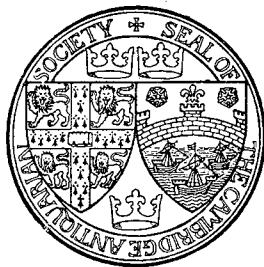


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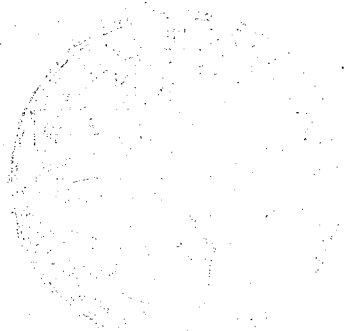


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Cambridge Antiquarian Society

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1936

Adopted at the ninety-seventh Annual General

Meeting, 8 March 1937

During the year ten Ordinary Members and two Associate Members have been elected. Eight Ordinary Members have died; nine Ordinary Members and two Associate Members have resigned. Three Life Members have died; one has been elected; thus the number of Life Members is now fifty-nine. One Honorary Member has died.

The figures for 1935 and 1936 are:

	1935	1936
Honorary Members	5	4
Ordinary „	266	259
Life „	61	59
Associate „	25	25
Subscribing Institutions	10	10
	<u>367</u>	<u>357</u>

and of Societies in union with this Society for the interchange of publications:

British	50
European	36
Asiatic	4
African	1
American	15
	<u>106</u> Total 463.

There have been eight meetings of the Council, which consisted of twenty members, the average attendance being fifteen. The Editorial Committee has met four times.

Eleven Ordinary Meetings have been held, at which the average attendance of members and friends has been sixty-six, as against sixty-seven in 1935.

The following communications were made during the year:

H. H. Brindley, M.A., F.S.A. *The value of seals to nautical archaeology.* February 10.

L. Cobbett, M.D., F.R.C.S., *Palestine.* October 19..

Professor W. G. Constable, M.A., D.C.L., F.S.A., *Mediaeval English wall-painting*. March 9.

Sir Cyril Fox, Ph.D., F.S.A., *The western frontier of Mercia in the eighth century*. November 2.

H. Gatty, M.A., *The Hospital of St John the Evangelist, Cambridge*. May 4.

M. C. A. Henniker, R.E., *The Devil's Dyke: an estimate of the time and labour in its construction*. February 24.

H. C. Hughes, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., *The character and dating of domestic architecture in Cambridgeshire and district*. November 30.

T. C. Lethbridge, B.A., F.S.A., *Recent excavations at Burwell Castle and Guilden Morden*. January 27.

James G. Mann, F.S.A., *The Imperial Armoury at Vienna*. November 16.

Dr R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, M.C., F.S.A., *The Maiden Castle excavations*. May 25.

Miss Wight, *A pilgrimage to St David's*. April 20.

DELEGATES.

Mr Barnard represented the Society at the Conference of Record Societies held in London under the auspices of the British Records Association on November 16; and Dr Palmer and Mr L. C. G. Clarke represented the Society at the Congress of Archaeological Societies held there on the following day.

EXCAVATIONS.

While the pipe for the new water scheme was being laid along the 'Back Road' at Linton during the winter, two cremations of the pagan Anglo-Saxon period were found in shattered pots. Trial excavations were carried out in the field and garden on either side of the road without revealing any further traces of burials. It was, however, reported that a skeleton with a sword had been found some years ago farther down the garden, and that it had been reburied on the same spot. Trenches were therefore dug here also. The

skeleton of a man was eventually discovered in a modern cesspit and the remains of a very long spear of Anglo-Saxon type was there also. The whole garden however was so full of foundations of old buildings that it was not thought advisable to prolong the investigations of it. Later in the year owing to the rebuilding of the 'Princess of Wales' on the adjoining property a large hole was dug for a cellar. Although we were not able to supervise the earlier stages of this operation it is clear that at least two and probably three Anglo-Saxon burials were found at that time. We were enabled to investigate one of these burials, which proved to contain the lower half of the skeleton of a woman properly disposed for interment. Two spiral finger-rings of base silver remained on the finger bones. Unfortunately the upper part of the body had been disturbed in antiquity. It is clear that an extensive cemetery of the pagan period existed in the neighbourhood of these various finds, and that it was a mixed one containing both cremations and inhumations.

Following the suggestion of Major Gordon Fowler that the mound known as the 'Temple' on the edge of Isleham Fen was in reality the remains of a Romano-British temple, and not a mediaeval moated site as had hitherto been supposed, trial excavations were carried out on the site. It was shown without very much labour that the mound was in itself a mediaeval work. Glazed and other mediaeval wares were found on the old ground level beneath the mound. The mound was, however, largely composed of soil containing very large quantities of Romano-British building materials, painted wall plaster, tesserae of pottery and stone, hypocaust and other tiles, in fact all the evidence of extensive buildings of the Roman period. The mediaeval mound had in fact been dug and constructed on the site of a large house of the earlier age. It is probable that a villa of some consequence could be explored here at a future date. Although the investigation was of a very superficial character, it is suggested that the mound was not constructed earlier than the fourteenth century. As it was not known who made it or what its history was, we did not think that it was important to

explore it in greater detail at present. The thanks of the society are due to the owner for giving us permission to mutilate his grass field.

