

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1926

THE SEVENTY-FIRST 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 15th, 1926, 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, 1925

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has pleasure in presenting this, its SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, together with the CASH ACCOUNTS and STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES for the period named.

PUBLICATIONS.—The Council regret that it cannot yet report a complete recovery from the effects of the War on publication. During the year the volume of *Collections* mentioned in last year's Report was published and a new volume has been put together and is at present in the Press. The volume upon *Surrey Stained Glass* has made further progress, and the whole of the coloured plates for it have been struck off ; but the completion of the letter-press has been found to involve an actual examination *in situ* of all the glass named and this, it need hardly be said, has proved a very laborious matter. The Council hopes, however, and believes that the end of this is now in sight.

Upon another side the pre-War standard is also very difficult of attainment—that of bulk. Costs of printing have gone up by

about 100 per cent., and though the Society's membership is (as will be seen below) very satisfactory, it is not large enough to make good such a deficiency. Members have it in their own hands, by increasing the Society's numbers, to add to the funds available for publications. The only other method—that of raising the subscription—the Council has considered and (interpreting, it believes, the wishes of most members) rejected. Meanwhile, in order to make a more bindable volume, and to save somewhat in indexing, it contemplates reverting for a while to the old practice by which two yearly issues were counted as forming sufficient material for one binding.

The Number now in the press contains, among other matter, articles and notes upon "Charlwood Church and its Wall Paintings," with illustrations, by Philip M. Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.; "St. Leonard's Chapel, Preston," by Sir Henry Lambert, K.C.M.G., C.B.; "A Burial of the Iron Age at Waddon," by Prescott Row; and "Dawes' Diary."

The Council calls special attention to a note as to Volume XXXV of the *Collections* issued with this Report.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.—Towards the end of the year Mr. A. E. Whitley, upon his appointment to a post as Assistant at the Birmingham Art Gallery, found it necessary to resign his position as Honorary Secretary, and the Council, after anxious discussion, decided to split up the office, appointing a General Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Editor and an Honorary Excursions Secretary, with a small Sub-Committee to assist each of the two last named. These posts have now been filled by the appointment of Mr. H. Mordaunt Rogers (Honorary Secretary), Mrs. R. Grenside (Honorary Editor), and Mr. G. Bridgmore Brown (Honorary Excursions Secretary); to all of whom it desires here to extend a hearty welcome. During the last two months of the year Mr. Hilary Jenkinson acted as Honorary Secretary *pro tempore*.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.—The usual additions by way of exchange and otherwise were made during the year; some reference to them will be found in the *Collections*; the addition of some earthenware pipes of Roman date, from Farnham, may be specially mentioned. The whole question of the future of the Library and Museum was the subject of much discussion during the year and of investigations by a Committee specially appointed, and it is probably within the knowledge of members that certain proposals for improvement have been made locally. It would at present be premature to

discuss these, but the Council has naturally been much interested in them. Members will, of course, be duly consulted as to any change in existing arrangements which may ultimately be proposed.

The Council would chronicle under this title the grievous loss which it and the Society suffered in the death, during the period under notice, of Mr. Gilbert H. White, whose ready tact and wide knowledge of Members of the Society and of local conditions had for many years been of immense service ; his is a place which will not easily be filled.

SURREY RECORDS.—The Council again appeals to Members who do not already do so to aid in the excellent work which is being accomplished by the SURREY RECORD SOCIETY, whose Honorary Secretary will be very glad to hear of any proposed new members. That Society has issued recently a volume (*Surrey Pipe Rolls*) of exceptional interest, which has been received with particular favour by the various Historical periodicals ; and has in hand a general *Guide to Surrey Records*, which should prove of great use to all Archæologists who find it necessary (as most now do) to have recourse to Manuscript sources. In this Connection the Council would notice with satisfaction the investigation into local resources in the shape of *Parish Records* carried out recently by the SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL. It has also to mention a matter which should bulk more largely in future Reports—the investigations now being conducted by the Master of the Rolls into the existence and condition of Manorial Records over which an Amendment of the Law of Property Act, 1924, gives him new powers as from the beginning of the year 1926. This movement cannot fail to be of great importance to Local Historians and the question of housing and custody which will presently arise will undoubtedly concern them closely. The Council has been in touch with a Committee appointed by the Master of the Rolls on this subject.

