

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

c/o THE LONDON MUSEUM, KENSINGTON PALACE, W.8

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 1955

The Council has the honour to present its report for the year 1955.

During the year the Institute has lost nine members by death. Amongst its losses the Council records with especial regret the deaths of Dr. W. L. Hildburgh, Dr. V. E. Nash-Williams and Mr. W. V. Wade. Eight members have resigned, and four have been removed for non-payment of subscriptions. Fifty-eight new members have been elected, and two have rejoined. Eleven new libraries have become regular subscribers to the Journal.

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

722 Subscribing Members.

1 Honorary Member.

203 Libraries.

The Spring Meeting was held on April 30, when members visited Langley Marish Church, Eton College Chapel, Dorney Court, Ockwells Manor and Borlases, Waltham St. Lawrence. The Council wishes to express its thanks to the Vicar of Langley Marish Church and the owners of the other buildings for permission to visit them, and particularly to Mrs. M. A. Cotton for her hospitality at Borlases; and to the following for acting as guides: Mr. E. Clive Rouse at Langley Marish Church; the Headmaster, Mr. R. Birley, at Eton College; Dr. M. J. Craig at Dorney Court; and Mr. A. R. Dufty at Ockwells Manor.

The Summer Meeting was held at Leicester in July, the headquarters being at Beaumont Hall, a hostel of University College, Leicester. The Council wishes to thank all those from whom it received co-operation and hospitality; and to record its especial indebtedness to the Lord Mayor of Leicester; to the Patrons of the Meeting; to the Principal and Senate of University College, Leicester; to the Museums and Libraries Committee, Leicester Corporation; to the Leicester Museums Association; to the Leicestershire Archaeological Society; to Professor J. Simmons and Mr. D. T-D. Clarke who helped so much to make the Meeting a success; to the incumbents of churches and the owners of buildings for their kindness in allowing the Institute to visit them; and to the members and others who conducted the party round the various buildings and sites.

The Autumn Meeting was held on November 5 in the Twickenham district. The Council wishes to record its gratitude to the owners of the buildings visited for allowing members to view them; and to Mr. John Charlton, Miss Helen Lowenthal, Mr. Geoffrey Webb, Mr. Derek Sherborn and Mrs. B. B. Parry, who acted as guides at Kew Palace, Osterley Park, Strawberry Hill House, the Octagon Room of Orleans House, and Marble Hill House respectively.

The following papers were read during the year :

- January 12. 'Medieval Aisled Halls and their derivatives', by J. T. Smith, Esq., Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England).
January 26. 'The Golden Cross Inn, Oxford', by W. A. Pantin, Esq., F.B.A., F.S.A., Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, and E. Clive Rouse, Esq., M.B.E., F.S.A.
February 16. 'Northumbrian Life in the time of the Venerable Bede', by B. Colgrave, Esq., F.S.A.
March 9. 'The *Allées Couvertes* of France', by Glyn E. Daniel, Esq., Ph.D., F.S.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge.
March 30. 'The Bodleian Painted Frieze and other discoveries in the Old Library', by J. N. L. Myres, Esq., F.S.A., Bodley's Librarian, and E. Clive Rouse, Esq., M.B.E., F.S.A.

- April 27. 'The Chapter House, Hereford Cathedral' and 'The Bishop's Chapel of St. Katherine and St. Mary Magdalene, Hereford Cathedral', by N. Drinkwater, Esq., F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England).
- May 4. 'The Summer Meeting at Leicester', by J. Simmons, Esq., M.A., F.R.S.L., Professor of History at University College Leicester.
- May 18. *Annual General Meeting*. Lecture by Philip Corder Esq. M.A. Litt.D., President, entitled 'The Defences of Romano-British Towns in the Fourth Century'.
- October 26. 'Clocks and Timepieces from 1330 to 1830', by Cecil Clutton, Esq., F.S.A., F.R.I.C.S., M.T.P.I.
- November 2. 'Windsor Castle in the time of George III', by Sir Owen Morshead, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C., Librarian at Windsor Castle.
- November 30. 'The Archaeology of Charmy Down, Somerset', by W. F. Grimes, Esq., C.B.E., M.A., V.-P.S.A., Director of the London Museum and President of the Council for British Archaeology.
- December 7. 'Excavations at Lough Gara, Connaught', by Joseph Raftery, Esq., Dr. Phil., M.R.I.A., Keeper of Antiquities in the National Museum of Ireland.

