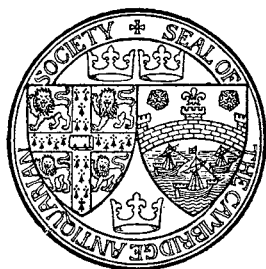


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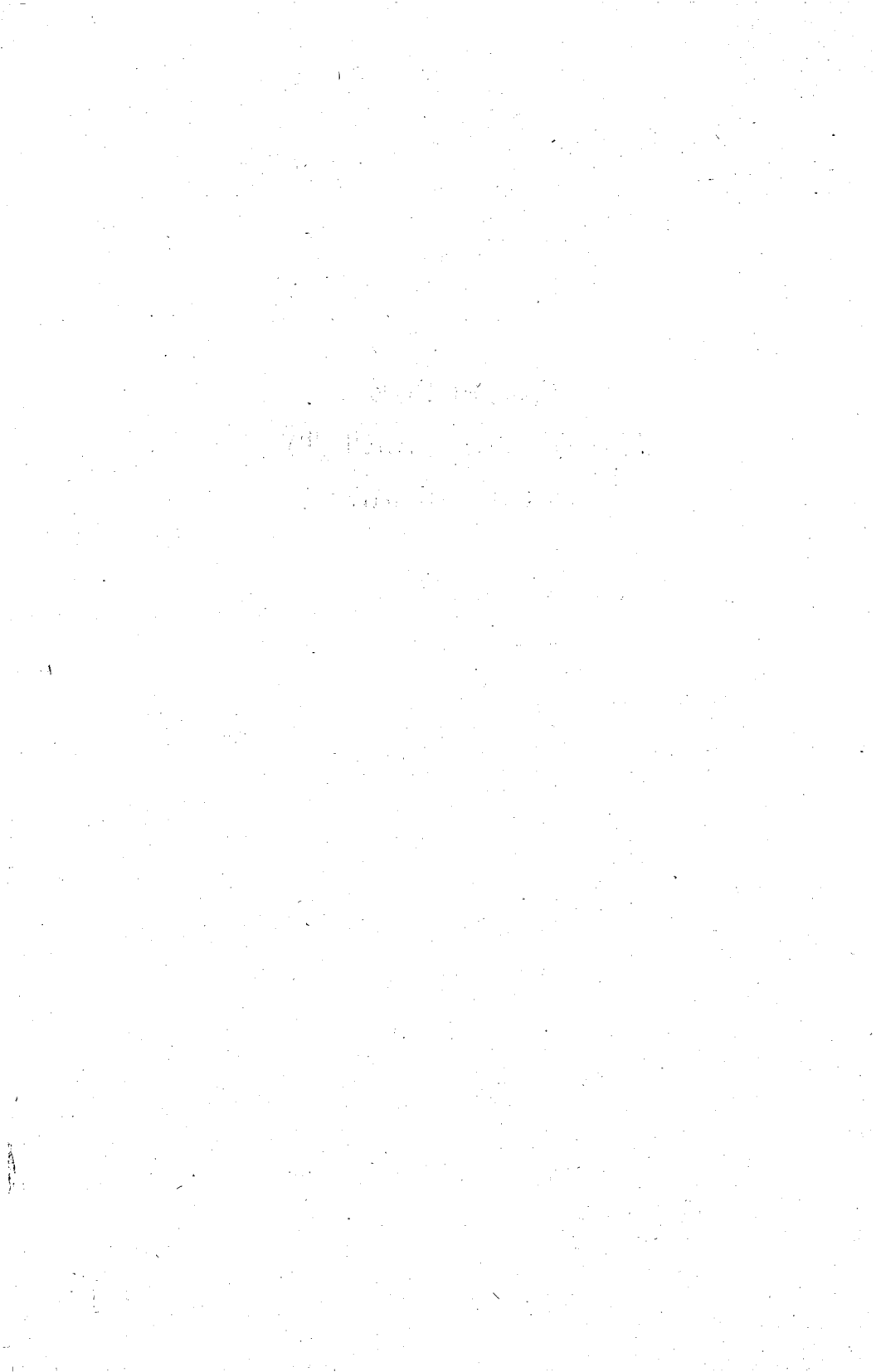
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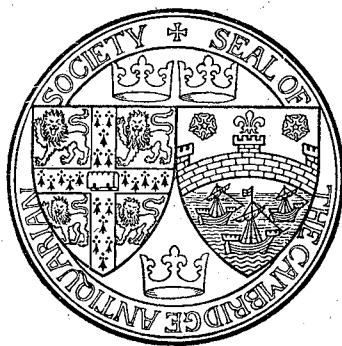
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Cambridge Antiquarian Society

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1937

Adopted at the ninety-eighth Annual General Meeting,
7 March 1938.

