

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

1923.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (in accordance with Rule XIII) was held at Guildford, at the Guildhall, by kind invitation of the Mayor of Guildford, on Saturday, May 12th, 1923, at 3.15 p.m.; the 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, printed and in the hands of Members, were taken as read.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1922.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has pleasure in presenting this its SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT; together with the CASH ACCOUNT, duly audited, for the year 1922, and the usual STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

PUBLICATIONS.—The volume (S^r.A.C., XXXIV) recently issued to Members, was sadly in arrear (partly owing to an unprecedented amount of illness and death), and the Council is much aware of the desirability of bringing publications up to date. It has been found impossible so far to put the promised work on *Surrey Place Names* in hand, but the Council is in hopes that this may be begun

before the end of the year, and meanwhile another volume of *Surrey Archæological Collections* is in preparation. The Council would draw attention to the fact that not the least of the difficulties experienced in getting out Vol. XXXIV was that of securing articles and notes from Members; and while it realises the impediments which often stand in the way of active work, it would emphasize here its desire to receive for consideration from Members articles and notes of all kinds upon matters of archæological interest relating to the County. Some particularly desirable lines of investigation are mentioned separately below.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.—The usual additions to the Library by exchange have been made, but there have also been a number of gifts. In particular, mention must be made of a number of books from the library of our late Member Mr. P. Woods, C.B., presented by his daughters. The Council would further mention the presentation by Mr. Uvedale Lambert of a copy of his monumental *History of Bletchingley*. It may also be here reported that the Council took an opportunity of acquiring during the year all the *Surrey Deeds* from the collection of Mr. F. A. Crisp, F.S.A. A small collection of *Horsley Deeds* was also acquired from a private source.

EXCURSIONS.—A larger number was organised than in previous years and they proved highly popular. A number of visits to points of interest in *Guildford* on the occasion of the Annual Meeting, one half-day excursion to *Ashtead* and *Leatherhead* and another (very largely attended) to *Farnham*, and a whole day spent outside the County (at *Chichester*) supplemented the usual Annual Excursion, which covered this year the neighbourhood of *Chiddingfold* and *Haslemere*. The Council takes this opportunity of thanking heartily all who by their work and hospitality contributed to the success of these meetings. A leaflet showing excursions proposed for the present year will accompany, if possible, this Report.

LECTURES.—The Council again issued to Local Secretaries a strong and varied List of Members who were prepared to give *Popular Lectures on Archæological Subjects*; and considerable advantage was taken of this. It is hoped to continue this policy during next Autumn and Winter, and as this constitutes valuable propaganda work the Council trusts that Members in all parts of the County will endeavour to arrange for single lectures or series

to be given in their neighbourhoods during the coming season. Arrangements should be made as early as possible.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS.—The outstanding case for protection this year has been that of the *Whitgift Hospital at Croydon*. This has been threatened many times before and the Society has on numerous occasions done what it could to help the cause of preservation; but the present attack was the most determined that had been made. The Council took all possible steps so soon as the matter was brought to its attention and joined with the Society of Antiquaries of London, the Royal Institute of British Architects, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and a number of others to form a strong and representative committee; it also collaborated in the publication of a leaflet; and it is happy to announce that as this Report goes to press the case for preservation has been successfully put and the safety of this historic building, at least for some time, secured.

An historical building of less importance, though of considerable interest, which it is feared may not long survive, is *Bolingbroke House at Battersea*. The Council congratulates itself on having at least secured, through the kind offices of its Honorary Photographer, good views of this building, some of which have been published in the *Collections*.

EXPLORATION AND SURVEY WORK.—The work of the *Archæological Survey*, mentioned in the Council's last Report, has proceeded during the year: the Special Committee has recently been considerably enlarged so as to widen its influence, but the Chairman (Mr. Albany Major, F.S.A.) will still be glad to receive offers of assistance and information. Very interesting work in progress on the site of *Merton Priory* is sketched in a brief note in the volume, which contains also details of an important find of glass work at *Chiddingfold*. Exceedingly interesting discoveries at *Chertsey* were described recently to the Society of Antiquaries by this Society's Local Secretary for Weybridge, and of these it is hoped to print some account later.

