

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1931

AN AFTERNOON MEETING was held on February 28th, when the Temple Church and Middle Temple Hall were visited. Members were conducted by Master Bruce Williamson of the Middle Temple, who spoke on the architecture of the Church and gave a very interesting discourse on the history of the buildings. There was a large attendance.

AN AFTERNOON EXCURSION to Gatton and Merstham took place on April 28th. Gatton House was first visited. Sir Jeremiah Colman met the party and spoke for a few minutes on the history of Gatton. Members were then shown the famous Marble Hall built by Lord Monson in 1830 and first intended for Ferdinand, King of Spain. The small classic building near the house known as the Town Hall was inspected and a paper by Mr. Genochio, C.B.E., who was unable to be present, was read by Mr. Mordaunt Rogers. St. Andrew's Church, which stands near Gatton House, was next visited and a short description of its antiquities and modern furniture was given by Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A. Members then proceeded by motor-coach to Merstham Church, where Mr. Johnston read a paper on its history and architecture, tracing the growth of its plan from the Pre-Conquest period represented by the shell of the nave to the early sixteenth century or Tudor-Gothic in the chancel and south chapel. He pointed out especially the unique capitals of the chancel arch, which are of a rude trefoil shape on plan and are carved with an imitation of the acanthus of Corinthian capitals suggesting the work of a returned Crusader. Among other specially interesting features he drew attention to the double piscina with its two quite perfect basins supported on corbels carved with two types of early thirteenth-century foliage, the late fifteenth-century glass and paintings in the south chapel, and the monuments and brasses.

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, in accordance with Rule XI, was held at Guildford at the Guildhall, by kind invitation of the Mayor of Guildford, on Saturday, April 25th.

The President, the Earl of Onslow, was in the Chair. With him on the platform were His Worship the Mayor, Councillor C. T. Bateman ; Lord Farrer, President of the Surrey Record Society ; Sir Henry Lambert, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and others.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted.

The Accounts and Report of Council for the year ending 1930, printed and in the hands of members, were taken as read.

Report of Council

for the year ending December 31st, 1930.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has pleasure in presenting this, its SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, together with the CASH ACCOUNTS and STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES for the period named.

PUBLICATIONS.—The volume on *Stained Glass in Surrey Churches* is already in the hands of members and is a fitting memorial to the late Dr. Peatling whose friends contributed towards the cost of its production for this purpose. Members will be aware that the Society's Publications have been in arrears for some time past, and four volumes will be owing by the end of 1931. Volume XXXVIII, Part II, which it was expected would be issued in 1930, was delayed at the last moment by an unfortunate accident but is now in the hands of members. Special efforts are being made to catch up the remaining three volumes during the present year by producing, in addition to Volume XXXIX of the ordinary *Collections*, the following volumes out of the ordinary series : (1) a General Index to the last eighteen publications of the Society in continuation of that published in 1914 ; (2) a portfolio of colotype reproductions of Rocque's map of Surrey in 9 sheets issued in 1762. This map is rare and of particular interest from its large scale and copious detail. It is believed that its reproduction will meet with general approval.

The Council regrets to have to announce the resignation of Mrs. Grenside, to whom it is indebted for having acted as Honorary Editor since 1926. It is glad to report that Miss Giuseppi has kindly undertaken to see Volume XXXIX through the press. The work of preparing the General Index has already been put in hand and Mr. R. L. Atkinson has been good enough to undertake the supervision of the production of Rocque's map.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.—The chief acquisitions to the Museum during the year have been the valuable collection of Saxon finds from the Guildown Cemetery referred to in the Council's last Report. These were presented to the Museum by Mr. and Mrs. Kempster, the owners of the soil in which they were found. They are of special interest owing to the small number of Saxon exhibits hitherto in the Museum. Other additions include some fine specimens of domestic iron-work presented by Mr. J. C. Cockshutt, several framed prints presented by Mr. H. Savage, and a number of flint implements from the collection of the late Mr. Frank Lasham presented by his widow.

Some further bookcases have been provided for the Library, to which a number of gifts have also been made, as well as the usual additions by exchange with other Societies.

