

The Berkshire Archaeological Society.

1945-46.

Patron :
H.M. THE KING.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Berkshire Archaeological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 13th, 1946, at 2.45 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

- 1.—The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 21st, 1945, were read and confirmed.
- 2.—The Report of the Council for 1945-46 and the Statement of Accounts for 1945 were adopted.
- 3.—Election of Officers.

The following Officers were elected :

President :
THE RT. HON. LORD MESTON.

Vice-Presidents :
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON, F.S.A.
THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.
THE RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF READING.
THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.
THE REV. DR. D. H. S. CRANAGE, B.D., Litt.D., F.S.A.
THE RT. HON. LORD ILIFFE OF YATTENDON, K.B.
SIR EDWARD BARRY, Bt.
MISS A. BAILY, F.Z.S.
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING.
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF READING UNIVERSITY.

Hon. Secretary :
H. T. MORLEY, F.S.A. (Scot.), F.R.Hist.S., J.P.

Hon. Treasurer :
F. M. UNDERHILL.

Acting Hon. Treasurer :
MISS M. M. SWADLING.

Hon. Editor :
P. S. SPOKES, M.A., B.Sc., F.S.A.

Hon. Librarian :
F. M. BUNCE.

Hon. Excursion Secretaries :
H. T. MORLEY, F.S.A. (Scot.).
COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE.

Hon. Auditor :
T. L. SKINNER.

Council :

MISS M. M. SWADLING	}	Retire in 1947
C. H. INGE		
COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.		
THE REV. S. E. CHEVASSE, M.A.		
C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.	}	Retire in 1948
MISS E. CARLETON-WILLIAMS, M.A.		
THE REV. B. S. SPENCER, M.A.		
W. A. SMALLCOMBE, B.Sc.		
MISS L. F. CHITTY, F.S.A.	}	Retire in 1949
P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A. (<i>Chairman</i>)		
H. G. GRAYSON, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.		
J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.		
A. T. HEELAS		
MRS. E. HOLDEN	}	Retire in 1950
MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE		
E. T. LONG, F.S.A. MISS E. BEACH.		
COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)		

After the business of the Annual General Meeting had been concluded a LECTURE was given by Flying Officer F. M. UNDERHILL, on "SOME WALLED TOWNS IN BAVARIA."

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1945-6.

1.—MEMBERSHIP.	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Total</i>
March 30th, 1945	1	2	330	333
March 31st, 1946	1	2	377	380

2.—OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the deaths of the following members :—

Mr. H. Wyly
Mrs. Harris
Mr. G. W. Smith
Mrs. Bucknell

3.—ANNUAL MEETING, 1945.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the University on Saturday, April 21st, 1945. Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore presided. The Report and Balance Sheet was approved and adopted.

The following Officers, proposed by Miss Beach, were re-elected :

<i>Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Mr. F. M. Underhill.
<i>Acting Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Miss M. M. Swadling.
<i>Hon. Librarian :</i>	Mr. F. M. Bunce.
<i>Hon. Editor :</i>	Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A.
<i>Acting Hon. Editor :</i>	Mr. P. S. Spokes, F.S.A., M.A.
<i>Hon. Secretary :</i>	Mr. H. T. Morley, F.S.A., Scot., F.R. Hist. S., J.P.

On the proposition of Rev. S. E. Chavasse, the following members of the Council were re-elected :

Miss Lily Chitty, F.S.A.
Mr. J. W. Dodgson, B.Sc.
Mr. H. Grayson.
Mr. A. T. Heelas.
Mr. P. S. Spokes, F.S.A., M.A.

Your Council in presenting their Annual Report for the year 1945, whilst not able to record any outstanding Archaeological events, have in spite of so many restricted opportunities, been able to carry out a programme of Lectures, and a small number of excursions, the attendance at which, together with the number of new members (nearly 50) elected during the year, should be an encouragement to continue our archaeological work in the County.

Reports of any finds of interest should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, and the help of members in this direction will be appreciated.

2.—FINANCIAL POSITION.

It is encouraging to report that our income from subscriptions rose by over £13 as compared with the previous year, and, judging by the considerable number of new members who have recently joined the Society, the amount received in subscriptions should soon reach its former level.