SURVEY AND EXCAVATIONS.—A most important piece of work during the year was that conducted by Mr. Lowther and others at Ashted, where important Roman remains were brought to light. It is hoped that more may be heard of these later in the Society's publications. The same may be said of the investigations of the site of Merton Priory, which were brought to a conclusion by Colonel H. F. Bidder and the late Canon Westlake during this year ; also a proposal, which it hopes may yet bear fruit, for the excavation of the site of Albury Manor and a similar proposal with regard to Preston in Banstead. Another matter to be chronicled here is the threatened destruction of the Camp in St. George's Hill, Wey-

bridge, concerning which the Council has been in active correspondence.

Here, again, the Council has to record with deep regret a severe loss to the Society in the death of Mr. Albany F. Major, F.S.A., whose enthusiasm had for many years been a chief support of the work of the Earthworks Committee of the Congress of Archæological Societies and who had in recent years organized for the Surrey Archæological Society both its contribution to the work of the Ordnance Survey and the List of Surrey Antiquities which it had submitted, as worthy of scheduling, to H.M. Inspector of Ancient Monuments and the Office of Works. Here once more is a gap which will not readily be filled. The scheduling of Surrey Monuments will, it is hoped, be the subject of a note in the next volume of *Collections*. A detailed note on objects which specially require support will be found in the *Collections*.

There is a shortage, owing to accident, in the stock of Volume XXXV, and the Council would be prepared to repurchase a limited number. Members who would care to dispose of copies are asked to communicate as soon as possible with the Honorary Secretary.

The Council proposes to raise at the Annual Meeting the question of the possibility of establishing a Special Excavation and Research Fund.

EXCURSIONS.—During the year Members of the Society visited Southwark Cathedral and the neighbourhoods of Godalming and Chipstead; and (outside the County) the town of Colchester. The Council takes this opportunity of thanking all who by their personal efforts and by hospitality assisted to make these occasions successful. In June it is proposed to have a whole day excursion to Lewes. In July a whole day excursion to Charlwood, Newdigate and neighbourhood. In September a Saturday afternoon excursion to Bramley.

LECTURES.—The Council has not re-issued this year its list of Lecturers who would be prepared to give special popular lectures during the winter months on subjects of interest to local archæologists. A number of such lectures were, however, organized and the Council would welcome suggestions for further arrangements in this connection, believing such lectures to be a valuable contribution and aid to its work.

LOCAL WORK.—The Council is still too much dependent on a small body of regular supporters upon whom it has to rely for active work and for contributions to the Society's publications. It

would remind members that there cannot be too much local representation of the Society's interests, local watching of developments either hostile or friendly to the objects the Society has in view, and local recording of Archæological facts. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Editor are not only ready but anxious either to give or receive information and to get in touch with all active local antiquaries.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY.—Two deaths have been already referred to ; besides these the Society has lost by death or resignation 35 Members ; while New Members elected during the year amounted to 46.

The subscribing membership of the Society stands at present at 551.

COUNCIL.—During the year a vacancy was filled by the election of Brigadier-General W. L. White, C.B., C.M.G.