MUNIMENT ROOM.—The Council is glad to be able to report that the new building and the fittings have now been completed and the room is available for reception of documents.

The Management of the Muniment Room is in the hands of Honorary Officers appointed by the Joint Museum Committee. In all technical matters affecting deposit and arrangement of Documents, their safety, and public access to them, these Officers act in consultation with two Honorary Advisers, nominated by the Surrey Record Society, who will personally inspect the room from time to time. The present Advisers are both Assistant Keepers of the Public Records. At the request of the Guildford Town Council, the Room has now been approved by the Master of the Rolls as a place of deposit for Manorial Records.

The MSS., the property of the Society, have been placed in the Muniment Room, and are in process of being catalogued. They will then be available for members to consult under proper safeguards.

EXCAVATIONS.—The work upon the Saxon Cemetery found in the garden of Chalk Hill, Guildown, was mentioned in last year's report. Excavations were carried on till the summer of 1930. Owing to Colonel North leaving the neighbourhood, Mr. Anthony Lowther took charge at the beginning of the year, and he has written the Report, which will appear in the next volume of the *Collections*. The Society is greatly indebted both to Colonel North and Mr. Lowther for this valuable work and to Mr. and Mrs. Kempster for permitting it.

Twelve further burials, one complete pot, and some broken pottery were found in the same summer during road excavations off Mount Street, not far distant from the Guildown Cemetery.

Some excavations at Holmbury Hill were undertaken early in

the year by Mr. S. E. Winbolt, and a Report on the work done appears in Volume XXXVIII, Part II, of the *Collections*.

The attention of the Council was called during 1930 to the evidences of a very ancient settlement disclosed during quarrying in the sandpit by Brockham Lane, Betchworth. Pottery dating from Neolithic, Bronze Age, Roman and Saxon periods have been found here as well as quantities of flints.

The Council was able to make small financial provision for the investigation of this site, but it must draw attention to the fact that the Excavation Fund will need replenishing before any serious work can be undertaken and that the need for this may arise at any moment.

EXCURSIONS.—Three half-day excursions were arranged during the course of 1930, in addition to the usual two whole-day excursions.

On the afternoons of March 8th and April 9th, Mr. Bonner, F.S.A., conducted visits to Lincoln's Inn and Hampton Court, and on September 13th, Petersham Church and Ham House were visited under the guidance of Dr. W. E. St. L. Finny, F.S.A. The Annual Excursion was to Crowhurst and Lingfield on July 28th, and a whole-day excursion outside the county took place on June 12th when the Roman Pavements at Bignor and Arundel Castle were visited.

The Council takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. Strickland and all others who assisted in making these visits so successful.

HONORARY SECRETARYSHIP AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Following the announcement at the last Annual General Meeting of the impending resignation of Mr. Mordaunt Rogers, the Council took steps to fill his place, and found that Miss O. M. Heath would be prepared to undertake the Honorary Secretaryship provided she was relieved of certain of its responsibilities by the appointment of a small Committee which would be able to give her advice and support.

The Council being anxious to avail itself of her services, and having in mind the recommendations of a special committee (formed some years back to consider the duties of the Secretaryship) that an increased co-ordination of the Society's activities was highly desirable, appointed a small sub-committee to consider how best these aims could be obtained at this juncture.

This sub-committee reported that the present division of the Society's activities between the Honorary Secretary and independent sub-committees makes it harder rather than easier for the Honorary Secretary to maintain co-ordination since he is responsible directly to the Council for only a small proportion of the

Society's undertakings. And at the same time, as a result of this divided responsibility, and the growth in the scope of the Society's work, too much business comes before the Council in an undigested state. They considered that policy with regard to Excursions and Publications should be closely allied, and that the authority that dealt with general correspondence should be in close touch with both and with the Library and Museum at Guildford. They recommended the provisional appointment of a small Executive Committee to work with Miss Heath as Honorary Secretary, to co-ordinate the Society's activities, and to be responsible to the Council in place of separate Editorial and Excursion Committees. The Council adopted this proposal, and appointed for the purpose, Sir Henry Lambert, K.C.M.G., C.B., Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A., Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A., Lieut.-Gen. Sir Alfred Bingley, K.C.I.E., C.B., and Captain C. M. H. Pearce, F.S.A.