The exploration of the Early Iron Age and Romano-British cemetery at Guilden Morden has been continued whenever opportunity offered. It is satisfactory to be able to report that we have been much more fortunate than we were last year. Forty-six cremations were investigated and these, unlike the majority of those found last year, had generally escaped the attentions of treasure-hunters. Several very important groups of pots have thus been added to the Museum collection, and it should be noted that although one hears so much about the accurate dating of pottery of this period, yet the actual number of associated grave-groups available for study remains small compared with those of the Saxon period, for instance. Of the thirty-six inhumations which were examined two at least belong to the earlier half of the first century. One of these was of great interest in providing an associated group of three vessels. On one of these, a terra-nigra platter, were the bones of four mutton cutlets, showing that the vessels accompanying the dead at this time actually contained victuals. No further interim reports of the work in this cemetery will be published as it is felt that it will be more convenient to publish the results as a whole when it is thought that enough digging has been done there.

The building of the new college at Linton resulted in the discovery of three burials beneath the Warden's house. Through the kindness of the County Council and Clerk of the Works we were able to trench a considerable area of ground on three sides of this building. Two more burials of the Roman period were found, and also extensive ditches or pits full of potsherds, bones, and building rubbish. It is thought that we were dealing with a family burial-ground close to a single building, and not with an extensive cemetery of a large community. A report of this excavation will be found in the next number of the *Proceedings*.

Tentative investigations have been begun in the garden of

the Norman manor house at Hemingford Grey at the wish of Mr and Mrs J. Gordon Macleod. A cobble paving similar to those found at Flambards Manor and a cement floored pit, probably a well, have so far been discovered, together with pottery of the late Saxon-Norman types.

T. C. LETHBRIDGE,
Director of Excavations.

THE FENLAND RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

During the past year the archaeological activities of the Committee have chiefly been confined to the production of a report on the archaeology of the Submerged Land-surface of the Essex Coast*, prepared by a special sub-committee.

Trial excavations in Isleham Fen produced the first 'B' beaker from the county, as well as sherds of Early and Middle Bronze Age wares. The work was discontinued at an early stage when it became clear that no stratigraphical results could be obtained.

Stratigraphical work carried out over a wide stretch of country between Peterborough and Welney promises to extend the validity of the archaeological-botanical-geological succession established in previous years in the Shippea Hill region.

During the coming summer excavations will be continued at the Romano-British site in Welney Washes in order to complete the sequence of correlations between phases of human settlement and the natural history of the Fens.

J. G. D. CLARK,
Hon. Secretary of the Committee.

LIBRARY.

During the year the library of the Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology, which includes the Society's library, has been moved into one of the rooms in the building adjoining

* See *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society*, 1936, pp. 178ff.

the Museum which have recently been added to the department. The new library, which is on the top floor, opens off the main staircase of the Museum, and can be reached either from the courtyard entrance or the Tennis Court Road door. The legend over the door of the Library reads: 'The Haddon Library of Archaeology and Anthropology, including the Library of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society.' The whole library will of course be accessible as before to members of the Society, but a small room opening from its north-east corner has been allotted for their special use, and will be called the C.A.S. Room. Here will be found all the books dealing with the history and antiquities of Cambridgeshire and the Fens, including the publications of the Society, and of the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society; and also the Society's various collections, e.g. MSS., prints and engravings, lantern-slides, and the Photographic Record.

The thanks of the Society are due to the following for the gift of books and pamphlets: Mr W. D. Bushell, Dr J. G. D. Clark, Mr R. R. Clarke, Mr S. Cowles, Dr M. A. Murray, Professor Minns, Dr W. M. Palmer, Sir Albert Seward, Dr Mary Scruby, the Curator, the Borough Librarian, and the Bergen Museum.

M. O'REILLY,
Librarian.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD COMMITTEE.

The Record is now housed in the C.A.S. Room, which opens out of the north-east corner of the new Haddon Library.

A small exhibition of some of the recent additions to the Record is being arranged each term in the Museum. These are shown at present in a case in the Maudslay Hall kindly lent by the Curator.

Many gifts have been received during the year, including more than 700 prints from Mr J. H. Bullock, photographs and lantern slides from the late Dr A. H. Lloyd, photographs of Ely, etc., from Lady St John Hope, prints and negatives from Mr Brindley, and prints from Miss E. Rolleston, Mr R. Bellamy,

Dr L. Cobbett, Dr F. Robinson, Miss C. E. Parsons, Miss K. Cooke, Mr D. Missen, Mr C. F. Tebbutt, Miss Stearn, Mr F. Souton, Mr John Salmon, prints and a sketch from Dr M. A. Murray, and many gifts from both Dr Palmer and Mr Bullock.

