

# REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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1919.

THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (in accordance with Rule XIII) was held in the Society's Library, Guildford, on Saturday, May 10th, 1919: The RT. HON. LORD FARRER, VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The MINUTES of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted.

The ACCOUNTS and REPORT for the year 1918, being printed and in the hands of Members, were taken as read.

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## REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has the pleasure of presenting this, its SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, together with the Cash Account, duly audited, and also the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

The Report, it is hoped, will be found as satisfactory as can be expected in the existing circumstances resulting from war. Our Membership has decreased. Resignations are inevitable, and death has robbed the Society of more old Members than usual. But the elections in 1918 were ten, against six in 1917; and the elections for 1919 have started well. It is desirable that Members should follow the example of two or three of their number, who have exerted themselves to enrol new subscribers. In addition to the losses by death or resignation, there are several cases in which the Secretary has lost touch with Members, owing probably to change of address not notified. But the arrears of subscriptions unpaid are few, and the Society, as a whole, is to be congratulated upon the cheerfulness with which a severely rationed supply of literature and the suspension of excursions has been accepted.

In both cases the advent of peace, it is to be hoped, will produce a new and speedy return to former conditions.

Among the deaths notified, the Council should mention specially that of His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, for long a Vice-President. His Grace, the present Duke, has kindly consented to take his late father's position. A loss much regretted is that of Mr. Alfred Ridley Bax. The late Mr. Bax, a Member of the Council for many years, was a distinguished archæologist and an indefatigable worker in many fields of investigation. His labours bore fruit in many articles in our *Collections*, as well as in many other learned periodicals. His personal qualities ensured him the warm esteem of all his colleagues. By his desire his family have presented to the Society's Library a very great number of MSS., note-books and rubbings of brasses from our own and other counties. The note-books include epitaphs from many Surrey and Sussex churches and churchyards. When the Library accommodation has been improved, these, with other gifts to the Society, can be made more easily accessible for consultation.

The Council ask the indulgence of the Society for issuing the last volume of *Collections*, XXXI, in paper covers. The binders could not undertake to furnish the usual cloth binding at all. It was judged better to issue the volume as it is, rather than to wait indefinitely for a supply of the old covers or to use another cloth. If and when the former cloth is again available, steps can be taken to provide the cloth binding. The Volume is uncut, in order that binding in the usual size may be easier. The cost of any cloth binding would have been excessive last year, and the printing is a far heavier cost than it was. The volume is nevertheless slightly larger than last year. Another year it may expand again. The contents, more important than the outside, will be found of equal interest to what has gone before. Sir Henry C. M. Lambert was fortunate enough to get hold of a household account book of the Carew family at Beddington, extracts from which illustrate the household economy of a large country house in the early 17th century. In connection with this it may be mentioned that the Secretary has been able to buy for the Society household accounts of Ashtead Park, in the reigns of William III and Anne, saving them from the waste-paper sack, and they are now in the Library, ready for any industrious Member to use for a similar article.

The Master of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, has again used his official custody of MSS. to write on the early records of that foundation

The wall-paintings and early window at Witley Church, already reported as found, are the subject of a long and valuable account by Mr. Johnston reprinted by permission from the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries, with some additions. Canon Ollard, formerly Rector of Dunsfold, has contributed an ecclesiastical history of the parish, which is to be continued, and published separately by him in book form. Canon Ollard's migration to a Yorkshire parish has robbed us of a distinguished Member, but is enriching the Yorkshire Society with a parochial history there. The List of Monumental Brasses in Surrey, by Mr. Stephenson, is continued. This, as the Society is aware, will some day form a separate volume. Mr. Frederic Turner, in the midst of the cares of superintending war-labour, has found time to communicate notes upon unpublished Charters of St. Mary Overie concerning lands in Addington and the neighbourhood, found in a house at Addington, to which the Secretary has appended another previously unprinted Charter to the same church, from the Bodleian. Some notes, of which the most important is an Inquisition into the waterways and embankments of Bermondsey, *temp.* Edw. IV, transcribed by Miss Stokes, complete the volume. The thanks of the Society are specially due to Miss Stokes for an excellent Index.

