

Report of the Council for the year 1903-1904.

The Council has the honour to present its Report, the sixty-second since the origin of the Institute, showing its financial condition and progress during the year.

The printed Cash Account, prepared as usual by the Chartered Accountant, now placed before the Members, is, it is hoped, a clear statement of income and expenditure, as well as a record of the investment regarded as capital, now consisting of £1,200 Metropolitan two and-a-half per cent. stock.

The balance of cash at the bankers is £271 2s. 10d. All charges appertaining to the year are paid, including the entire Volume 60 of the Journal for 1903.

No liabilities are outstanding, and only one Member's subscription is in arrear.

The six members of the Council to retire in rotation according to the rules are Messieurs C. R. Peers, W. H. Bell, M. J. Walhouse, Dr. Talfourd Ely, R. W. Taylor and H. Wilson. It is recommended that Messieurs Peers and Wilson be re-elected, and that the following members be elected and added to the Council, namely, Messieurs F. J. Haverfield, F.S.A., W. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A., C. A. Bradford, F.S.A., Rev. H. V. Le Bas, J. H. Etherington Smith, T. T. Greg, F.S.A., and Walter Rowley, F.S.A.

One Vice-President retires by rotation, Mr. Emanuel Green; Dr. Talfourd Ely, F.S.A., is recommended in his place.

The President's term of office continues for another year.

The number of new subscribing members elected during 1903 was fifteen, of whom one is a life member, the loss by resignation and death was nineteen, two of the latter being life members.

Among those who have passed away, the Reverend Dr. Creswell and the Rev. Canon Freer should be mentioned, both good archaeologists and familiar at our Annual Meetings. Dr. Creswell will be missed also at his parish of North Repps, Norfolk.

Canon Freer's end was sadly pathetic; he died in his pulpit while preaching in his own church at Sudbury, Derbyshire. Memoirs of him appeared in the *Guardian* newspaper of 24th June and 6th July this year.

The Council has the intention of supporting by cash subscription works of excavation and research to be undertaken previous to or arising out of the Annual Meetings, to prepare the better for the inspection of localities to be visited by the Institute, the results to be recorded by papers to appear in the *Archaeological Journal*. Such contributions to be made as the Council in their judgment may think fit, the amount thereof to be limited to, or within, the sum appearing in the Cash Account as "profit" on the preceding Annual Meeting, which is certainly variable and occasionally insignificant. At all

events the members and visitors at the Meeting will derive advantage and feel increased interest in expected discoveries.

The Institute continues to be represented at the Congress of Archaeological Societies; the important subject under discussion being the preservation of the numerous prehistoric earthworks and camps which abound in our country, and are always liable to mutilation or destruction. Financial help is much wanted for this purpose.

Some delay has been caused in the publication of the Journal by the resignation of the Honorary Editor; the circumstance was alluded to in the Report for last year. Efforts are in progress for issuing the succeeding Volume during the current year.

It is estimated by Mr. Goddard, who is engaged in the preparation of the Index to the first 50 Volumes of the Journal, that another two years will be necessary for its completion.