The Council believes that this arrangement has already produced satisfactory results and recommends its continuance.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY.—Sixty-two new members have been elected during the year, but the Society has lost 28 members by resignation and 11 by death. Among these last the Council most especially records the irreparable loss the Society has sustained by the death of Mr. H. E. Malden, whose scholarship and profound historical knowledge of the County have so often enriched the *Collections*. Mr. Malden was elected to the Council of the Society in 1896, and during the war years of 1916–20, he acted as its Secretary.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.—During the year the Society has lost two Vice-Presidents in the Duke of Northumberland and Sir H. Cosmo Bonsor, Bt. The Council has had great pleasure in appointing Mr. Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., and Mr. M. S. Giuseppi, I.S.O., F.S.A., two of the senior members of the Society, who have rendered great service to archaeology in the County and have both acted as Honorary Secretaries in the past. The Council has pleasure also in appointing Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., to be a Vice-President.

COUNCIL.—Under Rule IV the following members of the Council retire and are ineligible for re-election for one year: Dr. W. Hooper, LL.D., Mr. Berwick Sayers, Miss O. M. Heath, Mr. W. Bacon (appointed in 1930 to serve the remainder of Canon Livett's term of office). The fifth place due to be vacated in 1930 has not been filled since the death of Mr. Norris in 1928. The sixth place was never filled.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
Cash Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1930.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 1/1/30.—							
Bank, Deposit Account		400	0	0	18	0	0
Current Account		271	16	4	2	10	0
Cash		7	7	8	30	0	0
Subscriptions: 1928, 3					25	0	0
1929, 7					5	18	6
1930, 538					5	0	0
1931, 10							
558 at 10s.							
Payments in Excess		279	0	0	5	6	4
Entrance Fees, 53 at 10s.		0	2	0	6	2	6
26 10 0					160	0	0
305 12 0					9	9	0
10 15 0					1	7	7
Sale of Publications and Cases for Binding							
Contribution to Costs of Guildown Blocks, S.A.C.							
XXXVIII, ii (Dr. Gardner)							
5 0 0							
Receipts, Excursions, and Annual Meeting							
92 0 6							
Interest and Dividends—							
Bank, Deposit (to 20th June)		3	8	8			
Consols		6	4	8			
War Loan		10	15	6			
20 8 10							
By Castle Arch—Rent, 1½ yr. to 25/12/30							
Insurance							
Museum Upkeep (Contribution, 2 yrs. to 31/3/31)							
Librarian and Caretaker							
Carpenter's Work							
Muniment Room, reference books							
86 8 6							
Publications: S.A.C. XXXVIII, i, Balance of Printing photos		5	6	4			
S.A.C. XXXVIII, ii, Half cost Guildown photos							
6 2 6							
" " Stained Glass," on account printing, etc.							
160 0 0							
" " Stained Glass," Index							
9 9 0							
Editor's Postage a/c.							
1 7 7							
182 5 5							
Printing (General)							
18 16 0							
Postage, Petty Cash, and Cheque Book							
15 0 0							
Clerical Assistance to Treasurer							
7 0 0							
Cost of Excursions (5) and Annual Meeting							
77 0 2							
Donation to Excavation Fund							
10 0 0							
Purchase of Deeds							
3 0 0							
Subscriptions: Overpaid and Refunded							
Congress of Archaeological Societies		1	0	0			
1 0 0							
Surrey Record Society		1	0	0			
2 0 0							
Transfer of Securities to present Trustees							
1 2 10							
Purchase of 5% War Loan, £388 19s. at 102½% and charges							
400 0 0							
Balance in hand 31/12/30:—							
Bank							
306 14 10							
Less Cheque not cleared							
0 18 0							
305 16 10							
Cash							
2 12 7							
308 9 5							
£1,113 0 4							

