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## ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 8TH, 1919.

THE Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Art Gallery, the Town Hall Buildings, May 8th, 1919, the President, Mr. C. E. Keyser, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary presented the Annual Report for the past year, and the Hon. Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet for the same period; both these were unanimously passed by the meeting.

The President, Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, and the Committee were all unanimously re-elected; to the latter body the meeting decided to add the names of two of the lady members. Miss A. Baily and Mrs. J. H. Cope were elected to join the Committee.

After the business of the meeting the Hon. Secretary gave a lecture on 'Roman Britain, with special reference to Berkshire.'

At the conclusion of the lecture the Mayor and Mayoress of Reading, Alderman and Mrs. Hayward, very kindly entertained the members of the Society to tea in the Mayor's Parlour, the Town Hall.

## REPORT, 1918-19.

Your Secretary begs to present his Report of the work of the Society during the past year.

The Society may congratulate itself that it is able to hold its Annual Meeting once more in a time of comparative peace. Though the peace settlement has not yet been signed, though fighting is still raging in some European countries, and the aftermath of war presses heavily on our own country, we have reason for hoping that ere long we may be able by the Providence of God to welcome an established and enduring peace among the nations and the complete cessation of hostilities. We have passed through the appalling ordeal of the last five years, and when we contrast our present circumstances with those that prevailed when last we held our Annual Meeting, when the enemy was at the height of his last and bitterest offensive struggle, we can

but record our thankfulness to the Almighty Ruler of the destinies of men and nations for His merciful deliverances.

The Society may further congratulate itself that in spite of our national and individual anxieties during the war we have been able in some manner to carry on its work. Many of us were busily engaged in war-work, endeavouring to do something to help the country in the great emergency, but we have found time to undertake some archæological researches, and our meetings together for lectures and excursions have distracted our minds somewhat from national anxieties and helped us to bear our burdens.

#### THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOCIETY.

The Society begs to express its gratitude to the Principal and the authorities of the University College, Reading, for continuing to us the use of the College as our Headquarters, and for providing accommodation for our meetings and our books. Excellent arrangements have always been made for our gatherings in the History Room, and for the providing of refreshments after the meetings, and we desire cordially to thank the authorities for the great kindness that has always been shown to us. We need not state that it would be the desire of the Society to co-operate with the College in every way that is possible in furthering the objects which both institutions have in view. The Society is now represented on the Governing Body of the College by your Secretary.

#### THE SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

In times such as the nation has been passing through it would have only been natural that the activities of the Society should have somewhat languished. Many kindred Associations have become practically defunct, and will need much effort if they are to be resuscitated. It is some satisfaction to know that the Berkshire Archæological Society has only to record continual progress. Its membership has increased considerably; its funds are in a flourishing condition, owing to the excellent and careful attention of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. John Hauntenville Cope; and the keenness and interest of its members are abundantly manifested

by their regular attendance at the meetings. A very gratifying evidence of progress is the remarkable activity shown in the northern part of the county, in Abingdon and its neighbourhood by Mr. d'Almaine, the newly-appointed Town Clerk of that ancient town, who has accomplished wonders in creating interest in that district, and increasing the membership.

#### MEETINGS AND EXCURSIONS.

During the year the usual number of lectures have been delivered in Reading at University College.

On the occasion of the last Annual Meeting, May 16th, 1918, a lecture was given by the distinguished architect, Mr. Philip M. Johnstone, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., on 'Early Woodwork in English Churches,' with a wealth of illustrations that greatly impressed the minds of his hearers.

On October 29th the Society was again favoured by one of the President's charming lectures on 'Berkshire Churches,' which always form such an important feature of our Winter Session. He took for his subjects on that occasion the churches of Ruscombe, Waltham St. Lawrence, Shottesbrooke and Hurst. The lecture was illustrated by a magnificent series of lantern slides, specially prepared for the occasion.

On November 19th Mr. Taunt, of Oxford, gave a very interesting lecture on 'Nooks and Corners of Oxford, Past and Present,' admirably illustrated by views of many existing buildings, and also by a large number of those which have passed away.

On January 17th, 1919, Mr. A. H. Blake, by the kind invitation of Miss Bayly, lectured on 'The Romance of an Old Manuscript, or Life in England in the 14th Century by one who saw it.' The old MS. was the Lutterel Psalter, executed with a wealth of paintings in 1330.

On February 22nd, Mr. H. G. d'Almaine lectured on Berkshire's most important pre-historic relic, Weyland Smith's Cave, illustrated by many views. The lecture was the result of some important investigations and excavations which the lecturer had made on the site of the neolithic grave.

On March 29th Mrs. Cope gave an interesting lecture on 'Ghosts,' which was followed by an animated discussion.

To this lady and to the gentlemen who have delivered lectures during the session the Society begs to offer its grateful thanks, and also to the ladies and gentlemen who have hospitably entertained the members to tea on the occasion of the lectures, *viz.*, the President and Mrs. Keyser, Mrs. Attwood, Miss Valpy, Mrs. Heelas, Miss Bayly, Miss Grissell, and Mr. Wood.

The Abingdon Branch has shown great activity. Mr. C. O. Wright was appointed, in October, 1918, local secretary, and Mr. d'Almaine organising secretary. Since the last Annual Meeting Mr. d'Almaine has repeated his lecture on 'Weyland Smith's Cave' in several places, and the new members by his exertions number between 70 and 80. Four lectures have been delivered at Abingdon:—

On November 28th, 'From Fine Mist to Solid World,' by the Rev. A. L. Cortie, F.R.A.S.