Membership. During the year twelve Ordinary Members and two Associate Members have been elected; one Associate Member has become an Ordinary Member. Eleven Ordinary Members and three Associates have resigned. Three Ordinary Members have died. One Life Member has died; one Ordinary Member has become a Life Member. Four Honorary Members have been elected, two of whom were previously Ordinary Members of the Society. Two institutions have become subscribing members.

The figures for 1936 and 1937 are:

	1936	1937
Honorary Members	4	8
Ordinary ,,	259	252
Life ,,	59	59
Associate ,,	25	25
Subscribing Institutions	10	12
	<u>357</u>	<u>356</u>

and of Societies in union with this Society for the interchange of publications:

British	...	...	50	
European	...	...	36	
Asiatic	...	...	4	
African	...	...	1	
American	...	...	16	
			<u>107</u>	Total 463.

There have been nine meetings of the Council, including one Extraordinary meeting; the Council consisted of nineteen members, and the average attendance at meetings has been thirteen. The Editorial Committee has met twice.

Eleven Ordinary Meetings have been held, one of which took the form of a visit to the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, by kind invitation of the Curator; the average attendance of members and friends has been fifty-nine.

The following communications were made during the year:

A. B. Steel, M.A. *The painted churches of Cyprus*. 25 January.

C. L. Cudworth. *Illustrations of Dutch influence in East Anglian architecture*. 8 February.

K. H. Jackson, M.A. *The "Táin Bó Cuailnge", an Irish document of the La Tène period?* 22 February.

J. Saltmarsh, M.A., F.S.A. *The Cambridge and County Folk Museum*. 8 March.

Professor P. Jacobstahl. *Eastern influences on Early Celtic art*. 11 May.

Bernard Rackham, M.A., F.S.A. *English delft and its ancestry*. 24 May.

E. A. B. Barnard, M.A., F.S.A. *The Cambridge University Almanack, 1801-1855*. 18 October.

Professor E. H. Minns, Litt.D., F.B.A., F.S.A. *The golden treasure of Nagy Szent Miklos*. 1 November.

R. U. Sayce, M.A. *Regionalism in rural culture*. 15 November.

L. Cobbett, M.D., F.R.C.S. *The lock of the church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem*. 29 November.

W. M. Palmer, M.A., M.D., F.S.A., J.P. *Landwade and the romance of the Cotton Family*. 29 November.

DELEGATES

Mr Barnard and Dr Palmer represented the Society at the Conference of Record Societies held in London under the auspices of the British Records Association on 15 November; and Dr Palmer and Mr Phillips represented the Society at the Congress of Archaeological Societies held there on the following day.

EXCAVATIONS

The most important work undertaken for the Society this season was the exploration of the supposed Iron Age camp on Limlow Hill, Litlington, Cambs. This work was carried out by Dr J. G. D. Clark, who makes the following preliminary report: "Excavations were carried out with a view to testing certain air-photographs taken by Major G. W. G. Allen. An irregularly circular marking girdling the hill was found to consist of a marking-out trench, which disappointed hopes of an Early Iron Age hill-fort. A prominent rectangular marking on the crest of the hill, however, was found to indicate a regularly cut ditch some 6 ft. deep and 23 ft. across with a flat bottom. The pottery suggests a late Belgic date for this enclosure. Further excavation would be necessary to determine the purpose of the enclosure, which appears from the photo to have had one entrance. An 18 ft. barrow, destroyed some fifty years ago, once stood within the enclosure. The debris of building material, together with Romano-British pottery, was found in the secondary silting in the ditch. Dr Clark wishes to acknowledge the assistance of his wife, of Mr C. W. Phillips, F.S.A., and of Mr S. S. Frere."

