

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

1917.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (in accordance with Rule XIII) was held at the Castle Arch, Guildford, on Saturday, April 21st, 1917: The RT. HON. LORD FARRER, VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The MINUTES of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted.

The ACCOUNTS and REPORT for the year 1916, being printed and in the hands of Members, were taken as read.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has the pleasure of presenting this, its SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, together with the Cash Account, duly audited, and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending December 31st, 1916.

The Report will be found to show the effects of the present critical times upon the position of the Society, but the Council feels that it may congratulate the Members upon matters not being worse than they are. The Society is alive, solvent, and, like other people, waiting for better times.

In accordance with the wish of the Annual Meeting, no sort of Excursion or Meeting, except the Annual Meeting, was attempted. It would have been not only undesirable, but impossible to carry out anything of the kind. The restrictions upon railway travelling and the use of cars make the impossibility still more evident for the coming summer. The issue of the Annual Volume, however, has not been interrupted.

The Council wishes to bring these two matters distinctly before the notice of Members. In the course of the year the Secretary has received a few letters expressing a wish that Meetings should continue. He has received other letters, in answer to appeals for unpaid Subscriptions, expressing an opinion that the Society should be suspended altogether during the war. The answer to the former has been given above. In answer to the latter, the Council wishes to point out, first, that rent, rates, taxes, Librarian's salary, and up-keep of the Museum, are charges which must go on; secondly, that unless the Society, by a vote at the Annual or at a Special Meeting, orders the cessation of the Volume, the Council is bound to provide one annually for Subscribers and Life-Members, if it can. If there is no paper, and if there are no printers, a Volume cannot be issued. But the policy of the Society can only be altered in a regular way, by the votes of the Members, and not in answer to individual expressions of opinion.

The Council hopes that the current Volume will be found not inferior to its predecessors. The discovery at Wotton, which forms the subject of the first article, is of the highest archæological importance. The Water-Clocks, as competent authorities describe them, have found their way to the National, not the local, Museum, but in view of their curiosity and value this is not to be greatly regretted. Mr. Stephenson continues his valuable description of Surrey Monumental Brasses. Mr. Woods brings his great local knowledge of Godalming to bear upon a full account of an ancient house there, which has unfortunately now disappeared. The Secretary has striven to interpret for Members a book in their own Library, which the author and the eighteenth-century Oxford Press conspired to make unintelligible to readers. A revised version of Blechingley Churchwardens' Accounts supplements a paper in an earlier Volume. Two discoveries of coins are recorded, and some interesting shorter notes have been communicated. The Secretary invites papers and notes for the Volume of 1917.

ANCIENT BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS.—The Dolphin Inn, Guildford, which the last Report thought might be saved, has been pulled down.

A greater loss was narrowly averted. In July, the shop on the east side of Abbott's Hospital was completely burnt out; the Hospital itself was damaged by the fire, and had an alarmingly close escape from destruction. The roof was actually on fire, and the east window of the Chapel was damaged. Another shop is built up against the west side of the Hospital. A Jacobean building of singular perfection in itself and in its fittings, beautiful in design, and venerable from associations, remains exposed to great danger. The destroyed shop cannot be rebuilt at present. When the time comes for rebuilding, the Council fervently hopes that due regard will be paid, by leaving an open space or by the improvement of the party wall, as may seem best to an expert architect, to safeguarding a possession, not only of Guildford, but of the people of England and America. The Council notes with satisfaction that great local feeling in the question has been aroused, and that public interests will not be forgotten by the local authorities.

The old, disused windmill at Coulsdon—18th century probably—is threatened with destruction. The Council did not see its way to protest usefully.

A more important loss is threatened at Merton, where the Priory wall is in danger of falling from decay and from the mischief of its neighbours. It is in the hands of the National Trust, but that body wants the means, estimated at £50 for immediate and at £200 for quite satisfactory repair. The present is an ill time for appeals, but the case may be recorded.

DISCOVERIES OF ARCHÆOLOGICAL INTEREST.—At Witley an early-Norman window has been discovered in the south wall of the Church, with the remains of painting on the side. It is hoped that it may be fully described in the next Volume of Collections.

At Woking tokens of Richard Gardener, of Woking, of about 1680, and of John Browne, of Guildford, 1656, have been discovered and presented to the Museum.

A gift of a book to the Library by Mr. Thomas Walker, employed for nearly 40 years by the Society's printers, Messrs. Roworth & Co., as a token of the interest which he has taken in the Volumes which he helped to print, merits special recognition.

The Library Committee was anxious to make the Library accessible to some of the many educated men among the soldiers quartered in Guildford. For various reasons the scheme did not proceed, but Mr. Reade, of the Liverpool Rifle Regiment, in recognition of the offer, has presented four volumes of his own works on Genealogy to the Library.

The former Secretaries, Captain Jenkinson, R.G.A., and Captain Atkinson, Queen's R. W. Surrey, are, the Council is happy to report, both well. The Council would gladly print a list of Members serving, but cannot do so unless the Members or their friends will communicate the facts.

Death has robbed the Society of several distinguished Members. Mr. Thomas Milbourn, for long Honorary Secretary, died at a very great age in September last. Two other deaths must unhappily be recorded here. Both have occurred since the beginning of 1917, but a postponement of a notice until the Report of this year is in the hands of Members, a year hence, would be inadequate. Mr. Ralph Nevill died after a short illness in January, in his 71st year. A Member of the Society since his youth, it is believed since 1865, and a Member of the Council for 42 years, he was very nearly our oldest Member in both respects. No one has done more conspicuous service to the Society. His care and interest, his architectural skill and archæological knowledge, his numerous papers and oral descriptions of churches, have been an unflinching source of support. He was local Secretary for Guildford, Secretary to the Library Committee and to the joint Museum Committee, and planned the Museum building. His services in past critical times of the Society's existence were beyond the memory of most of the present generation of Members. But that the Society still exists is in part owing to his former zeal. He will be deeply regretted and greatly missed.

