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## REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1955

The Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Wheatstone Hall, Gloucester, on Saturday, 16th April, 1955, when Dr D. P. Dobson-Hinton presided.

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Society were presented and adopted. They are printed in the present volume of *Transactions*, pp. 208, 216.

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Records Section were presented and adopted. See pp. 211, 215.

On the proposition of Lt.-Colonel Browne, seconded by Mr G. M. Robins the following were appointed members of the Record Section Committee:—

Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst, Dr Joan Evans, Rev. J. E. Gethyn Jones, Irvine Gray, T. Hannam-Clark, Dr D. P. Dobson-Hinton, Wilfrid Leighton, Lt.-Colonel A. B. Lloyd-Baker, P. V. McGrath, Elizabeth Ralph, Dr Margaret Sharp, A. R. Wagner and Dr F. S. Wallis.

Major H. Stratton Davis was then installed as President of the Society for the coming year. The retiring President, Dr Dobson-Hinton, expressed the Society's pleasure in this election and paid tribute to the service Major Stratton Davis had rendered not only to the Society but in archaeological matters generally.

Sir Lionel Goodenough Taylor, proposed and Mr I. Gray seconded the election of Vice-Presidents, members of Council, local Secretaries and Executive Officers.

Dr Dobson-Hinton then delivered her Presidential Address: *An outline in archaeology and buildings in Bristol and Gloucestershire*. Lt.-Colonel A. B. Lloyd Baker proposed a vote of thanks.

Members were then entertained to tea by the Mayor of Gloucester in the Guildhall.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1954-55

The Council in presenting its eightieth Report states that the membership of the Society is 567. During the year 55 members have been elected, 11 have died, 13 have resigned and four names have been removed from the list.

The Council regret to record the death of MR ROLAND AUSTIN, M.A., F.S.A. A fitting tribute to him will appear in the next volume of *Transactions*. Others who have died are MISS M. F. H. ELLIS, MR W. BARROW, LIEUT.-COLONEL BARTLEY-DENNIS, MRS F. ST. JOHN GORE, MR GEOFFREY HIGNETT, MRS SIMPSON HAYWARD, MRS EVANS LAWRENCE, MRS CARTER LEWIS, MR J. H. THOMAS and MRS TRAFFORD.

### *Publications*

Volume 72 of the *Transactions* was issued in June. The Council wish to express to the Hon. Editor their appreciation of the great service she renders to the Society and to take this opportunity of expressing their pleasure on her election as Director of the Society of Antiquaries.

### *Finance*

The Council acknowledge with gratitude the anonymous gift of securities to the value of £1,800, the interest of which money will provide a substantial increase to our income and enable the Society to continue publications of a pre-war standard.

### *Meetings*

The Annual Meeting was held in Bristol on the 3rd April, under the Presidency of Mr W. I. Croome, M.A., F.S.A. As Mr Croome had given his Presidential Address the previous year, Dr Glyn Daniel was invited to address the Society on *The Art of the Megalith builders*. The Meeting proved to be a very

successful one and our thanks are due especially to Dr Daniel for his lecture and to the Lord Mayor of Bristol who entertained members to tea.

The Spring Meeting was held in May when the Caerwent area was visited.

The Summer Meeting occupied three days and was centred in Shaftesbury.

A visit to Frampton-on-Severn, Frocester, Leonard Stanley and Standish was arranged in September.

The meetings were well attended and the Council express their thanks to Major Stratton Davis who acted as guide and to Lt.-Colonel Browne who made all the arrangements.

#### *Meetings at Bristol*

The Hon. Secretary for Bristol, Mr H. J. Page, arranged an interesting series of evening meetings in Bristol during the winter, when the following papers were read:

'The merchants of Bristol in the 18th century,' by Mr Walter Minchinton.

'Musings of an heraldic Bristolian,' by the Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst.

'Early Iron Age camp at Bagendon,' by Mrs E. M. Clifford.

'French prison at Guinea Street, Bristol,' by Mrs D. Vintner.

