

The Berkshire Archæological Society.

Patron :

H.M. THE KING.

Report for the Year 1947.

MEMBERSHIP.	Honorary	Life	Ordinary	Total
March 31st, 1948	1	3	410	414

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

Miss J. Bonner	Mr. A. Flack
Miss Mary de Chaumont	Mr. D. McMillan
Miss A. Johnson	

NOTE.—In future the Annual Report and Balance Sheet will close on December 31st of each year.

H. T. MORLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Society has maintained its income up to the level of the previous year, but expenses, especially those of printing, have very greatly increased. A transfer of £20 from the accumulated Journal Fund has been necessary, even so the year has ended with a small deficit. A grant of £50 was made to the Excavation Fund, and this was met out of current income. The expenditure on the Excavations and also the Berkshire Architectural Records (which have been taken over by the Society) are attached.

Members are reminded that the Hon. Treasurer's labours will be very greatly eased if subscriptions are paid early in the year.

EXCAVATIONS.

During the month of August a start was made on the investigation of Blewburton Hill. A full report of the result is published in Vol. 50 of the Journal.

EXCURSIONS.

During the year the following excursions were arranged :

April 23-25th.	Annual Congress at Bath.
May 21st.	To Hurley, etc.
June 20th.	To Thame and District.
July 16th.	To Oxford, etc.
August 22nd.	To Excavation at Blewburton Hill, N. Moreton etc.

LECTURES.

The following Lectures have been given during the Winter Session, 1947 :

Oct. 25th. "*St. George in Mural Painting in English Churches*," by Miss E. Carleton Williams, M.A.

Nov. 22nd. "*The Holy City of Axam*," by Rev. Derwas J. Chitty, M.A.

Dec. 6th. "*Archæology in Greece*," by Miss L. H. Jeffery, M.A.

Thanks also to the following members who have kindly provided Tea after the Lectures :

Miss A. Bailly (2)	Mrs. John Price
Rev. W. S. Mahoney	Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barkus

An excellent CONGRESS was arranged by Col. and Mrs. Rivers-Moore at BATH, April 23rd-25th, 1947, for which the Society is greatly indebted to them.

The Society is greatly indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of the University of Reading for the continued provision of accommodation for the meetings of the Society.

H. T. MORLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1947.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Ditchfield	5	0	0
Berks. Society of Architects	3	3	0
The Duke of Wellington	1	1	0
Mrs. D. Loyd	1	0	0
The Royal Library, Windsor Castle	1	0	6
Mrs. Melville		12	6
Miss M. Spokes		10	0
Mrs. Holden		8	6
H. Adams Clarke		7	6
W. H. Hallam		7	6
Miss Hopkins		7	6
P. S. Spokes		5	0
H. H. Grayson		5	0
Sir Felix Pole		2	6
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	£14	10	0

BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet, 1947.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance forward from 1946 b/s	14	3	4
Subscriptions received	179	12	9
Donations	14	10	0
Sale of Journals	8	3	0
Dividend on 3% Defence Bonds	1	10	0
Premium on Transfer of ditto	1	0	0
Dividend on 2½% Defence Bonds	8	3	2
Interest on Deposit Accounts	19	4	0
Contributions towards payment of teas	49	12	10
Profit on Excursions	20	0	0
Transfer from Journal Fund			1
Deficit on year's working			7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cost of Printing Journal, Vol. 49	..	..	..	165	12	0
Cost of Report & Balance Sheet	..	..	..	12	4	0
Printing & Stationery	..	..	..	25	2	10
Postages	..	..	..	12	4	8
Books for Library	..	..	..	1	4	2
DONATIONS—	..	..	..	..	..	..
S.E. Union	..	15	0	..	..	..
C.P.R.E.	..	1	0	..	..	..
Friends of Reading University	..	3	3	..	..	..
Soc. Prot. of Ancient Buildings	..	1	0	..	..	..
Eng. Place Name Society	..	15	0	..	..	..
L.H.R. Scheme	..	4	4	..	..	..
Windsor Castle Memorial	..	2	2	..	..	..
Brit. Records Association	..	1	0	..	..	..
Shottesbrooke Church	..	7	6	..	..	..
Excavation Fund	..	..	..	14	8	6
Prizes, Berks Soc. Archts. (1946 & 1947)	..	..	..	50	0	0
Rent, Watlington House	..	..	..	6	16	6
Advertising	..	..	..	2	0	0
Teas, Reading University	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lecturer's Expenses	..	..	..	18	4	6
Gratuity	..	..	..	3	3	0
Working Epidiascope	..	..	..	15	6	6
Cheque Book	..	..	..	4	15	0
	..	..	..	10	0	0
	..	..	..	£317	5	8

Receipts and Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Food & Sundries	35	17	7
Apparatus	7	15	7
Transport	12	4	9
Wages, etc.	28	13	9
Hire of Bulldozer	15	0	0
Cash in hand	8	4	4
	£100	0	0

EXCAVATION FUND.