Of Archæological news there is little to give. No discoveries of importance have been reported. But rumours are abroad that Whitgift's Hospital, at Croydon, is again threatened with destruction or mutilation. The Council is keenly alive to its duty in protesting strongly against such action in the county, and the Ancient Monuments Department of H.M. Office of Works has been already apprised of the danger. Some design of excusing the destruction of the irreplaceable monuments of the past by replacing them by a War-Monument or War-Museum has been suggested in the Press. Special care will be needed to ensure that Memorials of the Fallen do not injure or obscure the existing memorials, in towns and churches, of past generations, who also deserved to be remembered.

It is possible that in Guildford a memorial may take the form of a new Public Library and Museum, in which the Society may find a home. The Castle Arch House is picturesque, but we have outgrown it, and it is too old and damp to be quite a suitable place for a growing library; especially for one satisfactory for the custody of deeds and MSS.

Suggestions have been thrown out for a new departure in the way of local meetings in various places, during the winter months, for lectures or the reading of papers by Members. Such meetings would be organized by local Secretaries, and would of course be open to visitors as well as to Members. They might secure some additional Members. The Hon. Secretary tried the experiment in 1918 of lectures upon the antiquities of his own local town, with a charge for admission, which was given to a Prisoners of War Fund. It secured one new Member, he believes, but it certainly served the general interests of archæology. The local allotment holders recognized flint implements in their ground, which they would have otherwise overlooked, and found a few coins.

The Membership of the Society is 416, as against 423 at the date of the last Report, and 451 in 1917. The deaths of 9 Members have been reported, 8 resignations have been received, and 10 new Members have been elected. It is feared that some Members, whose names are on the list, but whose books have been returned and whose subscriptions are unpaid, may have died or removed without intimation having been received. The decrease since 1914 is 78, a serious falling off during the war.

At the Annual General Meeting held at Guildford, on April 20th, 1918, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, Sir C. E. H. Chadwyck-Healey, K.C.B., and the Rev. J. E. Jagger, were elected Members of Council to fill the places of the Rev. T. S. Cooper, Mr. A. J. Style, and Mr. E. W. Oliver, deceased.

At the Annual Meeting in 1919, when this Report is presented, the eight Members of the Council, retiring in rotation under Rule XII, are Mr. Frederick A. Crisp, F.S.A.; Mr. F. B. Eastwood; Dr. Eric Gardner, M.D.; Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A.; Dr. A. V. Peatling; Mr. Gilbert H. White; Mr. W. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A.; and the Rev. Gerald S. Davies, M.A., who are eligible for re-election.

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The Report was adopted.

The Members of Council retiring in rotation were re-elected, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stevens, Sir Henry Lambert was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bax.

Motions for the re-election of the Honorary Secretary, and of the Auditors, moved by the Chairman and by Captain Ellis, respectively, and seconded by Mr. Roberts and by Mr. Simmonds and by Ma. Stevens, respectively, were carried.

A motion deprecating the rumoured revival of a scheme for interference with the buildings of Whitgift's Hospital, moved from the Chair and seconded by Lord Onslow, was carried, and ordered to be communicated to the Corporation of Croydon.

Thanks to the Officers and to the Chair terminated the proceedings.

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Visits to the Crypts in the High Street, which were described by the Hon. Secretary, and to the Elizabethan butcher's shop, which was described by Mr. Palmer, were made after the Meeting.

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#### VISIT TO LAMBETH.

On Thursday, June 26th, 1919, the Society visited Lambeth Palace, by the kind invitation of his Grace the Archbishop, a Vice-President.