MANUSCRIPTS, MAPS AND PICTURES.—Some attempt is now being made to start a regular collection of information upon these points: previous efforts to secure returns from Members proved very disappointing and the Council is therefore issuing with this Report a form which it earnestly requests all Members, who have any information at their disposal, to fill up and despatch without delay.

What it desires to obtain is information—(A) as to Surrey collections of MSS., drawings, etc., in private possession which have not previously been described or used; (B) as to rare printed Maps, Portraits or Views of Surrey interest. The information given should include place of deposit; all material dates; description, or in the case of maps and pictures, title and artist; and, in the case of printed plates, method of reproduction, engraver, printer and publisher. The Council would point out that information of this kind can only be secured by a combination of much local effort. It would also point out in this connection that a new source of danger to one particularly valuable class of local records (Court Rolls) is introduced by the Law of Property Act of 1922.

The Council during the year has given its support to an attempt to secure an Annual Conference between Societies interested in the printing of Records.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY has shewn a gratifying tendency to increase during the year, new Members having numbered 68 since the date of the last Report; but the Council would also venture to point out that a considerable section of these accessions has shewn how much may be done by energetic local work. It hopes that Membership will continue to increase, sufficiently in time to balance the much enhanced cost of printing, but this end can only be secured if many Members will be active in recruiting.

On the other hand the Society has to deplore an unusually heavy series of losses by death. First must be mentioned the death of the Society's Patron, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Albany. The death of an old and deeply regretted Member, Mr. P. Woods, C.B., was mentioned by anticipation in the last Report. The sudden illness and death of Dr. A. V. Peatling, F.S.A., occurred tragically almost on the day of the last Annual Meeting, at which he was to have read a paper. Two old and valued Members of the Council, Mr. A. F. Charrington and Mr. F. A. Crisp, F.S.A., also died during the year, and Mr. Cecil T. Davis, long an Honorary Auditor to the Society. At the time of writing, the news reaches us of the death of Sir John Watney, F.S.A., who, as Mr. John Watney, was elected to the Council so long ago as 1886, and who had for many years been a Vice-President. In all, the Society has lost by deaths and resignations during the year 57 Members.

COUNCIL.—Under Rule XII the following retire, but are eligible for re-election:—Lieut.-Col. Godwin Austen, F.R.S.; C. R. Peers,

Esq., F.S.A.; G. C. Druce, Esq., F.S.A.; W. E. St. L. Finny, Esq., M.D.; Edwin Hart, Esq.; Lieut.-Col. F. A. Heygate Lambert, F.S.A.; H. E. Malden, Esq., M.A.; R. Garraway Rice, Esq., J.P., F.S.A.

To fill an existing gap in the Council Colonel H. F. Bidder, D.S.O., F.S.A., was recently elected.

The REPORT and ACCOUNTS were duly adopted, and Members of the Council re-elected as recommended.

A vote of thanks to President, Vice-Presidents, and Council for their services during the past year was carried unanimously.

The Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A.) and Honorary Secretary (Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A.) were re-elected, with votes of thanks for their services.

As Honorary Auditors were elected Mr. A. Forbes Sieveking, F.S.A., Mr. W. S. Field, and Mr. T. P. Phillpot; any two to act.

A discussion of various matters of archæological interest followed.

Votes of thanks to the Mayor and to the President terminated the Meeting; parties subsequently visited the *Grammar School* and *St. Mary's Church*; and Members were entertained to tea at Trinity Hospital, which also was thrown open to inspection by the kindness of the Master and Governors.

EXCURSIONS, 1923.