The Donations totalled £10 during the year, this being a decrease of £2 as compared with the previous year's figure. These generous gifts are of great service in building up our reserve fund, and thus preparing for post-war activities.

As no Journal was published in 1945, it has been possible to transfer £24 of our income to the Reserve Fund, and also to form a

Receipts and Expenditure for the

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand from 1944 Balance Sheet	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	5
„ Subscriptions received	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	19	9
„ DONATIONS—									
Mr. A. C. Vachell	..	..	..	..	2	2	0		
Mr. E. T. Long	..	..	..	..	1	1	0		
The Royal Library, Windsor Castle	..	..	..	..	1	0	0		
Mrs. Dorothy Loyd	..	..	..	..	1	0	0		
Miss Rachel Levy	..	..	..	..	1	0	0		
The Rev. E. E. Hasluck	..	..	..	..	12	6			
Mrs. T. Gerrard	..	..	..	..	7	6			
Mr. W. H. Hallam	..	..	..	..	7	6			
Mrs. E. Holden	..	..	..	..	7	6			
Major A. E. Meade	..	..	..	..	7	6			
Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Grayson	..	..	..	..	5	0			
Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Spokes	..	..	..	..	5	0			
Miss L. K. Body	..	..	..	..	2	6			
Mrs. M. Morris	..	..	..	..	2	6			
Mrs. M. Muller	..	..	..	..	2	6			
Sir Felix Pole	..	..	..	..	2	6			
Miss J. Slocock	..	..	..	..	2	6			
„ FOR THE JOURNAL FUND—									
Miss M. Spokes	..	..	..	..	10	0			
Mr. L. Russell	....	..	..	..	2	6			
							10	0	6
„ Sale of Journals	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	0
„ Dividend on 3% Defence Bond	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
„ Interest	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	8	8
„ Contribution in payment for Tea, Mr. H. T. Morley	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	4
„ Profit on Excursions	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	0
							£157	5	8

Balance Sheet as

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Reserve (per 1944 Balance Sheet) *	..	..	..	..	104	5	9		
Transferred (1945)	..	..	..	..	24	1	7		
							128	7	4
Pilgrim Trust Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	0	0
Investment, £100 3% Defence Bond	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Uncleared Cheque	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6	0
Journal Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	0	0
Receipts and Expenditure Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	19	11
							£501	13	3

Year ending 31st December, 1945.

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Printing and Stationery, etc.							24	13	9
„ SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—									
Friends of the University of Reading				3	3	0			
Friends of Abingdon				2	2	0			
Local History Recording Scheme				2	2	0			
Berkshire Architectural Records				2	2	0			
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings				1	1	0			
English Place Name Society					15	0			
South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies					7	6			
Council of British Archaeology				3	6	0			
„ Working epidiascope							14	18	6
„ Lectures Expenses							5	5	0
„ Porter's Gratuity, Reading University							4	13	6
„ Rent, Watlington House								10	0
„ Teas, Reading University							2	0	0
„ POSTAGES, ETC.—							4	17	4
Hon. Secretary				2	18	3			
Hon. Editor					13	7			
Hon. Treasurer				2	14	3			
„ Transfer to Reserve Fund							6	6	1
„ Transfer to Journal Fund							24	1	7
„ Balance of Receipts over Expenditure							65	0	0
							4	19	11

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at 31st December, 1945.

ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Balance of Deposit Account (Barclay's Bank)				50	0	0
Balance of Deposit Account (Savings Bank)				82	6	0
Pilgrim Trust Fund				200	0	0
Investment £100 3% Defence Bond				100	0	0
Balance of Current Account (Barclays)				67	7	3
Cash in hand				2	0	0

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Examined, compared with all necessary books and vouchers, and found correct
T. L. SKINNER.
30th March, 1945.

Journal Fund of £65 in preparation for the 1946 special volume of the Journal. See Balance Sheet.

3.—ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY.

Although many of the war difficulties are gradually decreasing, the restrictions still in force on transport, printing, etc. still somewhat curtail the ordinary work of the Society and your Council have been able to arrange only a small programme of excursions during the past year.

On May 31st, Col. Rivers-Moore arranged an excursion by river to Sonning, when visits were paid to the Church, the Deanery and the site of the Bishop's palace.

