

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

1921.

THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (in accordance with Rule XIII) was held at Guildford, at the Guildhall, by kind invitation of the Mayor of Guildford, on Saturday, 30th April, 1921, at 2.30 p.m. : The 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, printed and in the hands of Members, were taken as read.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY has pleasure in presenting this its SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT ; together with the CASH ACCOUNT, duly audited, for the year 1920, and the usual STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.—During the year the Council was called upon to receive, which it did with great regret, the Resignation of the Right Honourable Lord Ashcombe from the position of President ; the Society, however, has been happy in securing the consent of the Right Honourable the Earl of Onslow to take this position. The Society has also lost the services of Mr. Vernon Cocks, for many years its Honorary Treasurer, upon his retirement from business, but is fortunate in the ability of Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A., to act in that capacity. At the Annual General Meeting, held in May, 1920, it was

announced that Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A., would again take up the position of Honorary Secretary, and a particularly hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. E. Malden, who had filled that position during the war.

THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR continued to be felt during the year. It will be seen that accession of New Members slightly outbalances the loss of old, but there has not been a large increase in the Society's numbers. On the other hand the purchasing power of money is, of course, very much smaller, and though the Council has not thought it necessary so far to recommend any alteration in the rate of subscription, it is obvious that, failing either such alteration or a large increase in Membership, it will be necessary to cut down the scale of publication of Transactions. Among immediate alterations which the Council has in mind are the omission in future of the List of Members, which will be printed at longer intervals, the cutting down of illustrations and the issue of the volume in paper wrappers—in cloth covers to be issued only upon extra payment.

EXCURSIONS.—In other respects the late year has shown some return to normal activities, and, in particular, the first whole-day excursion since 1914 was satisfactorily arranged; with an innovation in the shape of the use of motor omnibuses, which proved very successful. The neighbourhood of Bletchingley was visited, and the Council takes this opportunity of thanking all whose hospitality and help contributed to the enjoyment of the day. A half-day excursion in the autumn, when the Society was invited by the President to meet the Director of the Imperial War Museum at Clandon Park, had unfortunately to be abandoned owing to the coal strike.

WAR RECORDS.—In this connection it may be mentioned that the Council has been particularly concerned with the matter of War Records since the meeting of a Conference upon this subject, convened by the British Academy in September, 1920; at which the President and other Members of the Council were present. It may be mentioned by anticipation that a joint meeting of this Society's Council and that of the Surrey Record Society has since been held, and that the Council has taken what preliminary steps it could to secure the compilation of information as to records of this kind in Surrey, their custodians, and place of deposit. The Council would urge upon all Members the desirability of contributing in any possible way to the preservation of the manuscript remains of all local committees which were engaged

in war work, besides private correspondence, diaries and photographs which are of interest in this connection.

WAR MEMORIALS.—In at least two cases War Memorials have taken a form affecting the particular interests of the Society. At Wimbledon the work undertaken has resulted in valuable discoveries in the Parish Church, while at Chertsey a collection of tiles from the Abbey is being utilized in a side Chapel at the Church.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL WORK OF THE YEAR.—Although no discoveries of outstanding importance have been made, the Council's attention has been called to a number of occurrences of archæological interest. Among these may be mentioned, besides the two already referred to, discoveries near Dorking; in the neighbourhood of Farnham, where what were believed to be traces of a Roman road came to light; in Godalming Church; and at Weybridge. Attention was once more called, at the Annual Meeting of 1920, to the danger threatening Whitgift's Hospital at Croydon, and a strongly worded resolution was passed and forwarded to the responsible authorities. In its own Museum the Society has had work done, by the kindness of various Members, upon Manuscripts which have come to it by the gifts of Lord Hylton and Colonel Heygate Lambert, and by the bequest of the late Mr. Ridley Bax.

THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS.—The Council regrets that it was not possible to issue the current volume during the year 1920. It will be found to contain, *inter alia*, the concluding portion of Mr. Mill Stephenson's *Handlist of Surrey Monumental Brasses*; separate copies of which, with a special Index, will be available for purchase in limited numbers. The Society has now dealt definitely with at least three topics of archæological interest—those of the Brasses, the Edwardian Inventories of Church Goods, and the Church Plate of the County; besides issuing a Summary Schedule of Surrey Antiquities: and has given at least so much support as enabled a special Society to be founded for the publication of Documents. The Council feels that it could do no better work in the way of publication than to endeavour, where the present state of knowledge permits, to issue authoritative monographs upon special branches of Archæology in their relation to the County. It has in contemplation at present similar work upon the Place Names of Surrey (by the Hon. Treasurer), upon Bronze Age Finds in Surrey, and upon stained glass in the County; possibly also upon Domestic Architecture and upon Maps and Plans, upon which

subject an article appears in the present number. It also hopes to resume the practice of noticing and reviewing articles and books upon Surrey matters, and would be glad if Members would send all possible information upon this subject to the Hon. Secretary.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.—Some new features in the Museum are noted in the Transactions, and the normal accessions to the Library have been received during the year. At the time this Report was being drawn up, the Council received an offer from H.M. Stationery Office to present fifty volumes of the Publications of the Public Record Office free of charge, provided that the Society would undertake to purchase future publications for the next fifteen years, such publications amounting to about ten per annum. While it does not feel entitled to commit the Society to such expenditure, the Council thinks that possibly some Members may be inclined, by guaranteeing the necessary amount, to make it possible for this very notable addition to be made to the Society's Library.

MEMBERSHIP.—Among Members whose loss by death during this year the Society has to deplore must be specially mentioned Colonel Lane, of Guildford, and Sir Herbert Barnard, an original Member of the Society. Losses from all causes amount to 31, while 38 New Members have been elected—an increase of 7. The total number of Members up to date is 453; a considerable increase upon the figures of 1918, but still less than the pre-War Membership by about 40.

COUNCIL.—The following retire under Rule XII :—Lt.-Col. Godwin-Austen, Messrs. E. A. Chandler, A. F. Charrington, G. C. Druce, F.S.A., M. S. Giuseppi, F.S.A., and Mill Stephenson, F.S.A.; all are eligible for re-election.

Lt.-Col. C. A. Gordon Clark, who also retires, does not offer himself for re-election; in his place the Council desires to nominate Mr. A. A. Barkas.

For another vacancy which has not been filled since the death of Sir C. E. H. Chadwyck-Healey the Council desires to nominate Mr. Harold Falkner.

The Report was adopted.

The retiring Members of Council were re-elected and new Members added.

A vote of thanks to the President and Council for their services during the past year was carried unanimously.

The Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A., and Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A., were re-elected, with votes of thanks for their services, as were also the Honorary Auditors, Mr. Cecil T. Davies and Mr. A. Forbes Sieveking, F.S.A.

Votes of thanks to the Mayor of Guildford, to Mr. Robinson for an interesting collection of "War Workers" photographs which was on view, and to the Chairman terminated the meeting. Members were subsequently entertained to tea at Abbot's Hospital, which was thrown open for inspection.

The ANNUAL EXCURSION took place on July 19th. Assembling at Esher, Members first visited Waynflete's Tower and the old Parish Church, under the guidance of the Reverend J. K. Floyer, F.S.A. The party then drove to Walton-on-Thames and inspected the Church, and after lunch heard a paper on the place by Mr. Percy Webb, M.B.E., F.R.N.S. After this the drive was continued to St. George's Hill, where Dr. Eric Gardner, F.S.A., read a paper on the Earthworks, and subsequently conducted Members round some of the most interesting portions. Returning to Walton, the party then inspected the old Manor House under the guidance of Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., and took tea, after which it broke up.