Under Rule XII, the following retire but are eligible for re-election : C. R. Peers, Esq., F.S.A. ; W. E. St. L. Finny, Esq., M.D., J.P. ; Edwin Hart, Esq. ; H. E. Malden, Esq., M.A., F.R.Hist.Soc. ; R. Garraway Rice, Esq., J.P., F.S.A. ; Hilary Jenkinson, Esq., M.A., F.S.A. ; Sir William Wells, F.S.A. ; Brig.-Gen. W. L. White, C.B., C.M.G.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Cash Account for the Year ending December 31st, 1925.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, January 1, 1925 :						
On Deposit .. .. .	..	150	0	0		
Current Account .. .. .	..	303	5	4		
Cash in Hand .. .. .	..	4	7	9		
				457	13	1
" Annual Subscriptions :						
1925, 481						
1926, 11						
492 at 10s. .. .. .	..	246	0	0		
Do. Payments in Excess .. .. .	..	0	2	0		
Entrance Fees (47) .. .. .	..	23	10	0		
Life Compositions : 3 at £8, and 1 (balance) £7 .. .. .	..	31	0	0		
				300	12	0
" Sale of Publications and Cases for Binding .. .. .	..	9	15	0		
" Do. Excursion Tickets .. .. .	..	58	11	3		
" Rent of Castle Arch, 5 quarters .. .. .	..	12	10	0		
" Interest and Dividends : Deposit account .. .. .	..	3	17	2		
Consols (£316 4s. 8d.) .. .. .	..	6	4	8		
War Loan (£21 2s. 10d.) .. .. .	..	1	1	0		
				11	2	10
				457	13	1
EXPENDITURE.						
By Castle Arch :						
Rent, first half-year .. .. .	..	14	0	0		
Rates .. .. .	..	14	0	0		
Insurance .. .. .	..	0	12	6		
Librarian's Salary .. .. .	..	10	0	0		
Contribution to Museum Upkeep .. .. .	..	15	0	0		
				45	12	6
" Publications S.A.C. XXXV, Index .. .. .	..	4	0	0		
Do. XXXVI, Printing .. .. .	..				
and Despatching (on .. .. .	..	136	13	0		
account) .. .. .	..	14	17	4		
Do. Illustration Blocks .. .. .	..	0	19	6		
Do. Do. Photos .. .. .	..	3	3	0		
Do. Index .. .. .	..				
				155	12	10
Cases for Binding .. .. .	..	2	7	9		
" Stained Glass in Surrey," Illustration Blocks .. .. .	..	87	15	0		
				249	15	7
" Printing (General) and Stationery .. .. .	..	30	15	6		
" Postage and Petty Disbursements (4 officers) .. .. .	..	15	8	3		
" Cheque Book .. .. .	..	0	10	0		
" Clerical Assistance : Hon. Treasurer £6, Hon. Secretary £3 .. .. .	..	9	0	0		
" Ashcliff Excavations : Plan £2 13s. 8d., and Printing £2 s. od. .. .. .	..	4	17	8		
" Expenses of Excursions and Annual Meeting, exclusive of Printing .. .. .	..	38	19	5		
and Despatching of Programmes .. .. .	..	1	0	0		
" Subscriptions : Archaeological Congress .. .. .	..	1	0	0		
Surrey Record Society .. .. .	..	1	0	0		
South-Eastern Union of Scientific .. .. .	..	1	0	0		
Societies .. .. .	..	1	10	0		
				3	10	0
" Balance in Hand, Bank : Deposit .. .. .	..	150	0	0		
Current a/c 299 19 10 .. .. .	..	4	18	5		
				154	18	5
" Cash in Hand, Hon. Secretary .. .. .	..	454	18	3		
Less Cheque not cleared .. .. .	..	3	3	0		
				451	15	3
				457	13	1

ARTHUR BONNER, Hon. Treasurer.

The above has been examined by us and found correct, 22nd April, 1926.

(R. W. STRICKLAND, }
 JNO. G. TAYLOR. } Auditors.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1927

THE SEVENTY-SECOND 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 7th, 1927, at 3 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, 1926.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has great pleasure in presenting this, its SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, together with the CASH ACCOUNTS and STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES for the period named.

PUBLICATIONS.—Volume XXXVII, Part I, of the *Surrey Archæological Collections* has appeared during the year, and Part II is now in preparation. Attached to the latter will be a copy of the Revised Rules approved at the Annual General Meeting on June 26th.

LOAN OF BLOCKS.—The Council has been able from time to time to lend blocks for prints which have appeared in the *Collections* to Members of the Society and others for publications approved by them.