On June 10th, over 30 members visited Basingstoke, where they were met by the Curator of the Museum, G. W. Willis, Esq., F.S.A., under whose guidance visits were paid to the Holy Ghost Chapel, the Old Church House and Museum. The Rev Canon Chute, M.A. explained the details of the parish Church. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A. Kirk, kindly provided Tea for the party.

On July 4th a number of members and friends visited Newbury where A. J. Campbell Cooper, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., had arranged a splendid itinerary around this ancient borough and explained in detail the various points of interest connected with many of the Old Buildings. Tea was kindly provided by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman F. Bazett, M.C.

On August 31st, an excursion was arranged to North Hants, when 70 members and friends visited the Church of St. Mary the Virgin at Silchester, the Priory at Pamber, and also the Historic House "The Vyne" by kind permission of C. H. Chute, Esq., M.C., J.P.

4.—LECTURES.

The following Lectures have been given during the Winter Session 1945-46.

1945 :

- Oct. 20th. "Newbury, Berkshire." Campbell Cooper, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.
- Nov. 10th. "Early Excavations at Calleva Atrebatum." W. S. Smallcombe, Esq., B.Sc.
- Dec. 22nd. "The Palace of Minos at Knossos, Crete." Les Ascher, Esq., M.B.C.C., Austria.

1946 :

- Jan. 12th. "Colchester." H. Bean Hall, Esq.
- Jan. 26th. "Roumanian Folk Customs." Miss A. M. Caverley.
- Feb. 9th. "Heraldry." Dr. S. F. Logan Dahne, M.A., M.B., Cantab.
- Mar. 9th. "Some Notes on the Church of St. Giles in Reading." The Rev. Leslie Harman.

April 13th. "*Some Walled Towns in Bavaria.*" Flying Officer F. M. Underhill.

The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Branch of the Local History Recording Scheme was held on March 9th.

5.—PRIZES FOR MEASURED DRAWINGS—OFFERED BY THE SOCIETY.

A prize of £2 2s. awarded to Mr. G. A. Wenman for drawings of Haines Hill House.

A prize of £1 1s. awarded to Mr. D. L. Saunders for drawings of Alms Houses, Goring Heath.

A prize of 10s. 6d. awarded to Mr. R. R. Sealy for drawings of Lodge, at Henley-on-Thames.

The Council venture to suggest that many more students should endeavour to make drawings and records of the Churches and Buildings which are of historic interest.

6.—GRANT FROM THE PILGRIM TRUST.

The grant of £200 from the Pilgrim Trust was made in 1944 for the publication of Mr. Greening Lamborn's book "*The Armorial Glass of the Oxford Diocese.*" The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the matter made the following proposals which were approved by the Council. The Oxford University Press will publish five hundred copies of the book at the estimated cost of £450. Towards this sum will be contributed the £200 received for the purpose from the Pilgrim Trust. It is estimated that the selling price to the public will not be less than 25/- a copy. The Press will provide those members of our Society who wish it with a paper-covered copy of the book at the special rate of 7/6 a copy; these copies will bear the badge of the Society on the wrapper and would not be for sale. The public edition will have no individual characteristics except that the title page will contain the imprint that the work had been produced by the Oxford University Press in association with our Society and the Pilgrim Trust.

7.—RECORD OF SECULAR BUILDINGS.

It has been suggested by the Chairman of the Council that a list should be made of all secular buildings of architectural merit in Berkshire. Such a record would be of great value in the post-war days of planning and reconstruction, as a guide to Local Authorities as to which buildings should be retained under planning schemes, and it would also be of much general interest.

In the record should be set out briefly the dates and chief features of the different buildings and why they should be preserved. It might with advantage be illustrated and in this connection the photographs of secular buildings collected by the Berkshire Architectural Records Committee would be of use.

If any Members of the Berkshire Archaeological Society will undertake the compilation of the record, either of the county as

a whole, or of the buildings in individual parishes, will they kindly advise the Hon. Secretary of the Society.

The Society would again express their thanks to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of Reading University, for the continued provision of accommodation for the meetings of the Society.

H. T. MORLEY,
Hon. Secretary.