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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventy-eighth Annual General Meeting was held in Gloucester, on Saturday, 14 March 1953, the President, Mr W. I. Croome, M.A., F.S.A., in the chair.

The Secretary read the Annual Report which was adopted.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society for the year 1952 and they were formally adopted.

Dr Wallis then proposed the election of Mr W. I. Croome as President of the Society for the year 1953-54.

Owing to the change of the date of the annual meeting Mr Croome's year of Presidency 1952-53 had been reduced to six months. In view of this the Council were most anxious that Mr Croome should honour the Society by accepting the Presidency for the second year.

The Vice-Presidents, Members of Council, Local Secretaries and Executive Officers were duly elected.

The annual report of the Records Section was adopted.

Mr W. I. Croome, M.A., F.S.A., then delivered his presidential address, entitled: *Gloucestershire Churches*.

Dr Joan Evans thanked the President for his most able address. Afterwards members were kindly entertained to tea by the President.

REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1952

The Council presents its seventy-eighth Annual Report. This only covers a period of six months, from June to December 1952, because of the Council's decision to break with the usual procedure of holding its annual meeting at the summer meeting, in the hope that more members might find it convenient to attend the annual meeting if held on a Saturday afternoon. The Council has therefore decided that for the time being the Annual Meeting shall be held either in Bristol or Gloucester on a Saturday afternoon in March.

The membership of the Society is 547, which is made up of 468 individual members and 62 institutional members. This means a small increase on last year's figures, but it is not sufficient if the Society is to meet its present commitments. Every effort must be made to secure members not merely to replace the inevitable losses but also to attain a substantial increase.

Among those who have died during the year are: A. A. ALLEN (1932), F. M. L. DODD (1926), MISS M. GARNER (1947), E. W. HARLEY (1907), LADY VALDA MACHELL (1946), T. C. MACAULAY (1944), MRS J. STROUD (1932), MISS F. H. TEESDALE (1911), MISS D. WATTS (1949) and PROFESSOR A. HAMILTON THOMPSON (1922), who was one of the Society's most eminent Vice-Presidents.

Publications

Volume 70 of the *Transactions* was issued in December. The Council wishes to acknowledge grants made by the Council of British Archaeology towards the cost of printing certain papers in the *Transactions*.

General Meetings

The Summer Meeting was held at Banbury on the 3-5 July and was very successful, although not very well attended owing perhaps to the inaccessibility of the place.

The Autumn Meeting of 1952 took place on 13 September when Yatton, Banwell, Chrystom and Wrington were visited. Thanks are due to Mrs D. Dobson-Hinton for describing the features of the various churches and for her kind hospitality.

Bristol Meetings

The following papers were read at winter meetings held at Bristol :

24 November, 1952. 'The Maya ruins of Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico,' by Mrs Marie Louise Hemphill.

26 January, 1953. 'Medieval Measurement of Time,' by Miss A. M. Trout.

23 February, 1953. 'The Roman Temple Settlement at Pagan's Hill,' by P. A. Rahtz, Esq. and L. G. Harris, Esq.

Two other meetings were arranged during the summer : a visit to Wellow and a visit to Cold Ashton, where the members were hospitably received by the Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst.

Council Meetings

The Council has held two meetings at which matters of interest have been considered, such as the stocks at Ozleworth and wall paintings at Hailes Church. During the summer, excavations have taken place at Cirencester, revealing a Roman stone town wall in the bank on the south-east of the town, and at Coln St. Aldwyn, where a double carriage way was found on Akeman Street. The Council arranged for the pavements at Spoonley Wood villa to be covered, when it was found that they had been extensively restored at some time in the 19th century. Financial assistance has been given towards the restoration of the priest's dwelling (a 14th century building) at Coln Rogers and also towards the protection of a Saxon stone at Newent.

Mr Clive Rouse has begun work on the uncovering of an extensive series of medieval and later wall paintings in Stoke Orchard church. A letter in *The Times* describing what has been revealed gave welcome publicity to the work.

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, Council for Preservation of Ancient Bristol, Chipping Campden Trust, Council of the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral, Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey, Leigh Woods Management and Winchcombe Folk Museum.