Volume CXI of the Journal was published in September. The General Index for Volumes XXVI-L was also published during the year.

The Accounts for the year 1955, which have been prepared by Messrs. Whinney, Smith & Whinney, Chartered Accountants, are attached to the report. The Council is indebted to Sir Alfred Wood, Honorary Auditor, for his services.

The Institute is again greatly indebted to an anonymous benefactor who has made a further generous donation, of investments to the value of £4,262, to its funds; and the Council wishes to express its deep appreciation of the gift.

Grants of £50 and £60 respectively have been made to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust and the Silchester Excavation Committee.

The senior Vice-President, Mr. G. F. Webb, C.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., Hon. A.R.I.B.A., retired and was appointed an Honorary Vice-President. M. Jean Bony was appointed a Vice-President in his place.

The members of the Council who retired in rotation were: M. Jean Bony; Mr. H. M. Colvin, M.A.; Mr. S. D. T. Spittle, M.A., A.R.I.B.A.; Mr. A. B. Whittingham, M.A., A.R.I.B.A.; Mrs. Audrey Williams, M.A., F.S.A.; and Mr. H. J. Willis. The following were elected to take their places: Mr. F. T. Baker, M.A., F.S.A.; Mrs. Trenchard Cox, F.S.A.; Mr. A. R. Martin, F.S.A.; Mr. P. K. Baillie Reynolds, O.B.E., T.D., M.A., F.S.A.; Mr. A. L. F. Rivet, M.A., F.S.A.; and Mr. Graham Webster, M.A., F.S.A., A.M.I.C.E. Mr. John Summerson, C.B.E., F.B.A., F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., resigned from the Council, and Mrs. D. W. Brogan, M.A., F.S.A., was appointed in his place.

The retiring members of the Executive Committee, Mr. W. F. Grimes, C.B.E., M.A., V.-P.S.A., and Mr. I. D. Margary, M.A., F.S.A., were re-elected; and Mr. Leslie Dow, F.S.A., was appointed in the place of Miss K. M. Kenyon, C.B.E., M.A., D.Lit., F.S.A., on this Committee.

The Editorial Committee was left unchanged.

Sir Alfred Wood, F.C.A., was re-appointed Honorary Auditor.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.

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1954	£	£	£	£
(Vol. 111)				
EXPENDITURE.				
To PUBLISHING ACCOUNT (Volume 112):				
830	Printing	830
150	Paper	...	...	150
50	Postage	...	...	50
70	Honorarium (Editors)	...	...	70
1,100				1,100
	Less: Income from Publications Specific Fund	...	...	80
				1,040
Add: Excess Expenditure on:				
888	Volume 111	...	...	274
(Vol. 110)	415	Less: Grants and Sales of off prints	...	233
				21
1,553				1,081
ADMINISTRATION CHARGES:				
40	Lectures and Meeting Room	...	...	25
28	Lanterns	...	...	6
108	Printing and Stationery	...	...	86
84	Postage	...	...	73
52	Assistant Secretary	...	...	52
52	Assistant Treasurer	...	...	52
28	Clerical Assistance	...	...	26
2	Insurance	...	...	2
10	Accountant's Fee	...	...	10
8	Sundries	...	...	41
390				373
4	SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OTHER SOCIETIES	...	...	4
—	DONATION: Historic Churches Preservation Trust	...	...	50
20	SINKING FUND FOR GENERAL INDEX (Volumes 101-125)	...	...	20
36	MEETINGS: Spring	...	...	73
281	Summer	...	...	745
14	Autumn	...	...	71
9	City	...	...	—
25	Honorarium (Meetings—Secretary)	...	...	25
375				914
—	Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	335
£2,342				£2,757

1954	£	£	£	£
(Vol. 111)				
INCOME.				
By SUBSCRIPTIONS:				
10	1953	...	...	2
642	1954	...	...	5
—	1955	...	...	714
852				721
242	SALES OF PUBLICATIONS	...	...	280
108	General Index	...	...	—
249	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	...	...	480
REFUNDS OF INCOME TAX:				
115	Under Covenants	...	...	187
17	Interest on Investments	...	...	169
132				356
1	COPYRIGHT FEES	...	...	6
—	SALE OF LANTERN SLIDES	...	...	5
36	MEETINGS: Spring	...	...	88
271	Summer	...	...	735
22	Autumn	...	...	88
5	City	...	...	—
334				909
2	Profit on Sale of Investments	—
621	Excess of Expenditure over Income	—
£2,342				£2,757

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.