CORRESPONDENCE.—A great deal of matter has been dealt with by correspondence, whether originating from members or non-members.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.—The usual additions by way of exchange and otherwise were made during the year ; some reference to them will be found in the *Collections*.

A great deal of binding is necessary in the Library and an appeal is made to the generosity of members.

Several gifts have been made to the Museum during the last year, amongst them being Coins, Tokens, Old Horse Shoes, Old English Clay Pipes, Saxon Pottery Vessels, two Bellarmine Jugs, and two Surrey Flails. Several interesting Maps, Books, Papers and Drawings have also been presented.

Miss Olive Heath and Mrs. Box have made a list of surplus volumes of the *Collections* and it is proposed to sell these for the financial benefit of the Society. Considerable progress has been made with the re-cataloguing of the Library, with the assistance of Miss Scott. Mr. Gilbert Bailey has sent to the Council the List of Museum Exhibits compiled by the late Mr. Gilbert White. A reinsurance of the exhibits and contents has been arranged in the sum of £2,000.

SURREY RECORDS.—During the past year the Surrey Record Society has published a *Guide to the Surrey Records, Public Record Office Section*, by M. S. GIUSEPPI, I.S.O., F.S.A., this forming the first number of the Scheme outlined in the Introductory Section to the Guide by Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A., which was recently issued to our members. This Society is in urgent need of support and would welcome new members ; and the Council cannot too strongly urge its claim. It is felt that the " Guide " in particular should appeal to a wider public than it reaches at present, in view of its general utility.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS.—A large amount of correspondence has taken place with regard to the preservation of the British Camp at St. George's Hill, Weybridge, and every effort is being made in this direction. Mr. Percy H. Webb, Mrs. Grenside and Dr. Eric Gardner, F.S.A., were constituted a Sub-Committee, and the Council are not without hope that their efforts may meet with success.

Building operations seem likely to commence at Addington Park under a Croydon Town Planning Scheme. It is hoped that the Henry VIII Shooting Box and the tumuli may be preserved. If the tumuli have to be destroyed permission to take plans and photos and to excavate will be sought.

SURVEY AND EXCAVATION.—The Excavations and Research Fund inaugurated at the last Annual General Meeting by Lord Onslow

has grown. Contributions from the Fund were made, at the instance of Sir Henry Lambert, towards the excavations of the Roman Villa at Ashted, and at that of Col. Bidder, F.S.A., towards the excavations at Merton Abbey.

Dr. W. E. St. Lawrence Finny, J.P., Mayor of Kingston, reported that he excavated and located the site of the Chapel of St. Mary, which was destroyed in 1730, and which Aubrey, writing about 1673, says was the Church of the Coronations of the Kings crowned at Kingston. Graves had been dug across its foundations, but he found part of the east wall and adjoining floor with tiles *in situ*, also the foundations of the south-east and south-west corners, and part of the south wall and greater part of the floor of the Tudor porch. The north wall of St. Mary's Chapel was in a line with the south wall of the present south transept. On the floor of the Chapel about its centre he also found some floor tiles, which Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., dates at 1050, 1210 and 1220 A.D. He made drawings of them, and Dr. Finny had a Surveyor's plan made of the excavations before they were covered in again. A stone with Saxon carving on it, which Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., thinks is seventh century, is being reproduced in the Journal of the British Archæological Association. The British Archæological Association made an inspection of these discoveries on October 29th.

Some neolithic or Bronze Age animal bones have been excavated from Sunbury Lock; also antlers which had been used as picks. Dr. Eric Gardner, F.S.A., reported that from Thames dredgings he obtained a set of sickles up to Elizabethan times.

Building operations are threatened at Woodhill, Farley Heath, and it is thought that Roman remains may be found. It is hoped to obtain consent from the owners that any excavations shall be under the supervision of the Society, in order that any finds may be preserved to the owners.

CATERHAM CHURCH.—Mr. Philip M. Johnston, F.S.A., is restoring Caterham Old Church, and has discovered Norman, thirteenth and fourteenth century work; also the start of a Norman apse in south wall.

