

From the *Transactions* of the
Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society

Society Pages

from 1956, Vol. 75

© The Society and the Author(s)

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE

Col. John Guise, 17.	Thomas Bush, 4.
Thomas Mee, 16.	Richard Chandler, 4.
Sir George Onesiphorus Paul,	Thomas Weaver, 3.
15.	John Selfe, 3.
Sir William Guise, 12.	Hon. George Berkeley, 3.
Rev. Charles Bishop, 10.	Thomas Baghot De La Bere,
William Hughes Vernon, 10.	3.
Samuel Commeline, 10.	Alexander Edgar, 3.
Rev. Joseph Atwell Small,	William Lane, 3.
9.	Lord Craven, 2.
Charles Barrow, 8.	Estcourt Cresswell, 2.
R. B. Cheston, 8.	Charles Tirrell Morgan, 2.
Giles Greenaway, 7.	Henry Cooke, 2.
Dr John Heathfield Hickes,	Richard Champion, 2.
7.	Thomas Pavey, 2.
Benjamin Hyett, 7.	William Holbrow, 2.
George Savage, 6.	Henry Winchcomb Hartley,
Sir Thomas Crawley-Boevey,	2.
5.	—. Bowyer, 2.
John Parker, 5.	Roynon Jones, 2.
Sir William Codrington, 5.	Hon. Thomas Townsend, 1.
John Webb, 4.	Joseph Pyrke, 1.
Rev. Peter Hawker, 4.	David Hartley, 1.
Powell Snell, 4.	Anthony Austin, 1.
Purnell Purnell, 4.	Thomas Morse, 1.

OFFICERS, 1955-56

PRESIDENT:

PROFESSOR DAVID DOUGLAS, M.A., F.B.A.

CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL:

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. B. LLOYD-BAKER, D.S.O.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL:

MISS JOAN EVANS, D.LITT., DIR.S.A.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

RT. HON. VISCOUNT BLEDISLOE, P.C., G.C.M.G., F.S.A.; MRS E. M. CLIFFORD, F.S.A.; W. I. CROOME, M.A., F.S.A.; PROFESSOR DAVID DOUGLAS, M.A., F.B.A.; HENLEY EVANS, F.S.A.; MISS JOAN EVANS, D.LITT., LITT.D., LL.D., DIR.S.A., HON. A.R.I.B.A.; REV.; F. W. POTTO HICKS, M.A.; MRS D. P. DOBSON-HINTON, LITT.D., F.S.A.; WILFRID LEIGHTON, F.S.A.; THOMAS OVERBURY, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.; SIR LIONEL GOODENOUGH TAYLOR, M.A.; H. F. TREW, F.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I.; THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF GLOUCESTER.

HON. GENERAL SECRETARY:

MISS ELIZABETH RALPH, M.A., F.S.A.

HON. SECRETARY FOR BRISTOL

J. H. PAGE

HON. TREASURER:

HON. W. R. S. BATHURST, F.S.A.

HON. LIBRARIAN:

A. J. I. PARROTT, F.L.A.

HON. EDITOR

MISS JOAN EVANS, D.LITT., DIR.S.A.

HON. AUDITOR:

L. E. W. O. FULLBROOK-LEGGATT, M.C.

HON. MEETINGS SECRETARY:

G. M. ROBINS

TRUSTEES OF THE SOCIETY:

MISS ELIZABETH RALPH, HON. W. R. S. BATHURST, MR WILFRID LEIGHTON and MR ANTHONY A. SCOTT

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1957

The Eighty-first annual meeting of the Society was held at the Mansion House, Clifton, Bristol, 24 March 1956 when Major H. Stratton-Davis presided.

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Society were presented and adopted. They are printed in the present volume of *Transactions*, pp. 216-18, 220-1.

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Records Section were presented and adopted. See pp. 219 and 222.