The excavations in the Early Iron Age and the Romano-British cemetery at Guilden Morden were continued as before with equally satisfactory results. Members of the Society were enabled to visit on the same day Dr Clark's sections at Limlow Hill and this cemetery, where both cremations and inhumations were cleared for their inspection.

Mr C. S. Leaf continues his excavations of barrows at Chippenham (see *Proceedings*, vol. xxxvi) and reports of these will follow in due course.

A sub-committee was appointed by the Council to discuss the organization of excavations in the Cambridge area, and has made the following report: "The Sub-Committee of the Council appointed to consider improvements in the Organization of Excavations in the Cambridge Area met on Friday,

28 January 1938; Present: Professor E. H. Minns, Mr T. C. Lethbridge and Dr Grahame Clark. Mr Louis Clarke, who was unable to be present, gave his assent to its suggestions.

"The Sub-Committee recommended that the post of Director of Excavations should continue, but that his duties should include not only the actual carrying out of excavations, but also those, as it were, of an Inspector of Excavations. He should deal with all sudden and urgent problems, undertake small trial works and where possible keep an eye on building or other activities in the County which might be likely to yield archaeological data. The present Director does all this as far as he is able, but he feels that the determination of policy, the selection of sites and, as far as possible, the approval of excavators should be in the hands of a specially constituted authority.

"This authority ought to be a special 'Excavations Committee' of the Society consisting of the Director and three other members appointed by the Council. The Director should convene meetings of the Committee and act as Chairman. Of the other members one should be a member of the archaeological teaching staff of the Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology and one should be a representative of the rural area. Three should be a quorum for important business.

"It should be possible with such an Excavation Committee to adopt a settled policy and to follow it over a period of years. It would bear in mind the advisability of providing field-training for a limited number of students. It is hoped that in consideration of students taking part in Excavations some contribution towards the expense might be made available from University funds. Other persons besides students should be enlisted to help in the work.

"The Committee would be the natural body to be consulted before any excavations were undertaken in the Cambridge area; if so consulted it would be ready to give skilled advice. It should also be expected to take cognisance of any new

excavation work carried on within the Cambridge area and report on it to the Council."

T. C. LETHBRIDGE,
Director of Excavations.

THE FENLAND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The most important work of the year was that devoted to the stratigraphy of the Fen deposits by Dr H. Godwin and Mr M. H. Clifford. The sequences in the silt and peat areas of the Fens have been satisfactorily linked, so providing a complete stratigraphy from Late Mesolithic to Romano-British times. A general summary and certain broad conclusions on the pre-Roman sequence will be prepared for publication during the next few months.

The second season's work on the Romano-British site at Welney was postponed owing to flooding.

The Fen sequences and that observed on the Essex Coast were correlated in a joint paper by several authors on the "Archaeology of the Submerged Land-surface of the Essex Coast" in the *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society*, 1936, pp. 178 ff.

J. G. D. CLARK,
Honorary Secretary.

LIBRARY

The Society desires to express its thanks to the following for the gifts of books and pamphlets: Mr E. A. B. Barnard, Miss Brooks, Mr L. C. G. Clarke, Mr R. R. Clarke, Miss Fegan, Dr Fritz Heichelheim, Mrs H. C. Hughes, Dr Margaret Murray, Mr L. F. Newman, Mrs Quiggin, Dr Scruby, and the Librarian. A gift of books from the library of the late Aubrey Attwater, presented to the Haddon Library by courtesy of Pembroke College, includes a number of books of local interest, among them a copy of the *History of Clare College* edited by the late M. D. Forbes.

The Society has become a subscribing member of the Bedfordshire Historical Record Society, and has purchased a complete set of the back numbers of that Society's Publications. It is subscribing also to the series of reproductions of early maps of Huntingdonshire which is being issued by a committee of members of the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society; the first set of reproductions appeared this year.

M. O'REILLY,
Librarian.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD COMMITTEE

During the year 720 prints and four watercolour sketches have been added to the Record, the largest contributors being Dr Cobbett, Mr Bullock, and Dr Palmer; the latter also gave a large number of negatives and of old mounted newspaper cuttings. The total number of prints and sketches at the end of the year was 6141.