'Early history of Pucklechurch,' by Miss J. D. Morrison.

During the summer, two field meetings were arranged when Yatton Keynell, Castle Combe, Nettleton and Corsham were visited.

#### *Meetings at Gloucester*

Two meetings were held in the Gloucester and Cheltenham districts when lectures were given:

'The coming of the Romans to the Cotswolds,' by Mrs E. M. Clifford.

'Recent excavations at Stonehenge,' by Professor Stuart Piggott.

*Council Meetings*

The usual quarterly meetings of Council have been held. The work on Stoke Orchard is now almost completed. During the year the nave of the church has been re-roofed, a bad settlement in the nave strengthened, the chancel lime washed and the windows repaired all at a cost of £200. This was made possible by donations from the Historic Churches Fund and the Society of Antiquaries. Mr Clive Rouse whose work on the wall paintings continues, has found in the Bodleian Library a medieval manuscript with illustrations similar to those at Stoke Orchard which would suggest Scandinavian influence. The Council desire to express their thanks to Major Stratton Davis who generously gave his services, to the Society of Antiquaries, the Pilgrim Trust and Historic Churches Fund for their financial help and to Mrs E. M. Clifford without whose inspiration and energy this work would not have been accomplished.

Mrs Clifford has undertaken important Early Iron Age excavations at Bagendon, near Cirencester, which will show that the Belgae occupied a large area west of the Fosseway.

The Council are taking part in a survey of monuments within the areas occupied by the Forestry Commission.

The Council have also taken suitable action in many other projects which have been brought to their notice.

A list of nominations for Vice-Presidents, Members of Council, local secretaries and executive officers is submitted for the consideration of the meeting. There are vacancies for local secretaries for Thornbury and Cirencester. It is most desirable that each of the principal districts in the County shall be represented in this way so that if occasion arises there is someone who can advise on circumstances which require attention. The thanks of the Society are due to all who accept these offices.

## ANNUAL REPORT, RECORDS SECTION, 1954-1955

The Records Section again re-elected its previous officers, namely Chairman, Dr Margaret Sharp; Hon. Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Ralph; Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst; Hon. General Editor, Mr P. V. McGrath. The second of its publications, *Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations, 1637-80*, edited by Mr Brian Frith, appeared in November, 1954. The volume also contained a note on the history of marriage licences, and is available to members at 12s 6d. and to the public at 25s. The section trusts that members of the Society who are interested in local history and genealogy will buy this bargain volume, and introduce it to their friends. The Section is most grateful both to Mr Frith and to the General Editor for their prolonged labours on this book.

The volume of registers of St. Augustine's the Less, Bristol, edited by Mr A. Sabin is now almost entirely in galley proof and should be available by the autumn of 1955, when it is anticipated that the registers of Dymock should be ready to go to press. The classification and arrangement of the material for the guide to the parish records of Gloucestershire continues. It has been decided to prepare a volume of settlement examinations, mainly of the 18th century; this will throw light on the social conditions of a number of Gloucestershire parishes and on the difficulties of the respectable poor in moving from one parish to another. It is also hoped to publish a volume of early churchwardens' accounts of some Bristol parishes and to continue the Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations.

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RECORDS SECTION, 1954

PUBLISHING ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS	£ s. d.
BRISTOL MARRIAGE LICENCE BONDS—SALES ..	7 17 6	MR BRIAN FRITH—Honorarium .. ..	50 0 0
GLOUCESTER MARRIAGE ALLEGATIONS—SALES	22 0 2	HON. GENERAL EDITOR—Expenses .. ..	6 0 0
	29 17 8	Postages, etc.—HON. SECRETARY .. ..	6 10 0
ADVERSE BALANCE .. .. .	43 2 4	Printing and Duplicating .. .. .	9 15 0
	£73 0 0	Use of Shire Hall .. .. .	15 0
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I have examined the above accounts with the books and vouchers relating thereto and I certify the same to be correct.  
10th February, 1954. (Signed) L. FULLBROOK-LEGGATT, Hon. Auditor.