ARTHUR BONNER, Hon. Treasurer.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 31st December, 1930.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions for 1931 (10)			0	By Investments :—					
„ Sundry Creditors :—			0	(a) Consols £316 4s. 8d. (cost about			181	16	8
„ Butler & Tanner	8	0	6	£292) at market value 57½			420	0	0
„ Emery Walker, Ltd.	21	17	1	(b) War Loan £410 2s. 6d. at cost					
„ H. M. Rogers, Clerical Assistance	6	0	0	(c) National Savings Certificates			34	17	6
„ Deeds Purchase Fund (amount earmarked for)		35	17	(31)					
„ Estimated cost of Printing, etc. S.A.C.		79	1	„ Balance at Bank		305	16	10	
„ XXXVIII, ii, XXXIX, and Rocque's Map		575	0	„ Cash in hand		2	12	7	
„ Balance in favour of Society		250	5				308	9	5
			0						
			0				<u>£945</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

The Stock of Publications, the Library, and the Museum exhibits are not valued. They are insured against Fire for £2,000.

ARTHUR BONNER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

L. C. E. CURRIE } *Hon.*
RICHARD J. SADLEIR } *Auditors.*

The Council nominates for election the following: Lieut.-Gen. Sir Alfred Bingley, the Rev. Dr. Floyer, Sir Henry Lambert, Mr. Edwin Hart, Canon Newill, Mr. W. S. Field.

In addition, two vacancies exist among members of Council elected in 1928, due to the premature cession of elected places by Sir Henry Lambert and Dr. Floyer upon co-option in 1930.

The Council nominates for election for the remainder of this term Mr. H. J. Chalcraft and Mr. A. W. G. Lowther.

Two similar vacancies exist among those elected this year, due to Mr. Stephenson's appointment as Vice-President, and to Mr. Malden's death. The Council nominates for the remainder of this term Mr. J. Gatton Swayne and Capt. H. W. Knocker.

The Report and Accounts were duly adopted and a vote of thanks to the President, Officers and Council carried unanimously. The following were elected members of Council: Lieut.-Gen. Sir Alfred Bingley, K.C.I.E., C.B.; the Rev. Dr. Floyer, F.S.A.; Mr. C. B. Gosling, F.S.A.; Mr. Edwin Hart, F.S.A.; Sir Henry Lambert, K.C.M.G., C.B. and the Rev. Canon Newill.

Mr. H. T. Chalcraft, Captain H. W. Knocker, Mr. A. W. G. Lowther and Mr. J. Gatton Swayne were also elected to the Council to fill extraordinary vacancies.

Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A., was re-elected Honorary Treasurer with a vote of thanks for his services during the past year. Regret was expressed that owing to illness he was unable to be present at the meeting.

Mr. W. R. Strickland was re-elected Honorary Excursions Secretary and Messrs. L. C. E. Currie and R. J. Sadleir Honorary Auditors with a vote of thanks for their services.

Miss O. M. Heath, who had taken over the Secretarial duties on the resignation of Mr. Mordaunt Rogers, was elected Honorary Secretary of the Society for the ensuing year.

In addressing the meeting the President spoke of the great regret felt by every member of the Society and many outside, that Mr. Malden was no longer with them. The Society, archæology, and County History has sustained a severe loss in his lamented death. For many years he was an active member of their Council. He was the author of many works on Surrey. Lord Onslow spoke also on the preservation of ancient monuments and especially of the importance of preserving historical facts by recording them in writing. In referring to the completed Muniment Room in Guildford he said that Guildford had spent a considerable sum of money

in acquiring the site and providing the proper fittings, and he thought the Society should publicly say how grateful they were for the interest the town had taken in the matter.

Mr. A. R. Cotton gave an explanation of finds from the Saxon cemetery at Hawk's Hill, Fetcham, which had been deposited in the Museum. These finds had recently turned up, and consisted of two swords, spear-heads with open sockets, portions of three shields and a knife, and most interesting of all, a portion of a bronze bucket with the handle fastened to the sides by discs, on each of which was a mask of a woman's face.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Mayor of Guildford for the use of the Guildhall and for allowing the Corporation Plate to be on view.

A vote of thanks to Lord Onslow for presiding at the meeting was moved by Sir Henry Lambert and carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Corporation Plate was exhibited and was described to members by Alderman H. M. Lunn. Tea was afterwards provided at Abbot's Hospital and later the Museum and Guildford Caverns were visited.