	£	s.	d.
From Berkshire Archaeological Society	50	0	0
From Borough Treasurer on account of Reading Museum	50	0	0
	£100	0	0

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1947.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS	
Capital Reserve fwd. from 1946	Balance Sheet	Balance of Deposit a/c. (Barclays Bank)	..
Journal Fund brought forward	£65	Balance of Deposit a/c. (Rdg. Savings Bank)	..
Less Withdrawal	£20	Balance of Pilgrim Trust Fund	..
Pilgrim Trust Fund	..	Investment—2½% Defence Bond	..
Investment—2½% Defence Bonds	..	Balance of Current a/c. at Barclays Bank	..
	..	Balance of Receipts & Expenditure a/c.	..
	£523 7 4		£523 7 4

Examined, compared with all necessary books and vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) T. L. SKINNER.

26.2.48.

BERKSHIRE ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Now The Berkshire Archæological Society Architectural Records Committee.

Summary of Receipts and Payments.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To Balance in hand on 31.12.46	£ 25 13 2	By Postages	£ 15 0
	..	" Telephone Calls	1 7
	..	" Stationery	4 0
	..	" Duplicating circular letter regarding transfer of Society	18 8
	..	" Payment for assistance in indexing photographs	2 2 9
	..	" Balance at 31.12.47—	
	..	Cash in Bank	£21 7 3
	..	Cash in Hand	3 11
	£25 13 2		21 11 2
			£25 13 2

The Berkshire Archæological Society.

Patron :

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Report of the Council for the Year 1948.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held at the University of Reading on Saturday, 3rd April, 1948, with the President, Sir Frank Stenton, in the chair. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12th April, 1947, were read and approved. The Report and Statement of Accounts for 1947 were approved and adopted.

The following Honorary Officers, nominated by the Council, were duly elected :

<i>President</i>	SIR FRANK STENTON, M.A., D.Litt., F.B.A.
<i>Treasurer</i>	F. M. UNDERHILL.
<i>Asst. Treas. and Sec.</i>	MISS M. M. SWADLING, F.L.A.
<i>Editor of Journal</i>	E. M. JOPE, M.A., F.S.A.
<i>Librarian</i>	S. H. HORROCKS, F.L.A.
<i>Excursion Secs.</i>	COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE, and MISS M. M. SWADLING.
<i>Auditor</i>	T. L. SKINNER.
<i>Sec. Field Work</i>	A. E. P. COLLINS, B.A.
<i>Secretary</i>	H. T. MORLEY, F.S.A. (Scot.).

In accordance with Rule 4, the following members of the Council retired, offered themselves for re-election, and were duly elected :

MR. C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.S.A.	MISS E. CARLETON WILLIAMS, M.A.
MR. W. A. SMALLCOMBE, B.Sc.	MISS M. M. MAPLEDEN, M.A.
MR. H. BEAN HALL.	

Election of Vice-Presidents : the following were re-elected :

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.
 THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD
 THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF READING
 THE VERY REV. H. S. D. CRANAGE, F.S.A.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE OF YATTENDON, K.B.
 COL. SIR RALPH GLYN, Bart., M.P.
 SIR JOHN COCKCROFT, C.B.E., F.R.S.
 SIR EDWARD BARRY, Bart.
 THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING.
 MISS A. BAILY, F.Z.S.
 COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE.
 H. T. MORLEY, Esq., J.P., F.S.A. (Scot.).
 P. S. SPOKES, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Society continued to make steady progress during the year. The income from subscriptions has risen and there has been a very good attendance at excursions, thus allowing a certain margin of profit. Expenditure, however, continues to rise and there is a deficit of £5 8s. od. on the year's working.