TWO AFTERNOON EXCURSIONS were also made during the year. On one Saturday a visit was made to the Public Record Office by Members of this and of the Record Society, and a special exhibition of Surrey documents was inspected. Later in the year a large party visited Kingston, inspecting the Grammar School, Lovekyn's Chapel, and the Church : after which it was hospitably entertained to tea by the Mayor (Dr. Finny) and Mrs. Finny at the Town Hall, where an interesting exhibition of Pictures, Plate and Records was on view.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Cash Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1920.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Annual Subscriptions:—		By Rent
3 for 1919	1 10 0	Rates and Taxes
362 " 1920	181 0 0	Insurance
20 " 1921	10 0 0	Salary	0 17 6
.. 35 Entrance Fees	17 10 0	Museum Upkeep	10 0 0
.. Excess Subscriptions	210 0 0	Publications: S. d., C., XXXII:—	15 0 0
.. Life Compositions	0 2 0	Printing	134 18 6
.. Sale of Publications	32 0 0	Binding	27 0 4
.. Proceeds of Excursion	19 2 6	Blocks	6 18 3
.. Rent of Castle Arch (3 Quarters)	7 10 0	Binding Cases for S. d., C., XXXI	168 17 1
.. Interest on Deposit	7 1 8	General Printing and Stationery	2 10 0
.. Dividends on £316:4s. 8d. Consols.	5 10 8	Subscriptions—	14 6 0
.. Dividend on War Loan	0 18 3	Harleian Society	1 1 0
.. Balance at Bank, January 1st, 1920	109 16 11	Archæological Congress	1 0 0
.. " in hands of Hon. Secretary, January 1st, 1920	2 4 2½	Surrey Record Society	0 10 0
.. Owing to Mr. Malden	112 1 1½	Council Meetings and Tea	2 11 0
	0 0 1	Clerical Assistance	2 4 0
		Postages	12 10 0
		Purchase of War Loan	5 10 10½
		Excursion (Mr. Atkinson)	10 0 0
		Cheque Book	15 15 0
		Sundry Payments by Mr. Malden	0 10 6
		Year Book of Learned Societies	0 13 0
		Balance at Bank, January 1st, 1921	0 12 6
		" in hands of Hon. Secretary, January 1st, 1921	115 3 10
		" 1921	2 4 11
		TOTAL	117 8 9
		TOTAL	£400 13 9½

5 Quarters appear in Accounts for 1919.

H. E. MALDEN, Hon. Secretary (1920).

The above has been examined by us and found correct.

(Signed) CECIL T. DAVIES,
A. FORBES SIEVEKING.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 1st January, 1921.

LIABILITIES.	<i>£ s. d.</i>	ASSETS.	<i>£ s. d.</i>
To Subscriptions (20) for 1921 paid in advance, and		By Rent of Castle Arch, Dec. Quarter	2 10 0
Entrance Fees (7)	13 10 0	„ Investments:	
„ Sundry Creditors	59 8 10	(A) £316:4s. 8d. Consols, market value 44 ³ / ₁₀ %	141 10 0
„ Estimated Cost of S. A. C. XXXIII	190 0 0	(B) War Loan £21 : 2s. 10d. at cost	20 0 0
„ Balance in favour of Society	168 9 11	„ Cash on Deposit at Bank	150 0 0
		„ Cash Balance at Bank (current account) and with	
		Hon. Sec.	117 8 9
	Total		£431 8 9

The Subscriptions in arrears are: 1918, 1; 1919, 3; and 1920, 11.

The contingent liability in respect of Life Compositions on the one hand, and the Stock of Publications, the Library and the Museum Exhibits, etc., on the other hand, are not valued.

ARTHUR BONNER, *Hon. Treasurer* (1921).

The above has been examined by us and found correct,

(Signed) CECIL T. DAVIES.

8/4/21

A. FORBES SIEVEKING.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Honorary Secretary regrets the lateness of appearance of the present volume. Recovery from the War is still slow, and the available time of Members who contribute is no doubt more than usually circumscribed ; in addition the death of a valued member, Dr. Peat'ing, and the illness of two others, have made the task of collection difficult ; and it has not been possible to include in this volume the promised opening of Dr. Gardner's Summary of Bronze Age Finds in Surrey. Production of Mr. Bonner's work on Place Names has also been unavoidably delayed.

The Honorary Secretary would particularly remind Members that contributions are always very gladly considered, and that the number of Members who do active work for the Society might be increased with great advantage. He would particularly welcome offers of assistance in regular work, such as the transcribing of Churchyard Inscriptions, the recording of little-known specimens of domestic architecture, and work upon maps or manuscripts ; and would be very glad to hear from any Members who might be willing to devote any time to such work.

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