Ashted Manor.—Four bundles of parchment, being Court Rolls of the Manor, have been found and sent to the Surrey Record Society to be classified, and are now in Kingston Museum. Other matters relating to Court Rolls are dealt with in the Report of the Surrey Record Society.

VOL. XXXV.—Owing to an accident there was a great shortage in the stock of this volume. The appeal in this Report last year resulted in some 20 volumes being presented or purchased. The Society would still like to have more, if possible.

EXCURSIONS.—The Council has already arranged a Meeting to take place at Kingston at the end of May, under the auspices of the Mayor, Dr. W. E. St. Lawrence Finny, J.P.

It is probable that the excursion to Lewes, postponed last year owing to the General Strike, may be arranged this summer.

LOCAL WORK AND LOCAL SECRETARIES.—The Rev. G. S. Bird, Local Secretary for Bookham, and the Rev. F. W. Cobb, Local Secretary for Alfold, have both left, and so far no new local secretaries have been appointed in their place.

Mr. J. H. W. Pilcher, Mr. S. Hazell and Mr. J. H. Norris have kindly consented to act as Local Secretaries for Egham, Lingfield and Guildford respectively.

It cannot be sufficiently emphasised how necessary it is to have local secretaries to keep the Society in touch with matters of local interest, and volunteers for any unrepresented districts will be gladly welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY.—The Society has lost by death 15 Members, and by resignation 23 Members. Among the deaths the Council has to mention with deep regret those of Mr. P. G. Palmer, Master of the Hospital of the Blessed Trinity, Guildford, who had been a Member for thirty-four years; and of the Rev. Gerald S. Davies, Master of the Charterhouse, and an honoured Member of the Council.

New Members elected during the year total to 55.

The membership of the Society stands at present at 566.

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.—The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Cave, P.C., G.C.M.G., and the Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Cyril Garbutt) have been elected Vice-Presidents.

Under Rule XII the following Members of the Council retire but are eligible for election after one year: W. Bruce Bannerman, Esq., F.S.A.; The Rev. John K. Floyer, D.D., F.S.A.; Eric Gardner, Esq., M.B., F.S.A.; The Rev. J. E. Jagger; Philip M. Johnston, Esq., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.; Sir Henry C. M. Lambert, K.C.M.G., C.B.

The Council would suggest the election to the Council of Miss Olive M. Heath, Canon Livett, Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers (Librarian of Public Library, Croydon), Dr. Wilfrid Hooper and Mr. J. H. Norris.

As Honorary Auditors the Council would suggest the re-election of Mr. R. W. Strickland and Dr. J. G. Taylor.

The Council regrets to report the resignation of Mr. G. Bridgmore Brown, the Hon. Excursions Secretary.

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RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
To Balance, January 1, 1926:					18	0 0	
At Bank, on Deposit	150	0 0	By Castle Arch—Rent (4½ years)		15	4 0	
Current	299	19 10	Insurance		0	12 6	
Less	3	3 0	Librarian's Salary		12	10 0	
Cash in Hand	296	16 10	Contribution to Museum Upkeep		15	0 0	
Annual Subscriptions:			Publications—S.A.C. XXXVI, Balance Printing	11	3 6	61	6 6
1926, 1	4	18 5	Stained Glass in Surrey Illustrations	46	19 0		
1925, 9			Purchase of 7 copies Vol. XXXV	2	12 6		
1926, 511			Cases for Binding	3	0 0		
1927, 9			Printing (General) and Stationery			63	15 0
530 at 10s.	265	0 0	Postage and Petty Disbursements			45	5 11
Do, Payments in excess	0	4 6	Clerical Assistance			15	4 11
Entrance Fees, 51	25	10 0	Expenses of Excursions and Annual Meeting (exclusive of printing)			6	0 0
Life Compositions, 1	8	0 0	Subscriptions—Archæological Congress			15	2 9
Sale of Publications and Cases for Binding			Surrey Record Society	1	0 0		
Do, Excursion Tickets (Reigate Meeting)			South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies, 1926 (2 years)	1	10 0	3	10 0
Rent of Castle Arch, 1 year			Donation to Excavation Fund			25	0 0
Interest and Dividends—Deposit Account	8	9 2	Subscription paid in error by Bank and refunded through Bank				0 10 0
Consols (£316 4s. 8d.)	6	6 8	Balance in Hand, Bank—Deposit	400	0 0		
War Loan (£21 2s. 10d.)	1	1 0	Current a/c	155	16 11		
			Cash in Hand, 4 Officers	5	9 7		
			Less Cheque not cleared			561	6 6
						5	0 0
						556	6 6
						£792	1 7