On December 5th, 'The World Prepared,' by the Rev. E. C. Spicer, M.A., F.G.S.

On January 16th, 'Man's First Appearance,' by Mr. Reginald Smith, F.S.A.

On February 20th, 'Man becomes Civilised,' by Mr. Frank Stevens, F.S.A.

These lectures were largely attended.

Two excursions were held during the summer, the first, arranged by Mr. d'Almaine, to White Horse Hill, Weyland Smith's Cave, Uffington, &c., and the second, a three days' excursion on the river from Oxford to Windsor, which was held in conjunction with the Selborne Society, when your Secretary acted as conductor.

It is hoped that excursions may be arranged for the coming summer. A Summer Programme has already been arranged by the Abingdon Local Branch, the activity of which cannot be too strongly recommended.

On May 17th, Mr. d'Almaine and Mr. Octavius Wright have arranged to visit Temple Combe and its reconstructed Stone Age monument, under the guidance of Mr. Reginald Smith, F.S.A., of the British Museum.

On June 7th, Wallingford and Ipsden.

On July 26th, Sinodun, Long Wittenham, and possibly Dorchester Abbey.

On August 23rd, Childrey, Sparsholt and Kingston Lisle.

On September 13th, Stanton Harcourt and the Devil's Quoits.

#### ADDRESS TO H.M. THE KING.

On the occasion of the Silver Wedding of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen, your Secretary drew up an address to our Royal Patron, which was illuminated by Mr. Morley, and presented in due form. The King was graciously pleased to acknowledge the address, which has been photographed by Mr. Marcus Adams, and copies can be obtained from him at a small cost.

#### BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON ARCHÆOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

The Journal, which has been the official organ of the Society since its commencement 25 years ago, has now become the property of the Society, and in future will be presented to its members who subscribe 10/-. It will be published by Mr. Blackwell, of Oxford.

#### INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that there has been a large increase of membership, and no less than 33 new members have joined during the present year. The Treasurer's Report shows that there is a balance in hand, the largest on record, of £72. The number of members at the present time is 210.

The Secretary begs to acknowledge the generous gift of the Surrey Archæological Society of a collection of deeds relating to property at Windsor, which he has gratefully acknowledged. The gift owes its inception to the kind thought of Mr. Malden, Secretary of the Royal Historical Society. He has also received another set of old deeds relating to property in Minster Street, Reading, formerly in the possession of William Kendrick. These have been presented by Mr. Charles A. Minett, of 79 Oakley Road, Southgate, N.14. Your Secretary suggests that, in handing over

these documents to the custody of the Librarian, he should be empowered to procure a locked case, that a report upon them be prepared, and that they be preserved in the Society's Library.

#### OBITUARY.

The Society has lost by death the services of Mr. S. G. Collier, a member of our Committee, who took a keen interest in its welfare, and was seldom absent from its meetings and excursions. He will be greatly missed.

Also Mrs. Suffield, a very old member, has passed away.

The death of Dame Edith Benyon has caused widespread regret throughout the county, and none more so than amongst the members of the Society, many of whom enjoyed her friendship. She will be greatly missed. During the war, in spite of illness, she devoted herself, in conjunction with the Lord Lieutenant, to every good effort for the benefit of the country and the relief of the wounded and distressed soldiers. No one has laboured more strenuously for the welfare of humanity than Dame Edith Benyon, and we beg to offer our deep sympathy to the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire in his overwhelming loss.

The revision of the Rules has not yet been accomplished, but it is hoped that this rather troublesome matter may be concluded ere long.

A further increase of membership is desired, and the diffusion of the interest taken in the Society's work in all parts of the county should be the effort of all its members. We would especially ask for active workers, and those who are not merely content to attend the meetings, but who will undertake some special study of antiquities, organise excavations, and deliver lectures and contribute notes and discoveries to the Journal. It is hoped that members residing in the chief towns of Berkshire will imitate the example of the Town Clerk of Abingdon, and assist in forming local branches throughout the county. Only by that means can the Society become a real County Association, and be able to promote the complete study of antiquities and perform the functions for which it was founded many years ago.

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1918.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
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Cash with Hon. Treasurer, 31st December, 1917	8 17 8½	Hon. Secretary, for Journals	2 17 0
		Postages and Stamps	1 15 8
Subscriptions, 1918	38 12 3½	Subscriptions—South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies for 1917-18	0 10 0
Sale of Journals, 1918	67 18 6	" Congress Archæological Society, 1917-18	2 0 0
Affiliation Fee, Windsor and Eton Scientific Society	3 3 0	" University College, Reading	3 3 0
Research Fund	0 10 6	Caretaker, University College, Reading	0 10 6
Lloyd's Bank, Reading, refund on unused cheques	0 11 0	Lloyd's Bank, Fee on Banker's Order	0 0 1
	0 1 9	Barclay's Bank, Crowthorne, Cheque Book	0 10 0
		Lewis, Hire of Lantern	2 14 0
		Fees to Lecturers	1 3 0
		Holmes, Bookcase	7 14 6
		Balance, Barclay's Bank, Crowthorne, 31st December, 1918	69 5 8
		Cash with Hon. Treasurer, 31st December, 1918	3 4 4½
			<u>£110 17 0½</u>

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