

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

## **Society Pages**

from 1963, Vol. 82

© The Society and the Author(s)

## Obituary

SIR LIONEL GOODENOUGH TAYLOR, J.P., M.A.

By the death on May 25th of Sir Lionel Goodenough Taylor the Society has lost one of its most respected and oldest members; old not only in point of age—he was 91—but in point of membership of the Society, to which he was first elected in 1910. To his end Sir Lionel maintained a mental and physical energy which belied his great age. At the fairly recent election of Mr Macmillan as President of Oxford University it was understood that Sir Lionel was the oldest member of the University who attended to record his vote. Educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, and Exeter College, Oxford—he was Captain of the College VIII in 1892—Sir Lionel had a strong family connection with the older Bristol Newspapers and for some years acted as a letter and political lobbyist in London. His interest in archaeology was general rather than particular and he was a most regular attendant at all meetings of the Society, which he served in many capacities. Elected a member of the Council in 1933, he was Chairman in 1945–8: a Vice-President in 1949 and President in 1951–2. In his Presidential Address at the annual meeting at Banbury in the former year he dealt with 'The Merchant Venturers of Bristol'. He had been Master of the Bristol Merchant Venturers' Society in 1926. For many years he was Hon. Auditor of the Society's accounts. He took an active part in public life in Bristol and served the office of Sheriff of the City in 1925. As the Society's nominee he was a trustee of the Theatre Royal, Bristol. Sir Lionel's kindly and pleasant personality was appreciated by a very large circle of friends and the Society's sympathy is extended to Lady Taylor and his family in their bereavement.

## OFFICERS, 1963-4

### PRESIDENT:

THE VERY REV. DOUGLAS HARRISON, M.A., DEAN OF BRISTOL

### CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL:

THE HON. W. R. S. BATHURST, T.D., M.A., F.S.A., F.G.S.

### VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

CAPTAIN H. S. GRACIE, C.B., M.A., F.S.A., R.N.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS:

MISS ELIZABETH RALPH, M.A., F.S.A.; LIEUT. COLONEL BARWICK BROWNE, F.S.A.; PROFESSOR J. M. COOK, M.A., F.S.A.; PROFESSOR D. TALBOT RICE, O.B.E., M.A., D.LITT., F.S.A.

### PAST-PRESIDENTS:

MRS E. M. CLIFFORD, F.S.A.; W. I. CROOME, C.B.E., M.A., F.S.A.; PROFESSOR DAVID DOUGLAS, M.A., F.B.A.; MRS D. P. DOBSON-HINTON, LITT.D., F.S.A.; MISS JOAN EVANS, D.LITT., D.LIT., LL.D., P.S.A., HON. A.R.I.B.A.; THE VERY REV. SEIRIOL EVANS, M.A., F.S.A.; WILFRID LEIGHTON, F.S.A.; COLONEL A. B. LLOYD-BAKER, D.S.O.; PROFESSOR I. A. RICHMOND, C.B.E., F.B.A., DIR.S.A.; H. STRATTON-DAVIS, M.C., F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A.; SIR LIONEL GOODENOUGH TAYLOR, M.A.; H. F. TREW, F.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I.; F. S. WALLIS, D.S.C., PH.D., F.G.S.

### HON. GENERAL SECRETARY:

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

### HON. SECRETARY FOR BRISTOL:

F. G. WEBB

### HON. TREASURER:

THE HON. W. R. S. BATHURST, T.D., M.A., F.S.A., F.G.S.  
Cold Ashton Manor, Chippenham, Wilts.

### HON. LIBRARIAN:

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

### HON. AUDITOR

H. G. M. LEIGHTON, M.A., A.C.A., F.S.A.

### HON. EDITOR:

CAPTAIN H. S. GRACIE, C.B., M.A., F.S.A., R.N.

### HON. MEETINGS SECRETARY:

PAUL PAGE

### TRUSTEES OF THE SOCIETY:

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

## REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1963

The Eighty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Wheatstone Hall, Gloucester, on Saturday, 9 March 1963, when Dr Glyn Daniel presided and the meeting was attended by about 100 members.

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Society were presented and adopted. See pp. 225-8, 229-30

The Annual Accounts and Report of the Records Section were presented and adopted. See pp. 228, 231

Mr A. A. Scott moved the confirmation of the alteration to Rule 3 which had been passed at the last Annual General Meeting.

The following members of the Records Section were appointed:

Hon. W. R. S. Bathurst, Dr Joan Evans, Rev. J. E. Gethyn Jones, Captain H. S. Gracie, Irvine Gray, Wilfrid Leighton, E. S. Lindley, Lt.-Col. A. B. Lloyd Baker, P. V. McGrath, Elizabeth Ralph, Dr Margaret Sharp.

The Very Rev. Douglas Harrison, M.A., Dean of Bristol was installed as President for the year 1963-64.

Professor J. M. Cook, M.A., F.S.A., was elected Vice-President.

Members of Council, local secretaries and Executive officers were elected.

The President then gave his address entitled 'The Long Barrows of the Cotswolds'.