The Hon. Treasurer again asks all members for the prompt payment of their subscriptions, which are due on 1st January, thus avoiding much unnecessary correspondence. He looks for even greater support in making the aims and objects of the Society more widely known, so that membership may be increased. The Council has had to consider the possibility of an increase to the annual subscription to meet rising costs, but this proposition has been shelved for the present and may not be necessary if the number of subscribing members can be raised to 500.

Thanks are due to the members and their friends who have given donations amounting to £16 6s. 6d. to the Society during the year.

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1948.

	£	s.	d.
Berkshire Society of Architects (2 years) ..	6	6	0
Borough of Reading (for Arch. Records Scheme)	2	2	0
The Duke of Wellington	1	1	0
Mrs. D. Loyd	1	0	0
The Royal Library, Windsor Castle	1	0	0
The Rev. & Mrs. Chavassee	1	0	0
H. Adams Clarke	15	0	0
Miss M. Spokes	10	0	0
W. H. Hallam	10	0	0
Mrs. Holden	7	6	
Miss Hopkins	7	6	
Mrs. Melville	7	6	
Miss Vansittart Neale	7	6	
H. H. Grayson	5	0	
P. S. Spokes	5	0	
Sir Felix Pole	2	6	
	£16	6	6

MEMBERSHIP.

December 31st, 1948

Life
3Ordinary
386Total
389

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

Mrs. M. Bayliss	Mr. A. T. Heelas
Miss de Chaumont	Canon R. H. Murray
Mr. W. R. Cook	Mrs. Plunkett
Miss Ferguson	Mr. C. E. Vignoles
Mrs. Hardesty	Rev. O. Williams

H.M. the King having been pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on our President, Sir Frank Stenton, and on our Vice-President, Sir John Cockcroft, the Council offered warm congratulations on behalf of the Society to these two distinguished members.

HOSPITALITY.

The grateful thanks of the Society are due to the following members who have kindly provided tea after the Lectures :

Miss A. Baily (2)	Mrs. Bentall and Mrs. Edmunds
Miss Blatch	The Rev. W. E. & Mrs. MacFarlane
The Rev. S. E. Chavassee & Mr. F. E. Slocock	
Miss E. D. Amphlett	

EXCAVATIONS.

The second season of work on Blewburton Hill was carried out during the month of August again under the direction of Mr. W. A. Smallcombe and Mr. A. E. P. Collins. Assistance was given by Col. Rivers-Moore and other members of the Society. The results will be fully reported upon in a later issue of this Journal.

LECTURES.

The following lectures have been given during the year 1948 :

Jan.	10th.	" <i>State conservation of Historic Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire.</i> "	A. J. Taylor, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.
Feb.	7th.	" <i>Folk Museums and Parks in Scandinavia.</i> "	W. A. Seaby, Esq.
Mar.	6th.	" <i>Excavations at Blewburton Hill.</i> "	W. A. Smallcombe, Esq., B.Sc. and A. E. P. Collins, Esq., B.A.
The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Branch of the Local History Recording Scheme.			

- April 3rd. "*The Early History of Reading Abbey.*" Sir Frank Stenton, M.A., D.Litt., F.B.A.
 Oct. 16th. "*New Light on the Story of Sonning.*" Miss M. Maplesden, M.A.
 Nov. 13th. "*The Pagan Crosses of Cornwall.*" Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore.
 Dec. 4th. "*Didcot and the Frideswide Legends.*" S. Allen Warner, Esq.

EXCURSIONS 1948.

- April 28th. Finchampstead, Yateley, Wellington College, Binfield, etc.
 May 19th, 20th, 21st. Congress to Salisbury and District.
 June 18th. Stratfieldsaye, Swallowfield Park, etc.
 July 8th. Avington, Ramsbury, Avebury, etc.
 August 21st. North Moreton, East Hagbourne, Harwell, Blewburton Hill, Tidmarsh.
 Sept. 23rd. Mattingley, North Warnboro, Odiham, etc.

STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL.

It was with very deep and sincere regret that, at the close of the year 1948, the Council accepted the resignation of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. T. Morley, who had served the Society in that capacity since 1929, and had held the office of Hon. Treasurer during the period 1920-1937.

Previously Mr. Morley had acted as Assistant Hon. Secretary to the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield over a period of many years.

Mr. Morley was elected a Life Vice-President in 1947 as a recognition of his long and ungrudging labours on behalf of the Society, and Members of the Council feel happy that they will still have the benefit of his help and advice.