RECORD SECTION

The Record Section elected the following officers: Chairman, Dr Margaret Sharp; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Ralph; Treasurer, the Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst; General Editor, Mr P. V. McGrath. Work on the Gloucester marriage licences is nearing completion and it is hoped that this volume, edited by Mr Brian Frith, will be issued during the coming year. The survey of Gloucestershire parish records and the editing of the parish registers of Dymock and of St. Augustine's the Less, Bristol, are also in an advanced stage of preparation, and the committee hope to be able soon to initiate further projects. Meanwhile they are disappointed at the very small sales of the *Marriage Bonds for the Diocese of Bristol 1637-1700*. Local history to-day is a rapidly developing subject in many parts of the country and the Society is most fortunate in having the disposal of the Robinson Legacy at such a time, but with the present high cost of printing even this generous gift for the publication of parish records will soon be used up. A fuller support both from members of the Society and from the general public, might maintain a flow of publications for years.

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BALANCE SHEET

For the Year ended 31 December 1952

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	ASSETS		£	s.	d.
FRYER BEQUEST	£15	2	4		£650 3½% WAR STOCK (Market Value £500) ..	650	0	0	
Less—Spent on Binding ..	15	2	4		125 NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES ..	268	4	7	
					CASH AT WEST MIDLAND SAVINGS BANK ..	548	10	6	
PILGRIM TRUST GRANT	100	0	0		CASH AT BANKS	307	14	4	
Less—REFUNDED to PILGRIM TRUST	100	0	0		CASH IN HANDS OF HON. LIBRARIAN ..	3	0	4	
					CASH IN HANDS OF MEETINGS SECRETARY ..	26	6	9	
JENNER HUT FUND	1	0	0		TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RECORDS SECTION	1	5	10	
Less—TRANSFERRED TO EXCAVATION FUND ..	1	0	0		PAYMENT IN ADVANCE— <i>re</i> Vol. 71	29	16	6	
GRANT TOWARDS VOL. 71—Council for Brit. Archaeology				130	0	0			
GENERAL FUND	£1734	12	8						
Less—Loss for the year ..	29	13	10						
				1704	18	10			
				£1834	18	10			
							£1834	18	10

EXCAVATION FUND

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
BALANCE—1st Jan. 1952	106	18	9		GRANT TOWARDS REPAIR OF 'PRIEST'S HOUSE', COLN ROGERS	5	0	0	
JENNER HUT FUND—Balance Transferred ..	1	0	0		BALANCE—31st December 1952, at Bank ..	102	18	9	
				£107	18	9			
							£107	18	9

I have examined the above accounts with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and I certify the same to be correct.
4th February, 1953.

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

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

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RECORDS SECTION, 1952

PUBLISHING ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS	£ s. d.
BRISTOL MARRIAGE LICENCE BONDS HOME SALES	46 14 6	BRISTOL MARRIAGE LICENCE BONDS—John Bellows Ltd.—Printing 500 copies ..	746 8 4
FOREIGN SALES	20 11 4	E. S. LINDLEY—TRAVELLING EXPENSES—	
NET EXPENDITURE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET	725 6 5	Survey of Gloucestershire Parish Records	31 3 8
		HON. SECRETARY—Postages and Petty Cash	13 14 5
		HON. LIBRARIAN—Postages and Petty Cash ..	1 5 10
	<u>£792 12 3</u>		<u>£792 12 3</u>

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	ASSETS	£ s. d.
LEGACY—Alfred Bruce Robinson, Deceased ..	5000 0 0	£2400 3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	£2306 1 10
Add Interest—		Less Depreciation	100 0 0
3% Savings Bonds ..	£72 0 0		<u>2206 1 10</u>
2½% Funding Stock	16 7 2	£1246 11s 8d 2½% Funding Stock	
P.O. Savings Bank	17 1 0	1956-61	1196 11 11
Income Tax Recd. ..	14 16 0	Less Depreciation	20 4 2
			<u>1176 7 9</u>
	<u>120 4 2</u>	CASH AT P.O. SAVINGS BANK	699 3 10
Less Depreciation	120 4 2	CASH AT BANK	121 8 0
		BALANCE OF EXPENDITURE AS AT	
DUE TO GENERAL ACCOUNT—		1st Jan. 1952	72 18 0
(Hon. Librarian's Postages) 1 5 10	Add Net Expenditure for the	
		year	<u>725 6 5</u>
			798 4 5
	<u>£5001 5 10</u>		<u>£5001 5 10</u>

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