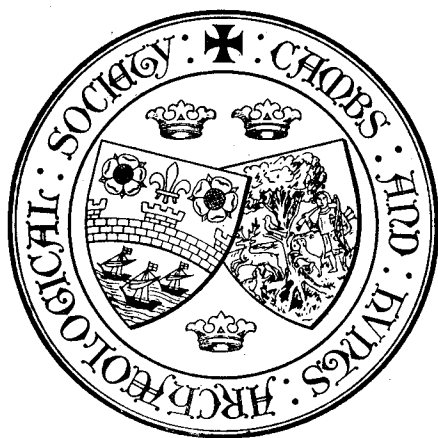


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A REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGY AT BURLINGTON HOUSE, 8TH MARCH, 1944.

I attended this meeting instead of Major Lethbridge who was prevented by military duty.

The President, Sir A. W. Clapham, began by setting out the reasons for calling the Council together. The first business was the election of the Operational Committee, the name of which was later changed to Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is not to form the policy of the Council. It is to consist of the Officers and twelve other members, one third to retire after two years and to be eligible for re-election after another two years.

The President of the Society of Antiquaries to be President of the Council.

The Secretary to be eventually a whole time paid officer.

The Council then proceeded to the election of the officers and executive Committee.

FINANCE. It was agreed that Societies should make contributions on the same lines as to the Congress, but that it might be convenient for the Groups to collect these, the Executive Committee to go into the matter and see what was required; it was thought that no large contributions would be needed. The President of the Society of Antiquaries to be the Chairman of the Committee for the first three years.

The Council shall publish a report on the lines of that of the Congress. Mr. O'Neile pointed out that the Congress was still in being.

Next the composition of the Period Panels was dealt with. It was decided that they should be elected for three years but be eligible for immediate re-election.

Dr. Oakeley proposed that there should also be Subject Panels but on further consideration it was agreed to make a card index of suitable specialists for consultation. If it appeared proper other Societies or Institutions could be added to those already represented on the Council. It was resolved by acclamation that Sir A. W. Clapham stay on the Council and Committee after vacating the office of President of the Society of Antiquaries.

Mr. Hawkes drew the Council's attention to the urgency of many matters at the present moment. "Five minutes to Tea!" He said that already important opportunities had been lost. Sir Cyril Fox then proposed that a specific mandate be given to the Committee for immediate action and that they be indemnified by the Council later, if it was necessary to go beyond their powers. I think the Council after showing some hesitation in putting too much power in the hands of the Committee showed that, when it had talked things over, it appreciated the urgency of things and had confidence in the Committee.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee was called immediately after tea.

Our member, Major Lethbridge, was put on the Anglo-Saxon Panel and I on that for the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Periods.

J. R. GARROOD.