THE EXTRA COUNTY EXCURSION was made on May 28th when Eton and Windsor were visited. Members assembled at Eton at the Founder's Statue in the School Yard and proceeded to the School Library. The Head Master, the Rev. C. A. Alington, D.D., met the party and gave an address. The Upper and Lower Schools, the Chapel and the Memorial Buildings were visited. In the afternoon members met at Windsor Castle and were conducted round the State Apartments and other places of interest by an official guide. St. George's Chapel was also visited and the history and architecture of the building described. By invitation of the Dean of Windsor, the Rev. A. V. Baillie, D.D., C.V.O., members of the Society were afterwards given tea at the Deanery.

AN AFTERNOON EXCURSION was made on August 8th to Wonersh Church, Farley Heath and Albury Old Church. In the absence of Mr. P. M. Johnston, the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Brown, spoke at Wonersh Church and gave an interesting account of the history of the building. Mr. S. E. Winbolt read a paper on the Roman Camp at Farley Heath and conducted the party round the banks of the ancient settlement. The small portion of masonry which still remains on the heath was inspected and a plan shown of the Celtic and Roman enclosures. Members then proceeded to Albury village for tea and later to the Old Parish Church in Albury Park.

Mr. Johnston gave an interesting description of the architecture of the Church and also of the work of repair which had lately been carried out. This included the removal of the eighteenth-century ceilings which had become dangerous and the bringing to light of the ancient roof timbers. Indications of further wall paintings had been discovered of an earlier date probably than the painting of St. Christopher on the south wall.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held at Farnham on September 5th. In the morning Waverley Abbey was visited by permission of Major R. D. Anderson. The ruins were inspected and a paper on the history of the Abbey was read by Mr. L. C. E. Currie. Members then left by motor-coach for Vernon House, Farnham, which was seen by permission of Mrs. G. E. Morrison. In the afternoon a large number assembled and were conducted over Farnham Castle by the Rev. H. R. Huband. Repairs and restoration work involving extensive alteration in the building being now in progress at the Castle, members were able to make an examination of the ancient structure which had not hitherto been possible. Mr. Huband spoke on the history of the Castle from earliest times and exhibited a large number of pictures and plans. He explained the work of alteration which was being carried out and the many new features of interest in the building. Of these the most important was the discovery of the original Norman doorway in the Great Hall, the existence of which had been unknown before. A very careful watch was being kept and every discovery of interest recorded, and it was probable that when the work of repair was completed the evidence obtained would necessitate an entire revision of previous theories on the history of the fabric. On leaving the Castle members proceeded to Farnham High Street for tea and later to the Parish Church of St. Andrew's. In the absence of the Rector, Canon E. M. Girling, who was to have described the building, Mr. Huband again addressed the meeting and gave an interesting account of the history of the Church and its architecture.

PILGRIMS' WAY MEETINGS.—In addition to the usual excursions, a series of walking expeditions was arranged during the winter and spring months 1930-31 for the purpose of examining the ancient way running through Kent and Surrey usually known as the Pilgrims' Way. The object being to obtain a thorough grasp of the real course and meaning of the Old Road by actual inspection of well-known portions of it, the first of the meetings took place in

Kent where the Road is specially well preserved. By studying the usual position and characteristics of the well-defined parts of the road in this county, it was easier to trace the more obscure line of route in Surrey. The first walk took place on November 29th, 1930, members meeting at Maidstone Museum and proceeding by omnibus to Thurnham Church and thence on foot along the Old Way. Mr. Edwin Hart, F.S.A., organized the meetings and spoke on each occasion on the history of the Road and on other features of interest connected with it. The most important centres of interest along the Prehistoric Way were visited and all the archaeological remains within easy distance of the route. Ten walks were arranged, the meeting-places being as follows: Maidstone, Aylesford, Wrotham, Otford, Oxted, Godstone, Merstham, Reigate, Dorking, Albury Downs. The further section of the Road from Shalford to Farnham was postponed for another year. Members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Hart's work in organizing the meetings and of his lectures on the history of the Road. A full description of the Old Way by Mr. Hart will be published later in the *Collections*.