Members were entertained to tea by the Mayor of Gloucester.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR 1962

At the end of the year under report, the membership of the Society totalled 662, composed of 571 individual members and 91 institutional members. During the year we lost 48 members through death and resignation, but gained 62 new members, so that the net gain is 14 in all. We record with regret the deaths of PROFESSOR D. ATKINSON, L. W. BAYLEY, THE REV. R. G. BINNALL, E. H. BIBBING, A. N. COTTERELL, H. R. COX, THE REV. CANON G. H. FENDICK, DR G. W. T. H. FLEMING, DR J. J. FOSTER, W. S. GOODBODY, THE REV. CANON H. S. HUTCHINSON, MISS L. C. HYETT, PROFESSOR L. PALMER, MISS M. SIMPSON, W. H. THOMPSON and C. B. TRYE. The continued increase in the membership of the Society is very encouraging.

### *Transactions*

1962 saw the publication of Volume 80 and an index volume, covering the Volumes 71 to 78. This means that the whole series of *Transactions*, 78 volumes in all, have been covered by accumulative indexes. Volume 80 proved to be a well balanced volume covering various aspects of archaeological and historical interest in the county. I cannot close this reference to the *Transactions* without an expression of thanks to the Honorary Editor, Captain Gracie, on whom the entire burden falls.

### *Library*

It will be remembered that last year the Honorary Librarian reviewed the library and disposed of those books which were of no value to the Society. The Council has now decided to spend up to £100 on the re-arrangement of the library and the making of a card index.

### *Excavations*

Although the Society has not sponsored any excavations in the county, some of the members have taken part in work done on several sites. Captain Gracie has had another successful season at Frocester Court Roman Villa. During the Spring and Summer more excavations were carried out at Cirencester under the direction of Mr Wachter. At Barnsley Park, Mr Graham Webster has continued his excavations. In Gloucester, further excavations took place on the Bon Marché site, whilst in Bristol, a small rescue excavation was carried out on the site of St James Priory which unfortunately produced no evidence of the mediaeval priory buildings. A more successful excavation on the site of St Mary le Port Church, Bristol, resulted in notable finds, detailed reports of which will be printed.

The preservation of scheduled buildings threatened with demolition both in Bristol and Gloucester has been a matter of great concern to the Council. In many cases it has not been possible to prevent demolition and the Council has felt it the right thing to concentrate on those buildings of importance. I am glad to report that after more than two years of negotiating No. 4 Broad Plain, Bristol, has been saved. The fate of Winchcombe Abbey has also been settled. Having been scheduled, it has now been acquired by a private owner and will be preserved as an open site. The restoration of Black Friars, Gloucester, is being done by the Ministry of Works who have now acquired the Friars Lodge which means that the whole site of the church will be preserved. It is hoped that the plans for the preservation of Grey Friars will be as successful.

The Unitarian chapels in Bristol and Gloucester are both scheduled for demolition as a result of re-development schemes. In both cases the congregations are unable to provide the money to restore the buildings and are anxious to sell in order that they might build smaller chapels. There is no hope of preserving the chapel in Gloucester but we are still hoping that the chapel in Bristol might be saved. Buildings in Church Street, Tewkesbury, were threatened but again the Council was successful in preventing this. At the present time the proposals for the re-development of the centre of Gloucester with the possible demolition of the Bell Hotel, Eastgate Market and many other buildings of architectural interest is causing the Council some concern. These are but some of the matters with which your Council has dealt during the past year.

As you will know Mr Anthony Scott's three-year term of office as Chairman has expired and the Council wish to place on record its appreciation of the wise and efficient manner in which he has conducted the business of the meetings of the Council.

It is with great regret that the Council received the resignations of Mrs Atkinson and Mr Gore as local secretaries. For many years Mrs Atkinson has both promoted and watched the interests of the Society in the Fairford area and has been most regular in her attendance at the meetings of Council. Miss Jones who represents the Forest of Dean area has had to resign because of illness. By the death of Professor Atkinson a vacancy has been caused at Cirencester. The services of these members have been valued and they will be missed. There are now four vacancies on the Council and two vacancies among the local secretaries. When the Council was considering the nominations, some thought was given to the inadequacy of the present geographical

divisions as laid down in the Rules and asked the Finance and General Purposes committee to consider proposals for the amendment of this and other rules.

When this report was written the Society had not sustained the grievous loss by the death of Mr Robins and I had included within it an expression of our indebtedness to him for the quiet and efficient way in which he carried out the really burdensome task of Meetings secretary. This is perhaps not the time and place to say more as a tribute to his work will appear elsewhere in the *Transactions*. The Council welcomes the nomination of Mr Paul Page as Meetings secretary.

### *Field Meetings*

The Spring meeting made history for I can find no other occasion when on one day the Society visited seven houses. The meeting was centred at Withington and on the way, the party saw Dowdeswell Manor by invitation of Mrs Paul Bridgeman. On arriving at Withington, the members walked round the village and saw several mediaeval houses and heard the history of Roman and Saxon Withington. Our thanks are due to Mrs Mason who planned the meeting and persuaded the owners to show their delightful houses.