On the proposition of Mr H. F. Trew, seconded by Colonel B. Browne the following were appointed members of the Records Section:—

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, E. S. Lindley, Lt.-Colonel A. B. Lloyd-Baker, P. V. McGrath, Elizabeth Ralph, Dr Margaret Sharp.

Dr Joan Evans was elected Honorary Member of the Society. Colonel Lloyd-Baker said that the members of the Society were delighted that Dr Evans had accepted Honorary membership of the Society which was the highest distinction that the Society could confer on one of its members. He spoke of her outstanding services to the Society.

Professor David Douglas was installed as President of the Society for the year 1956-57.

Dr Wallis proposed and Mr Allport seconded the election of Vice-Presidents, members of Council, local secretaries and Executive officers.

Major Stratton Davis then delivered his Presidential address: *Preservation and the Archaeologist*. Professor Douglas proposed a vote of thanks.

Members were received by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of Bristol who entertained the members to tea.

REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1955

Membership of the Society

For the first time since 1938, the membership of the Society has reached 600. There are 2 Honorary members, 520 private members and 70 subscribing institutional members.

During the year 12 members have died:— MR P. W. BENNETT, DR DAVID CLOW, CAPTAIN A. F. CLIFFORD, MRS F. L. DODS, CAPTAIN A. G. HERBERT, MR F. W. JEFFERIES, MRS L. REID, MR ARNOLD ROBINSON, MR T. H. ROBERTS, MR W. E. WEBB and MR PILKINGTON YOUNG.

Special mention must be made of the death of MR BENNETT, City Librarian of Gloucester who was Hon. Librarian to the Society and rendered a great service by caring for our library.

Publications

Volume 73 of the *Transactions* was issued last year. The Council has decided to print a general index to volumes 61-70 of the *Transactions*. This will be welcomed by many members.

General Meetings

The eightieth annual meeting was held in Gloucester on the 16 April when Dr Dobson-Hinton presided and read her Presidential address.

The three field meetings held during the year were enjoyed by many members. The Spring meeting took place in the Miserden area where the churches at Elkstone, Syde, Edgeworth and Miserden were visited, Mr W. I. Croome acting as guide. Members also enjoyed the privilege of seeing Miserden House, the home of Wing-Commander and Mrs Huntley Sinclair, who most graciously entertained us to tea. A successful Summer meeting was held at Marlborough. For the Autumn meeting, members saw the excavations being carried out by Mrs

Clifford at Bagendon and afterwards visited Stoke Orchard church where Mr Clive Rouse explained to us the fine series of murals. To all who helped to make the meetings so successful, we offer thanks. In particular, the Council wish to place on record the thanks and appreciation of the society to Colonel Browne who for eleven years has been Meetings Secretary. The office is a most arduous one, for the success of any meeting depends on much preparation. We hope that Colonel Browne will join us at future meetings when he will be able to enjoy the labours of others.

Meetings at Bristol and Gloucester

Successful meetings have been held at Bristol and Gloucester.

Council Meetings

The Council has held its usual quarterly meetings when the chief business has been to receive the reports of the Standing committees. Though the Excavations committee has not initiated any work of excavation, individual members have been active. Mrs E. M. Clifford, who has taken prominent interest in the committee as Chairman, has continued her important excavations at Bagendon. The work during the second season has resulted in the identification of the oppidum of the Dobunni, where they minted coins.

Members of the Society visited the site at the autumn meeting and were able to see and understand what the examination of such a structure involves when conducted in a scientific manner.

Miss Rennie, on behalf of H.M. Ministry of Works, carried out a second season of excavation at Rodborough Common, the result of which was the uncovering of ditches which produced pieces of Belgic and Roman pottery.

Mr Clive Rouse has completed his work on the mural paintings at Stoke Orchard church. He is engaged in making full size coloured drawings of them and it will then remain for him to write a detailed report. He has also inspected mural paintings at Berkeley and Oxenton churches.

After Easter, work on the conservation of the famous mural paintings at Kempley church will begin and we await the result with interest.

During the year a local archaeological society has been formed at Cirencester.