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AN AFTERNOON MEETING was held at St. James's Palace on March 5th, 1932, when a large number of members were present. Mr. H. Genochio, C.B.E., described the history of the building and conducted the party through the various State rooms, concluding with the Chapel Royal.

PILGRIMS' WAY MEETINGS.—Two further walking expeditions along the Pilgrims' Way took place on April 2nd and April 16th, conducted by Mr. Hart. Members met at St. Catherine's Chapel on April 2nd and walked by Sandy Lane to Compton and afterwards through the grounds of Monkshatch to Puttenham. On April 16th they met at Puttenham and walked to the junction of ancient and modern routes in the neighbourhood of Seale Church.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, in accordance with Rule XI, took place at Guildford on April 30th and was held at the Guildhall by kind invitation of the Mayor of Guildford.

The President, the Earl of Onslow, was in the Chair, and was supported by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor W. Harvey; Lord Farrer, President of the Surrey Record Society, and others. The Honorary Secretary, Mr. Humphry Nevill, read the notice

convening the meeting. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted. The Accounts and Report of Council for the year ending 1931, printed and in the hands of members, were taken as read.

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PUBLICATIONS.—During the year two volumes of the *Collections* have been brought out, namely Vol. XXXVIII, Part II, issued in March, for which the Society is indebted to Mrs. Grenside, and Vol. XXXIX, which Miss Giuseppi kindly undertook to see through the press and which was issued to members in October. The first of these volumes contains the final Report of the excavation of the Roman Villa at Ashtead; and a full account of the discoveries on the site of the Saxon Cemetery at Guilddown appears in Vol. XXXIX. Both of these are the work of Mr. A. Lowther, valuable and very complete records. The Reproduction of Rocque's Map of Surrey, which was the third publication issued by the Society during the year, has, the Council believes, given general satisfaction. The map is on a slightly smaller scale than the original, but otherwise loses little by reproduction. It may be mentioned here that though the map is issued in respect of subscriptions received in 1926, all members who have joined the Society since 1926 can obtain it for ten shillings. Some further particulars of the various editions of the original map between the years 1762 and 1775 have come to hand since the publication of the Society's reproduction, and a note on this subject will be published in the Society's next volume.

A second volume of General Index is now being printed, and when that has been issued, all arrears of publications will, the Council is glad to be able to report, have been made up.

EXCAVATIONS AND DISCOVERIES.—Four weeks' excavation at Hascombe Hill Camp was carried out for the President of the Society by Mr. S. E. Winbolt in August. A full report on this work will appear in the next volume of the *Collections*. Specimen finds, consisting of fragments of pottery, sling bolts, broken querns and worked flints, have been presented to the Museum at Guildford.

The Sandpit at Brockham Lane, Betchworth, mentioned in last

year's Report, has continued to yield finds of broken pottery of various ages, and flints. Except for a number of Roman coins, however, nothing of particular note has been dug up. The coins are now in the possession of Mr. D. Bargman.

At Eashing, near Godalming, a discovery of some interest was made in the course of work on the new By-Pass road. Five skeletons and indications of others were found lying a few feet apart immediately in the line of the new roadway. From the slight evidence available these would appear to belong to the Romano-British period. Part of a Roman bronze pin and a few bits of rough pottery were found near the burials, but there was no grave furniture. A report by Sir Arthur Keith will be published later with a description and plan of the burials. The Council takes this opportunity of again recording its appreciation of the help given by the Supervising Engineer and other Officers of the Surrey County Council in preserving the finds from destruction and of their readiness to meet the Society in every way.

EXCURSIONS.—Two whole-day and three half-day excursions were arranged during the year, as in former years. The places visited were as follows:—February 28th, 1931, The Temple Church and Middle Temple Hall; Lecturer, Master Bruce Williamson, of the Middle Temple. April 18th, 1931, Gatton Park and Merstham Church; Lecturers, H. Genochio, Esq., C.B.E., and P. M. Johnston, Esq., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A. May 28th, 1931, Eton College and Windsor Castle; Lecturer, the Rev. C. A. Alington. August 8th, 1931, Wonersh Church and Albury Old Church, described by the Rev. A. L. Brown, and P. M. Johnston, Esq. September 5th, 1931, Waverley Abbey, Farnham Castle and Farnham Parish Church; Lecturers, L. C. E. Currie, Esq., and the Rev. H. R. Huband.

