THE ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (INCORPORATED)

C/O THE LONDON MUSEUM, KENSINGTON PALACE, W.8

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR 1953

The Council has the honour to present its report for the year 1953.

During the year the Institute has lost fourteen Ordinary members by death, and twelve have resigned. Fifty-five new members have been elected. Seven libraries have become regular subscribers to the Journal and two have ceased to subscribe.

The total membership at the end of December was as follows :---

637 Subscribing Members.

179 Libraries.

2 Honorary and Corresponding Members.

The Spring Meeting was held on March 11th at Windsor Castle, by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen, and the Council is much indebted to Sir Owen Morshead and Mr. Oliver Millar, who acted as guides.

The Summer Meeting took place in Northampton in July. The Council wishes to record its especial indebtedness to the Mayor of Northampton; to the Patrons of the Meeting; to the Northamptonshire Architectural and Archaeological Society, and particularly to its Chairman, the Rt. Hon. the Earl Spencer, F.S.A., and its Secretary, Mr. W. T. Pearse, for help with the arrangements for the Meeting; to Sir Gyles Isham, F.S.A., who acted as Local Secretary and arranged many of the visits; to the owners of houses and other buildings for their kindness in allowing the Institute to visit them, and particularly to Mr. and Mrs. George Brudenell for their hospitality; and to the members and others who conducted the parties round the various buildings.

The Autumn Meeting was held in London on October 31st, when members visited Somerset House (through the kindness of the Registrar General, the Board of Inland Revenue, and the Principal of King's College), and the Church of St. Mary-le-Strand, by kind permission of the Vicar; and the Council is most grateful to Dr. Maurice Craig and Mr. John Summerson, who acted as guides.

The following papers were read during the year :

- January 7th. 'Some Documented Pictures and Furniture at Lamport', by Sir Gyles Isham, Bart., F.S.A.
- January 21st. 'Recent Work in Scottish Prehistory', by Stuart Piggott, Esq., B.Litt., F.S.A., Professor of Archaeology in the University of Edinburgh.
- February 4th. 'The Roman Frontier in North Africa', by E. B. Birley, Esq., M.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., Reader in Archaeology and Roman Frontier Studies in the University of Durham.
- February 11th. 'The Royal Pavilion at Brighton', by Clifford Musgrave, Esq., Director of the Royal Pavilion.
- March 4th. 'Deserted Mediaeval Villages', by J. G. Hurst, Esq., of the Ancient Monuments Branch of the Ministry of Works, and J. Golson, Esq.
- March 25th. 'Recent Excavations at the Town and Villa at Great Casterton, Rutland', by P. Corder, Esq., M.A., Litt.D., Assistant Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries.

April 15th. 'Our Lady of Walsingham', by the Rev. J. C. Dickinson, M.A., B.Litt., F.S.A., Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

- April 29th. 'Pagan Saxon Wiltshire and the Origins of Wessex', by C. F. C. Hawkes, Esq., M.A., F.B.A., F.S.A., Professor of European Archaeology in the University of Oxford.
- May 13th. Annual General Meeting. Address by Sir Mortimer Wheeler, C.I.E., M.C., M.A., D.Lit., D.Litt., F.B.A., F.S.A., President, entitled 'Adventure and Flinders Petrie'.

October 28th. 'Hadrian and Hadrian's Wall', by C. E. Stevens, Esq., M.A., B.Litt., F.S.A., Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

November 25th. ' The Royal Palaces at Kew ', by the Honorary Secretary.

December 9th. 'Tara', by Sean O'Ríordáin, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A., M.R.I.A., Professor of Celtic Archaeology in the National University, Dublin.

Volume CIX of the Journal was published in July.

The Accounts for the year 1953, which have been prepared by Messrs. Whinney, Smith and Whinney, Chartered Accountants, are attached to the report. The Council is indebted to Sir Alfred Wood, Honorary Auditor, for his services.

The senior Vice-President, Mr. B. H. St. J. O'Neil, M.A., F.S.A., retired and was appointed an Honorary Vice-President. Mr. C. A. Ralegh Radford, M.A., F.S.A., was appointed a Vice-President in his place.

The members of the Council who retired in rotation were : Mr. A. Lane Poole, M.A.; Mrs. M. A. Cotton, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.S.A.; Miss K. M. Kenyon, C.B.E., M.A., D.Lit., F.S.A.; Mr. O. N. Millar, F.S.A.; Dr. R. Wittkower; and Mr. J. W. Brailsford, M.A., F.S.A. The following were elected to take their places : Mr. H. J. Case; Mr. P. Corder, M.A., Litt.D.; Mr. L. Dow, F.S.A.; Mr. G. C. Dunning, B.Sc., F.S.A.; Miss C. I. Fell, F.S.A.; and Mrs. M. Parry. Mr. John Summerson, C.B.E., B.A., F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., who had taken the place of the late Miss N. C. Jolliffe and was eligible for re-election, was re-elected; and Mr. C. Hohler was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Radford as Vice-President.

The members of the Executive Committee who retired in rotation were : Mr. G. F. Webb, C.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., Hon. A.R.I.B.A., and Mr. R. L. S. Bruce-Mitford, B.A., F.S.A. Mr. Webb was re-elected ; Mr. Bruce-Mitford resigned, and Miss K. M. Kenyon was elected to replace him.

The Editorial Committee was left unchanged.

The duties of the Assistant Secretary have been divided and the financial side of the work allotted to a new post of Assistant Treasurer, to which Mrs. M. M. Lapham was appointed.

Miss P. Wynn Reeves, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary, resigned, and her place was taken by Miss J. K. Macdonald, B.A.

Dr. P. Corder ceased to be an Honorary Auditor on his appointment to the Council, and Sir Alfred Wood, F.C.A., was reappointed as sole Honorary Auditor.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (INCORPORATED).

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Institute so far as appears from our examination of those books. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said accounts give the information required by the Companies Act, 1948, in the manner so required, and the Balance Sheel gives a true and fair view of the Institute's affairs as at 31st December, 1959, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

Dated this twenty-sixth day of February, 1954.

ALFRED WOOD, Auditor.

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