Although the resignation of Mr. Morley is so greatly regretted by the whole Society, the Council is most fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. F. M. Underhill as Hon. Secretary. Members need no introduction to Mr. Underhill, who will combine this new office with that of Hon. Treasurer which he already holds.

CONGRESS HELD AT SALISBURY, MAY 19th-21st, 1948.

An excellent Congress in and around Salisbury was arranged by Colonel Rivers-Moore, and the Society is greatly indebted to him and to Mrs. Rivers-Moore for their work.

The Society is greatly indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of the University of Reading for the continued provision of accommodation for the meetings of the Society.

H. T. MORLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1948.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions received ..	..	195	12	3	By Paid towards cost of Printing Journal, Vol. 50	..	40	14	7
" Donations ..	..	16	6	6	" Blocks for Vol. 50 ..	..	1	5	0
" Sale of Journals ..	..	5	4	0	" Journal A/c. Reserve in respect of Vol. 50 ..	..	100	0	0
" Dividend on 2½% Defence Bonds ..	..	2	10	0	" Printing Annual Report & Balance Sheet ..	..	9	13	9
" Interest on Deposit A/cs. ..	..	9	3	8	" Printing & Stationery ..	..	15	1	3
" Donations towards cost of Teas ..	..	22	19	2	" Postages ..	..	10	9	1
" Profit on Excursions ..	..	32	10	10	" Books for Library ..	..	..	..	7
" Sale of tickets & Donations for luncheon ..	..	15	17	6	" DONATIONS—	£ s. d.	..	..	..
" Sale of Cabinet ..	..	15	0	0	S.E. Union ..	..	15	0	..
" Deficit on year's working ..	..	5	8	0	Friends of Reading University ..	..	5	5	0
					Soc. Prot. of Ancient Buildings ..	..	1	1	0
					Eng. Place Name Society ..	..	15	0	..
					L.R.H.S. ..	..	2	2	0
					British Records ..	..	1	0	0
					Berks. Archt. Records ..	..	2	2	0
					Brit. Archæ. Council, Reg. Gp. 9 ..	..	3	10	0
					Bramley Church ..	..	1	1	0
							17	11	0
					Excavation Fund ..	..	50	0	0
					Prizes—Berks. Soc. Architects ..	..	2	2	0
					Rent, Watlington House ..	..	6	5	0
					Teas, Reading University ..	..	26	12	9
					Lecturer's Expenses ..	..	3	9	0
					Cost of Luncheon ..	..	15	10	4
					Gratuity ..	..	..	..	10
					Working Lantern & Epidiascope	4	10	0
					Travelling Expenses	2	3	5
					Balance fwd. from 1947 Balance Sheet	1
							£306	6	11

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1948.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Capital Reserve forward from 1947 Balance Sheet	178 7 4	Balance of Deposit A/c. (Barclays)	100 0 0
Journal Fund : Brought Forward	£45 0 0	Balance of Deposit A/c. (Rdg. Savings Bank)	165 2 8
Additions during year for Vol. 50 ..	£100 0 0	Balance of Deposit (Pilgrim Trust Fund)	200 0 0
	145 0 0	Investment, 2½% Defence Bonds ..	100 0 0
Pilgrim Trust Fund for Printing ..	200 0 0	Current A/c. at Barclays Bank ..	53 17 8
Investment—2½% Defence Bond at cost ..	100 0 0	Balance of Receipts & Expenditure A/c. Bt. down	5 8 0
Uncleared item ..	1 1 0		
	£624 8 4		£624 8 4

Examined and compared with all necessary books and vouchers and found correct.

(Signed) T. L. SKINNER, Hon. Auditor.

EXCAVATION FUND. Receipts and Expenditure, 1948.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Brought Forward from 1947 A/c. ..	9 4	Use of Bulldozer ..	15 0 0
Cheque from Corporation of Reading ..	50 0 0	Transport ..	12 14 5
Cheque from Berks. Archaeological Society ..	50 0 0	Food & sundry expenses ..	77 6 2
Proceeds of Lecture by Mr. A. E. P. Collins	1 5 0	Balance of cash in hand carried forward ..	21 19 0
Special donation by Mrs. More ..	5 0 0		
Collecting Box on site ..	20 5 3		
	£126 19 7		£126 19 7

N.B.—In addition to the above, £111 was provided by the Reading Corporation for the purchase of Field Equipment.
(Signed) W. A. SMALLCOMBE, 17.1.49.