The ANNUAL EXCURSION took place on July 21st, when a very large party visited *Send, Ockham, Sutton Place, and Clandon Park*. Members first inspected Send Church under the guidance of Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., whence they proceeded to Ockham Church, which was also described by Mr. Johnston. After luncheon at the Talbot Hotel, Ripley, the party went on to Sutton Place, where the courtesy of His Grace the Duke of Sutherland, Vice-President of the Society, provided Members with an opportunity for visiting one of the finest houses in the county.

Both Mr. Johnston and Mr. Malden, F.R.Hist.Soc., spoke. Clandon Park was next inspected by the kindness of the President of the Society, the Right Honourable the Earl of Onslow, who hospitably entertained the Members to tea.

The Society again this year made a most successful excursion outside the county, Members on June 21st visiting *Winchester*, where a very enjoyable day was spent owing to the kindness and learning of both Mr. J. D. le Couteur, who described the Cathedral, and Mr. Herbert Chitty, F.S.A., who conducted the party over the College.

In addition, three Saturday afternoon excursions were undertaken this year: one on June 2nd to *West Wickham* and *Addington*, under the guidance of the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A., when Wickham Court was visited by kind permission of Colonel Sir Henry Lennard, Bart.; another on June 30th, by kind invitation of Sir T. Cato Worsfold, Bart., LL.D., D.L., J.P., who conducted Members over *Staple Inn, London*; and another on September 29th, when Sir Henry Lambert, K.C.M.G., C.B., took a large party over Tumble Beacon, Banstead Church, and Well Farm, concluding with tea by the kind invitation of Sir Henry Lambert and Sir Guy Standing, K.B.E.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1922.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1922:—				By Castle Arch: Rent	12	0	0
On Deposit	150	0	0	Rates and Taxes	16	15	6
Current Account	99	6	0	Insurance	0	12	6
Cash in hand	4	17	7	Librarian's Salary (July—December, 1921)	5	0	0
Annual Subscriptions:—			254	4	34	8	0
1920: 4				Publications: S.A.C., XXXIV, Illustrations	3	19	6
1921: 8				General Printing, 1921, Roworth & Co.	36	17	6
1922: 422				Typewriting and Duplicating Circulars	1	7	3
1923: 18				Expenses of Excursions (four)	54	16	4
—				Postage; Treasurer, 1921-22; Secretary, 1922	5	17	2
452	226	0	0	Petty Disbursements; Treasurer, 1921-22; Secretary, 1922	4	17	3
Payments in Excess	0	3	0	Clerical Assistance, 1921-22	13	10	6
Entrance Fees. 1922: 67	38	10	0	Subscriptions: Congress of Archaeological Societies to 30th June, 1923	2	0	0
" " 1923: 10	8	0	0	Harleian Society	1	6	3
" "	8	0	0	Surrey Record Society	1	0	0
Life Composition (1)			272		4	6	3
Sale of Publications	1	10	0	Contribution to expenses of Joint Committee, Archaeological Survey of Surrey	2	10	0
" Cases for Binding S.A.C.	1	11	6	Purchase: Reports of Earthworks Committee (500)	1	17	6
" Excursion Tickets (four meetings)	3	1	6	" The Year's Work, Archaeological Congress (500)	3	0	0
Donation to General Funds	71	15	0	" Surrey Deeds, Crisp Collection (Bower Marsh, Esq.)	10	0	0
Rent, Castle Arch, three quarters	0	11	0	Subscriptions refunded, overpaid through Bank	2	0	0
Interest and Dividends:—	7	10	0	Bank Charges, searching Ledgers, 1859-65, for cost of Consols	0	10	0
Deposit Account	2	10	0	Balance at Bank: Deposit Account	150	0	0
Consols (£316 4s. 8d.)	5	14	8	Current Account	285	3	3
War Loan	1	1	0	Cash in hand: Treasurer	2	6	6
			9	" Secretary	0	3	0
				" Librarian	1	11	6
					4	1	3
					439	4	6
					£619	1	3

ARTHUR BONNER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

The above has been examined by us and found correct, 22nd March, 1923. (WALTER S. FIELD.)
(T. F. PHILLIPS.)

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