

## CONGRESS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES.

The 43rd Annual Congress was held at Burlington House on 19th November, 1935, in union with The Society of Antiquaries of London.

The following were elected to the Council for the ensuing year:—Rev. R. F. Borrough, Dr. J. Graham Collander, F.S.A.Scot., Mr. A. D. Curle, F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot., Mr. E. Hollis, Mr. H. J. Randall, F.S.A., and Dr. W. M. Palmer, F.S.A.

The Right Hon. W. Ormsby Gore, F.S.A., First Commissioner of Works, opened a discussion on the work of his office in connexion with ancient monuments, in the course of which he mentioned that 400 such monuments were now owned by the government, and 4,000 scheduled. There was no government control before the year 1913, and he expressed the opinion that if this had been instituted before, many 19th century architectural mis-deeds, such as were common at that period, in our cathedrals for example, might have been avoided. He explained that the consent of the owners of monuments was not needed before scheduling, and, when once this had been done, the owner had to give three months notice before he could destroy anything.

At the close of his address our Secretary asked what possibility there was of scheduling caves, and Mr. Gore answered that to schedule caves at all was really stretching a point, but that his department would be willing to do so if it was certain that there were human remains: failing this assurance it would be quite impossible.

In the afternoon Major G. W. G. Allen gave a lecture on the 'Observation of Ancient Sites from the Air,'

shewing the extraordinary way in which markings could be quite plainly detected, although untraceable at ground level.

Afterwards Rev. R. F. Borough moved a resolution on the subject of promiscuous digging on prehistoric sites, which was carried unanimously, reading the circular letter sent to our own members, and also one from Mr. W. H. Hanbury. This resolution was to have been seconded by the late Prebendary Clark-Maxwell, but he had written to our Secretary saying he was laid up with an attack of phlebitis, and his place was taken by Dr. Wilfred Jackson.

Preb. Clark-Maxwell was also on the Council of the Congress, and his lamented and unexpected death will be a loss to the Congress and the Society of Antiquaries as well as to our Society.

R. F. BOROUGH.