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THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH REPORT OF THE COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR 1957

The Council has the honour to present its report for the year 1957.

During the year the Institute has lost thirteen members by death. Among its losses the Institute records with special regret the deaths of Professor V. G. Childe and the Very Rev. Dr. D. H. S. Cranage, both Honorary Vice-Presidents, and of Professor S. P. O'Riordain. Eleven members have resigned and five have been removed for non-payment of subscriptions. Fifty-six new members have been elected and one has rejoined. Four new libraries have become regular subscribers to the Journal.

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

785 Subscribing Members.

1 Honorary Member.

214 Libraries.

On 27th April the Spring Meeting was held at St. Albans. The Council wishes to express its gratitude to Mr. P. K. Baillie Reynolds, who acted as guide at St. Albans Cathedral; to Dr. Philip Corder, who showed members the results of recent excavations at Verulamium, and to the Curator of Verulamium Museum and the Earl of Verulam for permission to visit the Museum and the Roman theatre there; and to the Earl of Verulam, Mrs. Pamela Tudor-Craig and Mr. G. W. Dixon, who acted as guides at Gorbambury. It is indebted to the Earl of Verulam also for permission to visit Gorbambury and for his most generous hospitality there, and would like to thank him especially for all he did to make the Meeting a success.

The Summer Meeting was held at Exeter in July. The headquarters were at Hope Hall, a hostel of Exeter University, and the Council would particularly like to thank the Warden for her assistance. The Council also wishes to record its especial indebtedness to the Mayor of Exeter and the other Patrons of the Meeting; to the University of Exeter; to the Devonshire Association, and the Devon and Exeter Institution; to Professor F. Barlow, Mr. William Ravenhill and the other members of the local committee for their invaluable help in making local arrangements, and above all to Mr. C. A. R. Radford for his indefatigable work; to the incumbents of churches and owners of buildings for their kindness in allowing the Institute to visit them; and to the members and others who conducted the parties round the various buildings and sites.

The Autumn Meeting was held in London on 19th October. The Council wishes to record its gratitude to the Archbishop of Canterbury for permission to visit Lambeth Palace, and to Mr. J. Roberts, who showed members round the building; to the Governor of Chelsea Hospital for permission to visit the Hospital, and to Mr. Kerry Downes, who acted as guide; to the Misses Alexander for permission to visit Aubrey House, and to Mr. Gordon Nares, who acted as guide; and to the Librarian of Kensington Central Library for permission to visit Leighton House, and to Mr. W. Hudson, who explained the building to members.

The following papers were read during the year:

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| January 9.   | 'The More: the Excavation of a Medieval Manor-house in Hertfordshire', by Martin Biddle, Esq.   |
| February 13. | 'English Brass Chandeliers and their Makers', by R. J. Sherlock, Esq., F.S.A., Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England).    |
| March 13.    | 'Excavations at Silchester, 1954-1956', by G. C. Boon, Esq., F.S.A., Assistant Keeper of Archaeology in the National Museum of Wales. |
| April 10.    | 'The Saxon Cathedral at Winchester', by R. N. Quirk, Esq., Secretary of the Office of the Lord President of the Council.              |
| May 1.       | 'The Summer Meeting at Exeter', by C. A. R. Radford, Esq., F.B.A., F.S.A.   |
| May 8.       | <i>Annual General Meeting.</i> 'Romano-British Pottery Kilns', by Philip Corder, Esq., M.A., Litt.D., President.                      |

- October 23. 'St. James's Palace', by G. H. Chettle, Esq., O.B.E., F.S.A.  
November 13. 'Aspects of the Study of Roman Coarse Pottery in Northern Britain', by J. P. Gillam, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., Reader in Roman History and Romano-British Archaeology in the University of Durham.  
December 4. 'The Elizabethan Fortifications of the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed', by John Summerson, Esq., C.B.E., F.B.A., F.S.A., Curator of Sir John Soane's Museum.

Vol. CXII of the Journal was published in January. Owing to increased printing costs, the price of the Journal was raised on the publication of this volume to £2 2s. to libraries and other institutions, and £2 5s. to non-members.

The Accounts for the year 1957, 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.

A grant of £50 was made to Professor C. F. C. Hawkes towards his excavation of an Iron Age hill-fort in Portugal; and £5 was given to Stalbridge Parish Council towards the repair of the market cross there.

The President, Mr. Philip Corder, M.A., Litt.D., retired on the expiry of his term of office at the Annual General Meeting, and the Council wishes to record its deep gratitude to him for his many services to the Institute as President. Professor W. F. Grimes, C.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., F.M.A., Director of the Institute of Archaeology, was elected President in Dr. Corder's place.

The senior Vice-President due to retire in rotation was Professor Grimes. Miss V. M. Dallas, M.B.E., F.S.A., was appointed a Vice-President in his place.

The members of the Council who retired in rotation were: Mr. H. J. Case, M.A., F.S.A.; Mr. M. J. Craig, Ph.D.; Mr. Leslie Dow, F.S.A.; Mr. G. C. Dunning, B.Sc., F.S.A.; Miss Mary Baldwin, M.A., F.S.A.; and Mrs. B. B. Parry. The following were elected to take their places: Mr. Leslie Alcock, M.A., F.S.A.; Mr. Maurice Barley, M.A., F.S.A.; Mr. Claude Blair, B.A., F.S.A.; Mr. A. R. Dufty, Sec. S.A., A.R.I.B.A.; Mr. E. C. Rouse, M.B.E., F.S.A.; and Mr. J. T. Smith, M.A., F.S.A.

The retiring members of the Executive Committee were Mr. Leslie Dow and Mr. G. F. Webb, C.B.E., M.A., F.B.A., F.S.A. Mr. A. R. Dufty was appointed in the place of Mr. Dow, and Mr. Webb was re-elected. Mr. P. K. Baillie Reynolds, C.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., was appointed to fill the additional vacancy caused by the election of Professor Grimes as President.

On the Editorial Committee, Dr. Philip Corder was appointed in the place of Professor Grimes.

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

The Meetings Secretary, Mr. S. D. T. Spittle, M.A., F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., resigned. His resignation was accepted with great regret, and the Council wishes to record its deep gratitude to him and its very warm appreciation of all his hard and successful work on behalf of the Institute. Mr. T. L. Jones, M.A. was appointed new Meetings Secretary.