In February we lost the Rt. Hon. Lord Ashcombe, a Vice-President of the Society since 1860, when, as Mr. George Cubitt, he was returned as Member of Parliament for West Surrey, and a Member of the Society since the earliest days. Lord Ashcombe's activities lay in a wider field than the affairs of the Society, but in former years he took an active part on the Council. His great age, 89 at his death, had necessarily made him a stranger to our meetings of late. His son, the present Lord Ashcombe, succeeded as President of the Society to the late Rt. Hon. Viscount Midleton.

The Membership of the Society is 451, as against 458 at the date of the last Report. Seven Members died, and seven resigned ; seven new Members were elected, but several resignations take effect in 1917. The number of arrears of Subscriptions is large, owing, it is believed, chiefly to Service, other war-work, and consequent removals. The Council very earnestly hopes that Members will, if possible, continue their subscriptions, in fact and not only in name, do their best to enrol new Members, and if compelled to resign, write to that effect to save unending appeals ; or if they have changed their addresses, but wish to continue as Members, to intimate that also. If all Members gave an order to their bankers to pay their Subscriptions, and gave notice of their resignations, if resigning, before the end of the year for which they have subscribed, the unpaid work of the Society would be decreased by more than half.

H. E. MALDEN, Hon. Sec.,
By Order of the Council.

The following Members of Council :—Mr. W. Bruce Bannerman, Mr. A. Ridley Bax, The Rev. Gerald S. Davies, Dr. W. E. St. L. Finny, Col. F. A. Heygate Lambert, Mr. H. E. Malden, Mr. R. Garraway Rice, Lt.-Col. Godwin-Austen, retiring in rotation, were re-elected.

The vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. Ralph Nevill was filled by the election of Mr. Gilbert H. White.

A vote of condolence with Mrs. Nevill and the family of Mr. Nevill was passed.

It was reported to the Society that the remains of the ancient *Sedilia* of Camberwell Church had been restored to their place in the church by the exertions of our Member, Mr. P. M. Johnston.

Lord Farrer addressed the Meeting, and a vote of thanks to the Chair terminated the proceedings.

The Library Committee wish to draw the attention of Members to the fact that the Library is open for consultation, and the books may be taken out by Members, either personally or by writing to the Librarian. The Catalogue and Rules of the Library may be had on application to the Castle Arch, Guildford.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Cash Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1916.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1916	162 6 1	By Rent	12 0 0
" " in hands of Hon. Secretary	2 5 5	Rates and Taxes	9 13 0
" Dividends on £116 4s. 8d. Consols		Insurance	0 17 6
" Rent of Castle Arch (Four quarters, 29th September, 1916)		" Salaries	10 0 0
" Sale of Publications		" Museum Upkeep	15 0 0
" 7 Entrance Fees		" Office Expenses, including Hon. Secretary's Expenses and Small Postages	1 9 3
" Annual Subscriptions:—		" Council Meetings: Hire of Room, &c.	2 12 6
2 " 1914	1 0 0	" Annual Meeting	0 9 3
9 " 1915	4 10 0	" Publications, S.A.C., Vol. XXVIII.—	
308 " 1916	154 0 0	Printing and Postage	82 0 4
6 " 1917 (in advance)	3 0 0	Illustrations	14 3 2
Donations		Binding	13 17 11
" Excess Subscriptions		Index	5 0 0
	162 10 0	" General Printing, Postage, and Stationery	
	0 3 6	" Subscriptions:—	
	0 2 0	Harleian Society (1915-6)	2 2 0
		Surrey Record Society (1916)	0 10 0
		Archæological Congress (1916)	1 0 0
		Archæological Reports (1913-4-5)	2 10 0
		Repairing Urn in Museum	6 2 0
		Balance at Bank	0 16 0
		Less Cheques unpresented: Bird	164 13 11
		Eisley	11 0 0
		Balance of Petty Cash with Hon. Secretary	163 13 11
		Excess Subscriptions refunded	5 16 10
			0 2 0
TOTAL	£348 16 8	TOTAL	£348 16 8

Examined and compared with Books and Vouchers and found correct,

H. E. MALDEN,
Hon. Secretary.

CECIL T. DAVIS,
ARTHUR BONNER,
Hon. Auditors,
March 14th, 1917.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities, December 31st, 1916.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Printing Circulars, Envelopes and Stationery	8 0 6	By Balance, 31st December, 1916 (<i>less</i> cheques not presented)	153 13 11
„ Printing and Posting Vol. XXIX of <i>Col-lections</i>	85 10 0	„ In hands of Honorary Secretary	5 16 10
„ Binding ditto	15 13 3	„ One Quarter's Rent to Christmas, 1916	2 10 0
„ Illustrations	2 10 0	„ Arrears of Subscriptions recoverable	10 0 0
„ Librarian's Petty Cash for 1916	0 10 9		
<i>(The above have been discharged.)</i>			
„ Index to Vol. (estimated)	4 0 0		
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„ Balance of Assets over Liabilities	116 4 6		
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	55 16 3	Total	£172 0 9
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The ARREARS for 3 years' SUBSCRIPTIONS are 4
for 2 years' SUBSCRIPTIONS are 12
for 1 year's SUBSCRIPTIONS are 32

Total, from 48 Members, 68 SUBSCRIPTIONS.
The RESERVE FUND is £316 : 4s. 8d. 2½ per Cent. Consols.

H. E. MALDEN,
Hon. Secretary.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

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Council Room,—CASTLE ARCH, GUILDFORD.  
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