The Society is much indebted to Mr. R. W. Strickland, the Hon. Excursions Secretary, for his work in organizing these excursions. The very large numbers attending them are proof of the popularity of the meetings. The Council would suggest that members induce the visitors they bring to become members of the Society.

In addition to the usual excursions, a series of walking expeditions along the route of the Pilgrims' Way was organized during the winter months 1930 and 1931 and proved very interesting. Under the guidance of Edwin Hart, Esq., F.S.A., the whole of the Way from Maidstone to near Guildford was studied and ancient sites along the route visited. It is intended that these walks shall be continued during the spring.

LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND MUNIMENT ROOM.—The Library has received the usual additions in exchange with other Societies.

Among the presentations made during the year is a fine volume of Collections for the History of Pirbright, presented by Dr. Curtis and Miss Cawthorn. Other presentations include: *Wealden Iron*, by Ernest Straker; *The Archæology of Surrey*, by D. C. Whimster; *A Short History of Ewell*, by C. S. Willis; and *A Brief Historical Account of Woodmansterne*, by Sir Henry Lambert.

Additions to the Museum include: The collection of finds from Hascombe Hill; a very fine fourteenth-century Jug found at Earlswood and presented by Dr. Wilfrid Hooper; Old Surrey Barley Reapers, presented by Mr. Samuel Alden; a Roman Cinerary Urn from Puttenham, presented by Mr. G. B. Gosling; and a piece of fine Linenfold Panelling, presented by Mr. C. S. Willis.

The Muniment Room has received additions from the British Record Society and also the very notable collection of Leigh-Bennet deeds already mentioned in Vol. XXXIX of the Society's publications. Progress has been made in the work of Cataloguing and Indexing, and some work has also been undertaken in the repairing of ancient seals. Members are again reminded of the importance of saving ancient documents from destruction.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.—The Council believes that the appointment of the Executive Committee as recommended in last year's Report has proved beneficial to the work of the Society by facilitating co-operation between those who are responsible for administration, finance, publications, and excursions. It therefore recommends its continuance. It regrets to have to announce the resignation of Miss Heath, who undertook the Honorary Secretaryship on the resignation of Mr. Mordaunt Rogers in 1930 and now finds herself unable to carry on the work. Miss Heath has done a great deal of valuable work for the Society both as Secretary and in connection with the Library and Museum, and the Council feels that her resignation from the Secretaryship will be a great loss. It is glad to be able to recommend the appointment of Mr. Humphry Nevill as Hon. Secretary in Miss Heath's place. The Council believes him to be well qualified for the post, and considers it is particularly fortunate in obtaining the services of a Secretary who will be living in the neighbourhood of the Society's headquarters at Guildford. Mr. Nevill is a nephew of the late Mr. Ralph Nevill, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., whose name is well known to the older members of this Society. The Council is also glad to recommend the appointment of Miss Giuseppi as Hon. Editor. Miss Giuseppi has already done considerable work for the Society in editing Vol. XXXIX of the *Collections*, and the Council takes this opportunity of thanking her for her services in bringing out this volume.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY.—The membership of the Society stands at present at 627. Sixty-three new members have been elected during the year, and there have been 27 deaths and 21 resignations. The Council records with deep regret the great loss the Society has sustained in the death of Mr. H. E. Malden, M.A., F.R.Hist.Soc., who has died since the date of the last Report. Mr. Malden possessed an unrivalled knowledge of the history of the County and he leaves a gap which it will be difficult to fill.

COUNCIL.—Under Rule IV the following members of Council retire and are ineligible for re-election for one year :—Eric Gardner, Esq., M.B., F.S.A., A. R. Cotton, Esq., F.S.A., and the Rev. Mark Simmonds ; also H. T. Chalcraft, Esq., and A. W. G. Lowther, Esq., who were appointed to serve the unexpired terms of office of Dr. Floyer and Sir Henry Lambert.