The Members were received in the Library by the Rev. Claude Jenkins, the Librarian, who gave an interesting account of the history and contents of the Library. An exhibition of documents had been arranged by him, including original documents relating to the Manor of Lambeth, the Croydon Ordinations in Peckham's Register, the Parliamentary Survey of Surrey, 1649-50, Original Statutes of Whitgift's Hospital, Croydon, and of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, Coats of Arms in the Old Palace, Croydon, the St. Alban's Chronicle MS., and an Elizabethan Map of Lambeth, as well as documents more closely relating to Lambeth Palace and its history, including Blore's detailed plan for its "improvement" (*circa* 1830). The Chapel, Undercroft, and Lollards' Tower, were described by Mr. P. M. Johnston. His address is partly reproduced as an article in this volume. In the unavoidable absence of the Archbishop and Mrs. Davidson, the Members were entertained at tea by Miss Tait. Sir Edward Brabrook proposed a vote of thanks to the Archbishop for his great kindness, and to the speakers who had contributed so much to the enjoyment of the visit.

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SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Cash Account for the Year ending December 31st, 1918.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Subscriptions ...	176 12 6	By Rent ...	12 0 0
" Dividends on £316 : 8s. 8d. Consols ...	5 14 8	" Rates and Taxes ...	10 7 6
" Rent of Castle Arch, Guildford (four Quarters, to 29 Sept., 1918) ...	10 0 0	" Insurance ...	0 17 7
" Sale of Publications ...	8 9 2	" Salaries ...	10 0 0
" Balance at Bank, January 1st, 1918 ...	206 6 10	" Museum Upkeep ...	15 0 0
" " in hands of Hon. Sec., January 1st, 1918 ...	5 6 7	" Publications, S. A. C., Vol. XXX :—	
	<u>211 13 5</u>	Printing ...	86 1 10
		Blocks ...	27 11 9
		Engraving ...	2 2 0
			<u>115 14 9</u>
		" Subscriptions :—	
		Harleian Society ...	1 1 0
		Archæological Congress ...	1 0 0
		Surrey Record Society ...	0 10 0
		Earthworks Report ...	0 18 9
			<u>3 9 9</u>
		" Subscriptions refunded ...	1 10 0
		Cost of Meetings ...	3 8 8½
		Clerical Assistance ...	3 0 0
		Postages ...	1 18 7
		Ashtead Household Accounts, &c. ...	2 2 0
		Balance at Bank, January 1st, 1919 ...	229 10 11
		Balance in hand of Hon. Secretary, January 1st, 1919 ...	3 9 11½
			<u>233 0 10½</u>
Total ...	<u>£412 9 9</u>	Total ...	<u>£412 9 9</u>

The above has been examined by us and found correct.

CECIL T. DAVIS, }  
A. FORBES SIEVEKING, }  
HON. AUDITORS.

30th January, 1919.

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities, December 31st, 1918.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Printing Circulars, Envelopes and Stationery	11 8 6	By Balance, 31st December, 1918	... 229 10 11
„ Printing and Posting Vol. XXXI of <i>Col- lections</i> ... ..	114 6 10	„ In hands of Honorary Secretary	... 3 9 11½
„ Clerical assistance for 1918	5 0 0	„ One Quarter's Rent due Christmas, 1918...	2 10 0
„ Librarian's Salary (half-year)	5 0 0	„ Arrears of Subscriptions recoverable	
„ Rent due Christmas, 1918	6 0 0	(estimated) ... ..	3 0 0
„ Binding Vol. XXXI of <i>Collections</i> ...	6 0 0		
„ Index to Vols. XXX, XXXI	5 10 0		
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„ Balance of Assets over Liabilities	153 5 4		
	85 5 6½		
	<hr/>	Total	... £238 10 10½
	£238 10 10½		<hr/>

The Accounts above have all been discharged.

The Balance at the end of 1917 was £87: 17s. 8d.