A very interesting addition to the Record has been thirty-eight whole-plate photographs of Wisbech, printed, by permission of the Wisbech Museum, from negatives taken in 1850-60. These show not only the town, but also the varied types of ships trading with the port at that date.

By permission of the Saffron Walden Museum, seventy-six prints of Cambridgeshire villages were made from negatives taken from 1912-15 by H. Shelton, a scholar at the Friends' School, who was killed in the War.

The Cambridge Preservation Society has placed on permanent loan with us sixty prints of Cambridge street views taken by Mr J. Baldwin of Trinity College.

Three sketches by Dr Margaret Murray of buildings and courts in Cambridge which are likely to be demolished, and a sketch of the George Inn, Babraham, are much appreciated.

We should be very glad of photographs of all kinds of rural occupations, of avenues of trees or trees of any special interest, quarries, clunch pits, road and railway cuttings, and

village streets, especially at the present entrance and exit to villages, also of four-cross-ways, and the entrances of by-roads into main roads. There are many old houses in Cambridge and in its near neighbourhood still unrecorded. Photographs should be taken of demolitions, and of views opened up (often only temporarily) by the destruction of buildings.

The Committee would be particularly grateful if architects and builders and others having measured drawings of old buildings would deposit copies of these with the collection. Prints of working drawings and alterations, etc., would be very valuable as records.

The case lent to the Record in the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology contains this term (Lent Term 1938) photographs of buildings in the town and county which have recently been or are likely to be demolished.

Z. M. SCRUBY.

EXCURSIONS

College Visit. On 17 March about sixty members and associates visited Christ's College, and were kindly entertained to tea in the College Hall by the Master and Fellows. Dr A. L. Peck gave an interesting account of the history of the College, and the party was divided into three groups, in charge of Dr Peck, Mr E. B. Haddon, and Dr H. G. Booker, and the Lodge was shown by kind permission of the Master and Mrs Darwin.

Half-day Excursion to Excavations. On 21 May thirty-one members met at Limlow Hill, near Litlington, where Dr Grahame Clark explained his recent excavations. The party then proceeded to the site of the Romano-British cemetery near Guilden Morden, where Mr Lethbridge described some of the excavations made during the first two years. Tea was provided at the Three Tuns Inn at Ashwell, and the small local museum and the church were visited by many of the party.

Summer Excursion. On 13 July an excursion was made to Madingley, Fen Drayton, Hemingford Grey, St Ives, and Houghton Mill. Seventy-seven persons were present, and it was regretted that some late applications had to be refused.

Madingley Church was visited, and described by Miss M. E. H. Lloyd and the Manor House was shown by kind permission of Dr and Mrs E. B. Worthington. The party then proceeded to Fen Drayton, where some seventeenth-century houses which show Dutch influence in architecture were described by Mr D. F. R. Missen.

Hemingford Grey Manor House is the earliest secular building in Huntingdonshire. Mr and Mrs Gordon Macleod were indefatigable in showing the large party all the oldest parts of the house. Tea was provided in St Ives by kind invitation of Mr Mervyn Coote, who afterwards conducted the party over the Norris Museum and Library. Mr C. F. Tebbutt took visitors over the Bridge and Chapel. After visiting All Saints' Church, the party proceeded to Houghton Mill (now used as a Youth Hostel), whose history was described by Lt.-Col. Tebbutt.

Z. M. SCRUBY,
Excursion Secretary.

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

During the past year the Folk Museum has created considerable interest. There have been about 5000 visitors, and about 1630 gifts or loans have been received. A card index of the accessions for the use of students is being made by Dr Mary Scruby.

It is hoped that the remaining rooms belonging to the White Horse Inn, till recently let off as a cottage, will, in the near future, be used for museum purposes. This addition will make subscriptions doubly welcome.

CATHERINE E. PARSONS,
Hon. Curator.

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The Council is much indebted to Mr T. C. Lethbridge for his kindness in acting as Secretary throughout the year, and to Mr Bullock, Mr Lethbridge, and Miss O'Reilly for their work as an editorial sub-committee for the production of Vol. xxxvii of the *Proceedings*.

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