It is regretted that we have no photographs of some of the houses on the west side of Peas Hill before the building of the new Arts Theatre; or of the old houses on St Andrew's Hill, the Lion Hotel, the north-east corner of Petty Cury (which will probably be rebuilt during the coming year), or of several interesting houses in Trumpington Street, for example No. 21. These are only a very few suggestions for contributors. Where photography is difficult because of a northern aspect, or for any other reason, a simple drawing or watercolour sketch will of course be greatly appreciated.

The Record now contains over 5400 prints, of which 907 were given during the past year.

Z. M. SCRUBY.

The above report is the work of Dr Mary Scruby, who has been in entire charge of the Record and has done a vast amount of arranging and indexing during the last year. Not only has she kept well up with accessions, but she has tackled and cleared up difficult problems which had been shied at by her predecessors.

I should like to emphasize her request for photographs or drawings of old Cambridge houses. Illustrations of the meanest streets in the town will be more welcome than further prints of Trinity Great Gate or of King's College Chapel.

W. M. PALMER,

Chairman of the Joint Committee.

EXCURSIONS.

College Visit. Peterhouse, March 14. A College visit took place on the above date, when over a hundred Members and Associates accepted the kind invitation of the Master and Fellows of Peterhouse. The party had to be divided into three sections. Thanks are due to Professor Temperley, Dr J. G. D. Clark and Mr H. C. Hughes for conducting the

parties round the College. They were afterwards the guests of the Master and Fellows to tea in the College Hall.

May Term Half-day Excursion. On May 20 we visited Shingay; Guilden Morden Church and moated Hall; Down Hall, Abington Pigotts, and the Church and Manor Farm. A hundred members and friends sat down to tea at the Institute, Bassingbourn, the Church being afterwards visited. Thanks are due in the first place to Dr Palmer, who acted as leader; to the Rev. Ll. G. S. Price, Mrs Metcalfe, the late Mr George Barnes, the Rev. M. de Courcy Ireland and Mr Witherow. Our member, Miss Isobel Clear, was of great assistance to the Excursion Secretary in arranging the loan of the Bassingbourn Institute and in other ways.

Whole-day Summer Excursion. On July 21 arrangements were made to visit Northwold Church, Oxburgh Hall and Church, and the Priory, Church and Castle site at Castle Acre. Lunch was served at Swaffham and a short visit to the Church was also made. Tea at the Ostrich Inn, Castle Acre, on the lawn. Members are much indebted to Sir Henry Bedingfield for conducting them round Oxburgh Hall, which is rarely shown. Thanks are also due to the Rev. A. H. Bek (late Vicar, now of Harpley) and to Mr W. R. Savage, the official guide of the Office of Works, at Castle Acre. The Secretary also has to thank Dr Scruby for her help. Seventy members and friends took part. A very successful day. Distance, 108 miles.

J. H. BULLOCK,
Hon. Excursion Secretary.

Resignation of the Excursion Secretary.

Greatly to the regret of the Council Mr J. H. Bullock has resigned the office of Excursion Secretary, which he has held for four years. He has carried out this exacting work with skill and enthusiasm. The Society has seldom had a more successful and varied series of excursions than those arranged by him, and owes him the warmest thanks for his services.

The Council is glad to be able to report that Dr Scruby has kindly undertaken to fill this office, for one year at least.

CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM.

An important event took place in Cambridge on November 5, when the Cambridge and County Folk Museum was opened by Sir Cyril Fox. The first part of the opening ceremony was held at Magdalene College by the kind permission of the Master and Fellows. After the speeches the large company present went to the Museum, where Sir Cyril Fox opened the entrance gates. Later tea was served at Magdalene College.

The Museum, formerly the White Horse Inn, No. 2 Castle Street, is open on Sundays from 2.30—4.30, it is closed on Mondays and is open on other days of the week from 1.30—4.30. Friends who wish to contribute to the Museum funds should apply to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr Frank Robinson, 8 St Paul's Road, Cambridge.

CATHERINE E. PARSONS.

PUBLICATIONS.

Vol. xxxvi of the *Proceedings* (October 1934—October 1935) was published in September. The Council desires to record its thanks to Mr L. C. G. Clarke for again defraying the cost of the illustrations to the *Archaeological Notes*.

A cemetery at Shudy Camps, Cambridgeshire: report of the excavation of a cemetery of the Christian Anglo-Saxon period in 1933, by T. C. Lethbridge, was published during the summer. This is No. v in the Quarto publications, new series.

H. C. HUGHES,
President.

March 1937.

The Council regrets to report that since the Annual Report was written Mr Baker has had to resign the Secretaryship for reasons of health. It would like to express its gratitude for his services and to wish him a good recovery. Mr T. C. Lethbridge has kindly consented to act as Secretary for the present year.

This volume has been prepared for press by the Editorial Committee.

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