1954		LIABILITIES.		1954		ASSETS.	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	SUNDRY CREDITORS:				INVESTMENTS AT COST OR VALUATION:		
	Publishing Accounts:				ACCUMULATED FUND:		
146	Volume 110	—		1,203	£1,182 18s. 5d. 3½% War Stock	1,203	
1,082	" 111	103		1,142	£1,381 3% London County Consolidated Stock, 1920	1,142	
	" 112	1,056			£500 Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Registered		
35	Amount due to purchase of Stock rights	129			Stock, 1961-68	490	
	Provision for General Expenses	60		1,361	£1,800 3½% Conversion Stock	1,361	
1,273			1,348	1,769	£2,150 2½% Consolidated Stock	1,769	
24	SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN ADVANCE	13		460	£500 2½% Savings Bonds, 1964-67	460	
200	THE HILTON BEQUEST	200			£250 Imperial Tobacco Co. (of Great Britain and		
253	THE BUNNELL LEWIS RESEARCH FUND	253		250	Ireland) Ltd., 4% Unsecured Loan Stock	250	
	RESEARCH FUND INCOME:			474	£267 Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Stock	474	
155	Balance 1st January, 1955	170		566	£73 Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd. Stock	566	
15	Interest for Current Year	17		5,313	£700 Marks & Spencer Ltd. 5½% "A" Shares	5,313	
					£1,437 Bowater Paper Corporation Ltd. 5½% Cumulative		
		197			Preference Stock	1,437	
	Less: Donation: Silchester Excavation Committee	60			£2,000 Hoffman Manufacturing Co. Ltd. 7½% Cumulative		
170			127		Preference Shares of £1 each	2,825	
130	SINKING FUND FOR GENERAL INDEX (Volumes 101-125)	153			Trust Co. of London & Scotland Ltd. Ordinary Stock,		
1,500	PUBLICATIONS SPECIFIC FUND	1,500			1,023 units of 5/- each	441	
	ACCUMULATED FUND:						
6,748	Balance, 1st January, 1955	12,357		12,818			17,521
6,142	Add: Gift of Investments as valued at date of transfer			200	THE HILTON BEQUEST:		
	to the Institute	1,262			£219 3% London County Consolidated Stock, 1920	200	
	Donation	1			THE BUNNELL LEWIS RESEARCH FUND:		
88	Entrance Fees and Life Composition	88			Trust Co. of London & Scotland Ltd. Ordinary Stock		
12,978		16,708			454 units of 5/- each	253	
	Less: Cost of General Index (Volumes 26-50)	£948			PUBLICATIONS SPECIFIC FUND:		
	Less: Sales	197			Trust Co. of London & Scotland Ltd. Ordinary Stock,		
		751		13,018	2,665 units of 5/- each	1,500	
		15,957			(NOTE: The Market Value of the above Investments		
621	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	335			at 31st December, 1955, was £18,116.)		
12,357		16,292			SUNDRY DEBTORS:		
					Subscriptions	8	
					Grants	—	
					Sales of Publications	82	
					Sales of General Index (Volumes 26-50)	18	
					Income Tax Repayable	42	
				444			125
					CASH BALANCES:		
				1,931	At Bank: Deposit Account	75	
				253	Deposit Account—		
				128	Bunnell Lewis Research Fund	—	
				3	Current Account	54	
				130	In Hand: Petty Cash	5	
				2,445	Post Office Savings Bank	133	
							287
				£15,907			£19,896

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

I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of my audit. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Institute so far as appears from my examination of those books. I have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account. In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me the said accounts give the information required by the Companies Act, 1948, in the manner so required, and the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Institute's affairs at 31st December, 1955, 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-seventh day of February, 1956.

ALFRED WOOD, *Hon. Auditor.*