The ARREARS for 3 years' SUBSCRIPTIONS are 1

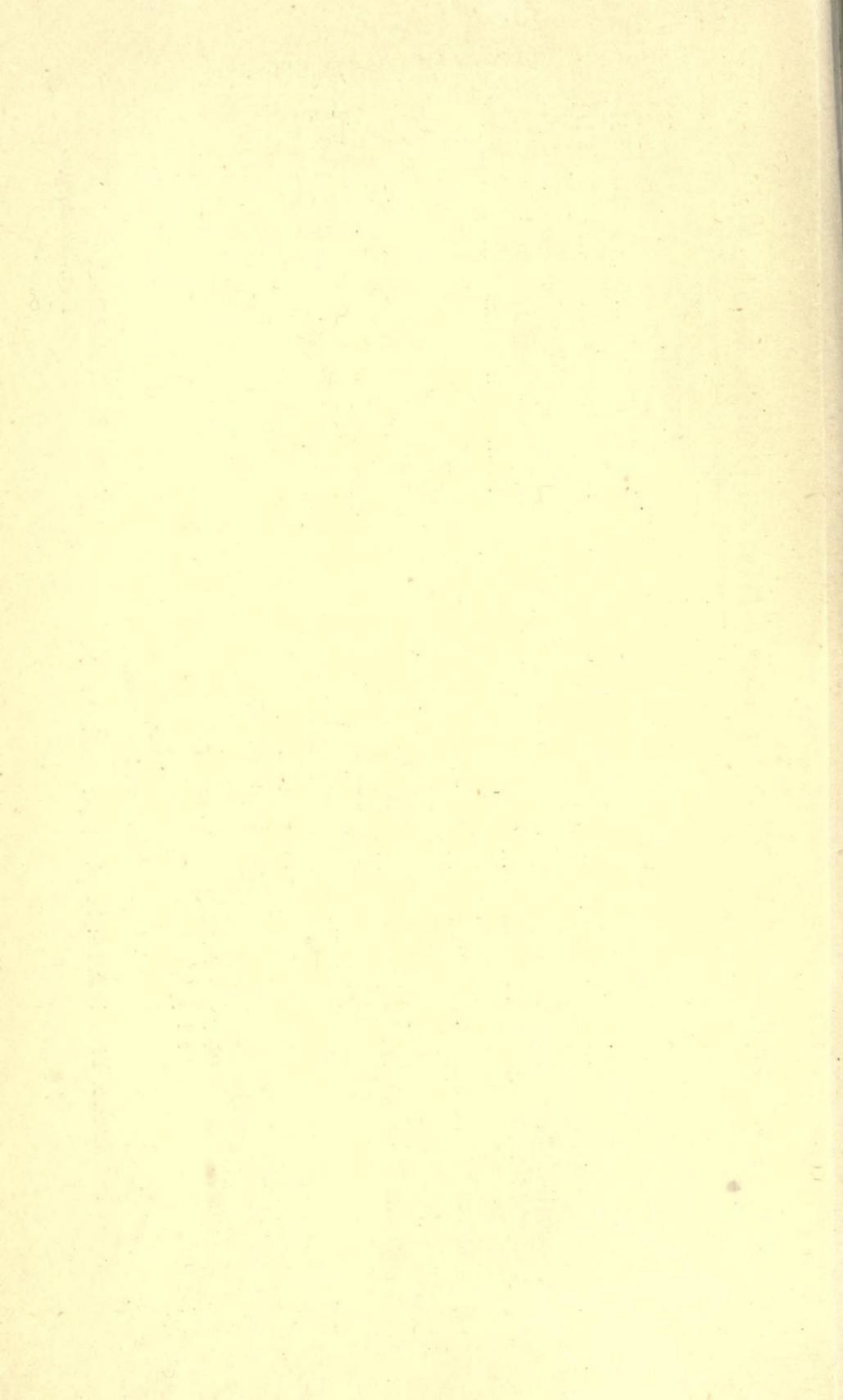
for 2 years' SUBSCRIPTIONS are 3

for 1 year's SUBSCRIPTIONS are 6

Total, from 6 Members, 10 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The RESERVE FUND is £316: 4s. 8d. 2½ per Cent. Consols.

H. E. MALDEN,  
Hon. Secretary.



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