The Council considered the subscription of institutional members who because they were members before 1 January 1927 are only paying an annual subscription of 10/6. The Council therefore wish to recommend an amendment of Rule 5 by the deletion of words 'Institutions first subscribing before 1 January 1927 shall continue to pay a subscription of 10/6.' This will mean that all institutional members will pay an annual subscription of one guinea. If this recommendation is adopted, it will be necessary to confirm it at a subsequent meeting.

A list of nominations for Vice-Presidents, members of Council, local secretaries and Executive officers was submitted for the consideration of the meeting. The thanks of the Society are due to all those who have served in these offices during the year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECORDS SECTION, 1955

The Records Section again re-elected its former officers, namely Chairman, Dr Margaret Sharp; Honorary Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Ralph; Honorary Treasurer, the Honourable W. R. S. Bathurst; Honorary Editor, Mr P. V. McGrath.

The Section met three times during the year. Another volume of *Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations*, in continuation of those published in 1954, is to be edited by Mr Brian Frith, and the Gloucestershire settlement papers and the Churchwardens' accounts of St. Ewen's, Bristol, already reported on, are to be edited respectively by Mr Irvine Gray and jointly by Miss Elizabeth Ralph and Miss Betty Masters. The first parish registers to appear under the auspices of the Section, those of St. Augustine the Less, Bristol, 1577-1700, were published early this year, and will be followed later by the registers of Dymock, now practically ready for the press. Members of the Society are urged to promote the sale of both of these, and of the earlier volumes, to the utmost of their power; sales of these latter continue to be small.

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 1955

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	ASSETS	£ s. d.
Meetings Account	71 1 8	£650 3½ War Stock (Market value £500) ..	650 0 0
General Account—as at previous balance sheet	£1464 17 3	125 National Savings Certificates	268 4 7
Add Excess of Receipts over Payments	172 11 11	Cash at West Midland Savings Bank	383 19 2
	1637 9 2	Cash at Barclays Bank Ltd. .. £243 13 6	
		Lloyds Bank Ltd. .. 132 7 9	
			376 1 3
		Cash in Hand: Hon. Librarian	3 8 5
		Hon. Secretary for Bristol	10 3 11
		Hon. Secretary for Gloucester	16 13 6
	£1708 10 10		£1708 10 10

ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

£1,650 John Dickinson & Company Limited Ordinary Stock
500 Amalgamated Press Limited 7% Cumulative Preference Shares
£1,000 Imperial Tobacco Company (of G.B. & I.) Limited 6% 'B' Preference Stock

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

11 February 1956.

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

EXCAVATION FUND

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance as at previous Balance Sheet	101 5 11	Cash at Lloyds Bank	17 8 9
P.O. Savings Bank Interest	2 1 6	Cash at P.O. Savings Bank	85 8 8
	£103 7 5		£103 7 5

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

RECORDS SECTION

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December, 1955

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	ASSETS	£ s. d.
LEGACY—Alfred Bruce Robinson, deceased ..	5000 0 0	£2,400 3% Savings Bonds 1955/65	
Income from Investment ..	£105 10 0	as at 1.1.1955	£2206 1 10
Interest P.O. Savings Bank ..	8 6 0	Less Depreciation	113 16 0
			<hr/>
Depreciation per contra ..	113 16 0	£1250 3½% Defence Bonds	2092 5 10
		Post Office Savings Bank	1250 0 0
		Cash at Bank	341 4 0
			242 10 5
			<hr/>
			3926 0 3
		EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—	
		Balance as at 1.1.1955 ..	£1149 18 8
		Less Reserve Provided ..	600 0 0
			<hr/>
		Add Publishing Account ..	549 18 8
			524 1 1
		Adverse Balance	<hr/>
			1073 19 9
			<hr/>
	<hr/>		£5000 0 0
			<hr/>
			£5000 0 0

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

11 February 1956.

(Signed) L. FULLBROOK-LEGGATT, Hon. Auditor.