

## Berkshire Architectural Records Committee.

### FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THIS Fifth Annual Report of the Berkshire Architectural Records Committee covers the period from January 1st to December 31st, 1945.

During the year the Executive Committee held three Meetings and the following records were obtained :—

<i>Ecclesiastical Buildings.</i>				<i>No. of different views.</i>	<i>Total No. of prints.</i>
Photographs	..	..	..	161	285
<i>Secular Buildings.</i>					
Photographs	..	..	..	220	309
Totals				381	594
Negatives	..	..	..	117	
Measured Drawings	..	..	..	2	

There has been a marked decrease in the number of photographs received during the year, owing to the danger of damage by enemy action having past.

A large number of those sent in were taken by Mr. P. S. Spokes, of Oxford, for the National Buildings Record, and he kindly sent the Berkshire Committee copies of the prints. The Committee is very grateful to Mr. Spokes for his valuable help.

In the five years in which the Committee has been functioning it has received 5,317 different photographs and 1,801 negatives and also the Taunt Collection of about 1,350 negatives. The result is that Berkshire now has a collection of local views such as is possessed by few other counties. The local historical value of the collection is being realised and it has been consulted several times recently by enquirers in search of local views.

Last year three new helpers undertook to take photographs for the Committee and one resigned. The present number of photographic helpers is sixty-three.

With regard to the position generally; there is still much photographic recording waiting to be done. At the end of 1945 no photographs had been received of seventeen parishes in the county and of many others only a small number had been sent in.

With reference to finance; in 1945 £39 12s. 10d. was received, including the balance of £23 11s. 4d. brought forward from the previous year and £16 os. 11d. paid out in expenses, leaving a balance at the end of the year of £23 11s. 11d. This balance includes the special fund of £10 for recording the more inaccessible

churches given to the Committee in 1943 by the Central Council for the Care of Churches, which balance, as it was not being drawn upon, was with the Central Council's consent included in the general fund.

The Committee would take this opportunity of thanking again the different Societies and helpers to whose assistance the success of the work is due, including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Auditor, Hon. Secretary and members of the Executive Committee and expresses its gratitude to the helpers who have taken photographs, given negatives, or in other ways furthered the work.