing financial circumstances and the national call for economy an approach to these authorities at the present time would be useless and might in fact prejudice any future action. The Council has, therefore, with reluctance, informed Mr Pugh, General Editor of the V.C.H., that no useful action can be taken at the present time.

The Council wish to place on record their thanks to Dr F. S. Wallis for the use of his room for meetings ; also to the Bristol Savages for allowing the Bristol members of the Society to use the Wigwam for their winter meetings and to the Red Lodge House Committee for their co-operation on these occasions.

The Society continues to be represented on the Council for British Archaeology, the Council for Preservation of Ancient Bristol, the Chipping Campden Trust, the Council of the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral, the Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey, and the Leigh Woods Management and Winchcombe Folk Museum.

Council and Officers for 1952-3

The Council present the names of those elected as Vice-Presidents, Local Secretaries, Members of Council and Executive Officers for the ensuing year.

The Council are glad to know that Mr W. I. Croome, F.S.A., has accepted its invitation to be President.

RECORDS SECTION

The Committee appointed by the Annual Meeting in June 1951 elected the following officers: Chairman, Dr Margaret Sharp. General Editor, Mr Wilfrid Leighton. Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Ralph; Treasurer, The Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst. It also appointed Barclays Bank Ltd. as bankers of the Section. The first volume prepared under the terms of the Robinson legacy, Marriage Bonds for the Diocese of Bristol, volume 1, 1637-1700, was issued in March 1952. The late Mr Denzil Hollis transcribed the bonds and after his death the volume was edited by Miss Ralph, to whom the committee are greatly indebted for completing Mr Hollis's work. So far, some 25 volumes have been ordered at the full price from home and abroad, and some 37 volumes from members of the Society at a greatly reduced price. This result is disappointing, but it is hoped as the series becomes better known more support will be forthcoming, both from the Society and from the public. The vast task of preparing the Gloucester marriage bonds is being continued by Mr Brian Frith, and excellent progress has been made on the more recent projects of the Section: the survey of Gloucestershire parish records (edited by Mr I. E. Gray and Mr E. S. Lindley), the parish registers of Dymock (edited by the Rev. J. E. Gethyn Jones and Mr I. E. Gray) and of St. Augustine the Less, Bristol (edited by Mr A. Sabin). The committee greatly regrets that Mr Leighton finds he has not the time to continue to act as General Editor and it wishes to place on record its gratitude to him for his work in connection with the first volumes of the series.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 1951

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
SUBSCRIPTIONS	439	14	6	The <i>Transactions</i> —Volume 68, 1949 ..	426	2	10
DONATION—Society of Merchant Venturers ..	2	2	0	LEAFLET ("Chance Finds")—400 copies ..	1	4	0
SALE OF <i>Transactions</i>	14	16	9	DONATION—Council for the Preservation of			
3½% WAR STOCK INTEREST	22	15	0	Ancient Bristol	2	2	0
WEST MIDLAND SAVINGS INTEREST	13	1	0	DONATION—Council for British Archaeology	3	16	6
INCOME TAX RECOVERED (2 years)	102	13	2	LIBRARY—Subscriptions, Rent, etc. ..	20	19	0
LIQUIDATOR—Bristol and Glos. Archaeological				USE OF SHIRE HALL	1	0	0
Trust Ltd.	41	16	9	PRINTING AND STATIONERY	40	19	5
MEETINGS—Net surplus for this year £35 7 10				HON. SECRETARY'S POSTAGES, ETC.	13	12	1
LESS—To Miss G. A. Jones, Bristol				HON. TREASURER'S POSTAGES, ETC.	5	13	5
Section	£5	0	0	HON. ASST. LIBRARIAN'S POSTAGES	18	3	
	30	7	10	CHEQUE BOOKS	8	0	
				SURPLUS	516	15	6
					150	11	6
					£667	7	0

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.
FRYER BEQUEST	15	2	4	£650 3½% WAR STOCK (Market Value £520) ..	650	0	0
PILGRIM TRUST GRANT	100	0	0	125 NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES AS PER			
JENNER HUT FUND	1	0	0	LAST ACCOUNT	268	4	7
GRANT towards Volume 69 <i>Transactions</i> —				CASH AT WEST MIDLAND TRUSTEE SAVINGS			
Council for Brit. Archaeology	60	0	0	BANK	535	3	0
GENERAL FUND:				PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE	8	8	0
Balance brought forward	£1584	1	2	CASH AT BANKS	412	13	7
Add Surplus	150	11	6	CASH IN HANDS OF ASST. HON. LIBRARIAN ..	18	0	
	1734	12	8	CASH IN HANDS OF MEETINGS SECRETARY ..	35	7	10
					£1910	15	0

BALANCE OF EXCAVATION FUND £106 18 9

(signed) W. R. S. BATHURST, *Hon. Treasurer.*

I have examined the above accounts with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and certify the same to be correct.

7 March 1952

(signed) L. FULLBROOK-LEGGATT, *Hon. Auditor.*

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

RECORDS SECTION

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1951

PUBLISHING ACCOUNT

1951	RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	1951	PAYMENTS	£ s. d.
				HONORARIUM—Executors of Denzil Hollis, Deceased	50 0 0
				D. W. WHITFIELD—Compiling list U.S.A. Societies	3 3 0
				INDEXING—Miss M. Pope	10 0 0
				PROSPECTUS—John Bellows Ltd.	9 15 0
BALANCE	72 18 0			
		<u>£72 18 0</u>			<u>£72 18 0</u>

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES		£ s. d.	ASSETS		£ s. d.
BALANCE AS AT 1-1-51	£4412 12 1		£2400 3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	£2406 1 10	
Add 8th and last Instalment	625 0 0		Less Depreciation	100 0 0	
	<u>£5037 12 1</u>				2306 1 10
Add Interest 3% Savings Bonds	55 16 0		£1246 11s 8d 2½% Funding Stock 1956-61	£1246 11 8	
Interest 2½% Funding Stock	16 15 0		Less Depreciation	49 19 9	
Interest P.O. Savings Bank	16 12 6				1196 11 11
Income Tax recovered	23 4 2		CASH AT POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK	682 2 10	
	<u>5149 19 9</u>		CASH AT BANK	742 5 5	
Less Depreciation of Investments	149 19 9		BALANCE—Publishing Account	72 18 0	
Total Legacy from the late Mr Alfred Bruce Robinson	5000 0 0				
	<u>£5000 0 0</u>				<u>£5000 0 0</u>

(signed) W. R. S. BATHURST, Hon. Treasurer.

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