There is also one vacancy to be filled due to the appointment of Mr. Johnston as Vice-President, and the Council recommends the election of the following to fill up the vacancies :—Dr. J. F. Nicholls, F.S.A., W. Bacon, Esq., Miss O. M. Heath, Dr. W. Hooper, H. Genochio, Esq., C.B.E., and W. S. Field, Esq.

The Council regrets to announce the resignation of Dr. W. S. Colman from the Council and nominates the Rev. J. E. Jagger to fill the remainder of his term of office.

FINANCE.—The Annual Volume for 1901 was issued early in 1902, and in the succeeding years each issue was similarly in arrear. One effect of this was to increase the balance at the Bank, and a Deposit account was opened. This stood at £150 in 1921, and the absence of any issue at all in 1922 and again in 1926 increased it to £400 and also strengthened the Current account. The overtaking of these arrears, now nearing completion, will cancel the one account and weaken the other ; and the inclusion of three “ annual ” issues—two of them exceptionally costly—in this year’s accounts shows this operation in process. The volume of General Index now in the press, which will represent the 1931 subscription, will also be above the average cost, and the balance remaining of the Deposit Account (temporarily invested in War Loan) is expected to cover it. On the receipts side, during 1931 the number of Subscriptions and Entrance Fees, 665, is the highest on record, comparing with 611 in 1930 and 591 in 1927, which take second and third place ; and Sales from Publications are also higher than in previous years. It is hoped that this satisfactory level will be maintained in view of the unavoidable increase of administrative expenditure and the desirability of keeping up the present standard of the publications. In the Assets, it

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Statement of Liabilities and Assets at December 31st, 1931.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Subscriptions for 1932-3 (16)	8 0 0	By Investments:—	
„ Earmarked for Deeds Purchase	79 1 0	(a) 2½ per cent. Consols £316 4s. 8d. (cost	175 10 2
„ Typewriting Account (July-Dec.)	2 15 2	about £292) at market value 55½	
„ Probable cost of S.A.C. General Index, Vols.		(b) 5 per cent. War Loan 1929/47: £301	
XXI-XXXIX, in the press (for 1931 sub-		12s. 9d. at 96	289 11 5
scription)	270 0 0	(c) 31 National Savings Certificates (issued	
„ Balance in favour of Society	184 3 3	5/5/23)	36 11 1
		„ Balance at Bank	38 19 6
		„ Cash in Hand	3 7 3
			<u>£543 19 5</u>

The Stock of Publications, the Library, and the Museum exhibits are not valued. They are insured against Fire for £2,000.

ARTHUR BONNER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Audited 24th February, 1932, and found correct,

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may be noted that the £301 12s. 9d. 5 per cent. War Loan includes £280 9s. 11d. remaining of the temporary investment of the £400 which was on Deposit ; and that the market value of both Consols and War Loan at 31st December—a period of depression—has improved since that date, showing a corresponding increase in the balance in favour of the Society.

In moving the adoption of the Report, the President spoke of the work that was being done to preserve ancient documents in the County and of the Society's work of excavation during the past year. He expressed the hope that members would continue to do all they could towards preserving records of historical interest.

The Report and Accounts were duly adopted and a vote of thanks to the President, Council and Officers of the Society for their services during the past year was carried unanimously.

The members nominated for the Council in the Report were duly elected.

Mr. Humphry Nevill was elected Honorary Secretary of the Society and Miss Giuseppi Honorary Editor. The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Bonner, was re-elected, with a vote of thanks for his services during the past year. Mr. W. R. Strickland was re-elected Honorary Excursions Secretary and Messrs. L. C. E. Currie and R. Sadleir Honorary Auditors, with a vote of thanks for their services.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Mayor for the use of the Guildhall and to Lord Onslow for presiding.

After the meeting tea was provided at Abbot's Hospital and an interesting paper on "Deneholes and Kindred Excavations in Surrey" illustrated by lantern slides was read by Mr. Bonner.

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