The four-day excursion to the Gower peninsula was based on Cardiff. The Council is continuing with its policy of using hostel rather than hotel accommodation on these occasions in order to bring the summer meeting within the reach of as many members as possible. The meeting was a most enjoyable and comfortable one. For many this was their first visit to the Gower coast and for them it will be a memorable one, visiting Arthur's Stone, Penmaen Burrows and Parc Cwm, Llantwit Major and Ewenny under the guidance of our President.

Purton, Winterbourne Bassett, Buderop Park and Wanborough were visited in the Autumn. At Purton, the Vicar gave a talk on the interesting church; in the afternoon the party visited Buderop Park by kind invitation of Miss Calley who gave us a fascinating account of her house where her family have lived for nearly three centuries. After tea at Wanborough, the party was shown the church by the Vicar, one of our members.

### *Lectures*

During the Winter season four lectures were arranged at Bristol, all of which were well attended considering the weather.

## TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1963

On 12 November, Mr H. G. M. Leighton lectured on 'Bristol merchants commemorated by monumental brasses' illustrating his talk with fine examples of brass rubbings.

On 3 December, Captain Gracie gave an illustrated talk on 'Frocester Court Roman Villa'.

On 4 February, Mr Gore spoke on the 'Vernacular architecture in South Gloucestershire'.

On 4 March, Mr L. V. Grinsell read a paper on 'the Bristol mint and its coins'.

During the summer two successful meetings were arranged: the first to Athelhampton as the guests of Mr Cooke, one of our members; the second to Beverstone Castle and Tetbury.

Mr Robins and Miss Pillers arranged two meetings for the members of the northern end of the county. One to Corse and Staunton and another to Farleigh Hungerford and Bradford-on-Avon. These meetings are welcomed by those members who are unable to attend a whole day meeting.

The Council records its thanks to Mr Webb, Mrs Robins and Miss Pillers.

### *Report of the Records Section*

Again the committee of the Records Section has had no occasion to meet during the year, but both the general editor and the editors of Volume 5 have continued to be very active in preparing the index to the *Guide to parish records of Bristol and Gloucestershire*. This had proved to be a vast undertaking which has been even longer in preparation than had been expected, but a good index seemed essential to enable full use to be made of the guide. It is now confidently expected that the volume will be issued before the end of 1963.

**BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1962

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>PUBLICATIONS—</b>							Subscriptions ... ..				674	8	6
<i>Transactions</i> , Vol. 80 ... ..	1042	0	3				<b>DONATIONS—</b>						
Index Vols. 71-78 ... ..	351	15	0				Society of Merchant Venturers ... ..	2	2	0			
				1393	15	3	Gloucester Roman Research Committee ... ..	23	5	1			
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—</b>											25	7	1
Council British Archaeology ... ..	2	17	6				Sales of Publications ... ..				57	16	10
Council Pres. Ancient Bristol ... ..	2	2	0				Investment Income ... ..				675	1	4
British Records Association ... ..	1	0	0				Income Tax repayments received in year ... ..				356	19	4
Cirencester Excavation Committee ... ..	50	0	0										
Repairs to Nympsfield Barrow ... ..	16	0	3										
Bristol Archaeological Committee ... ..	2	2	0										
				74	1	9							
<b>LIBRARY—</b>													
Subscriptions ... ..	17	12	3										
Purchase of Books ... ..	27	6	8										
Binding ... ..	49	8	4										
Rent ... ..	27	15	0										
Postages ... ..	6	1	6										
Insurance ... ..	1	10	0										
				129	13	9							
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES—</b>													
Printing and Stationery ... ..	84	1	9										
Postages and Sundries ... ..	41	0	0										
Insurances ... ..	3	10	0										
				128	11	9							
				1726	2	6							
Excess of Income over Expenditure carried to General Fund ... ..				63	10	7							
				£1789	13	1					£1789	13	1



**BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**RECORDS SECTION**

Accounts as at 31st December, 1962

EXPENDITURE			£	s.	d.	INCOME			£	s.	d.
Hon. General Secretary—Postages	...	...		19	3	Sales ... ..	...	...	13	16	9
Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	272	7	6	Investment Income ... ..	...	...	114	10	0
			272	7	6	Appreciation: 3% Savings Bonds, 1955/65	...	...	145	0	0
			<u>£273</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>				<u>£273</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31st December, 1962

LIABILITIES			£	s.	d.	ASSETS			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LEGACY—Alfred Bruce Robinson deceased	...	...	5000	0	0	£2400 3% Savings Bonds 1955/65—								
						Market Value ... ..	...	...	2304	0	0			
						£500 4% Defence Bonds ... ..	...	...	500	0	0			
						£400 5% Defence Bonds ... ..	...	...	400	0	0			
						Cash at Bank ... ..	...	...	296	11	2			
						EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—								
						Adverse balance as at 1.1.1962	...	1771 16 4						
						Less Excess of Income over								
						Expenditure		272 7 6				<u>1499</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
			<u>£5000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				<u>£5000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the Records Section with the books and vouchers produced to me and certify that it is in accordance therewith.

19 WHITELADIES ROAD, BRISTOL, 8.  
28th February, 1963.

(Signed) H. G. M. LEIGHTON  
Chartered Accountant