ARTHUR BONNER, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct this 30th March, 1927.

{ R. W. STRICKLAND }
{ JNO. G. TAYLOR } Auditors.

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PUBLICATIONS.—Volume XXXVII, Part 2, will shortly appear.

The Council has pleasure in reporting that the book on *Stained Glass in Surrey*, by Dr. A. V. Peatling, which was left uncompleted owing to his death, has now been completed by Mr. A. C. Eeles, and is now in the press.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.—At the end of the year it was reported to the Council by Mr. Gilbert Bailey, Hon. Sec. to the Joint Committee of the Guildford Borough and Surrey Archæological Society's Museum, that there was a possibility in the near future of the Committee being able to acquire possession of the Garage premises

adjoining the Museum. It was decided to press this matter forward and Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A., and Mr. J. H. Norris were requested by the Council to attend as its representatives to meet to discuss the matter.

On the retirement of Mrs. Edwards, after fifty-seven years at Castle Arch, and after many years of faithful service, a new Custodian has been appointed, who will be in daily attendance at the Library.

The Society gave Mrs. Edwards a gratuity in recognition of her services.

The Council has decided that Members may have the opportunity of purchasing old volumes of the *Collections* up to the year 1920, of which there are more than ten in stock, on exceptionally favourable terms.

The Library Committee sent a recommendation to the Council that the money obtained from the sale of the surplus stock be applied to carry out arrears of necessary binding and repairs at the discretion of the Sub-Committee. The Council approved.

Nearly 400 books have been bound and several more are to be bound.

The Library Committee further recommended that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Miss Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Box and Miss Scott for the work they have done in connection with the Library, as it is considered to be of great value to the Society and deserving of record and acknowledgment. The Society's thanks are due to those Members who so generously contributed to the bookbinding fund. It is to be hoped that further subscriptions may be forthcoming this year so that the necessary binding may be completed.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS.—A great deal of time on the part of Lord Onslow, P.C., Mr. Percy H. Webb, M.B.E., F.R.N.S., and the Council was spent in an endeavour to preserve the British Camp at St. George's Hill, Weybridge. Considerable correspondence took place with the owner and a meeting was held on the spot in the hope of inducing him to offer to sell the Camp only, but he insisted that the area to be sold must be 23 a. 3 r. 23 p., for which he required the sum of £18,000. He stipulated that £500 deposit be paid within a fortnight and forfeited if the purchase was not completed in 3½ months. He further stipulated that no public appeal must be made. As the terms were considered impossible, nothing could be done.

Correspondence took place both with the Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings and with a Society which came into being this year for the Preservation of Ancient Cottages. The attention

of these Societies was drawn to Bilshurst Cottages, Lingfield ; Cottages in Brewer Street, Bletchingley, and Vine Cottage, Lower Green, Mitcham.

The Town Clerk of Guildford was informed that the Society proposes to make a schedule of old domestic and non-ecclesiastical buildings in Surrey of archæological, architectural and historical interest, and proposes to make a start at Guildford. The Town Clerk wrote expressing his pleasure and approbation.

Correspondence has taken place between the Council and Members and others with regard to Shalford Old Mill, Bull's, High Street, Guildford, and the preservation of ancient milestones throughout the County.

SURVEY AND EXCAVATION.—Work on the excavation of the Roman Villa at Ashted during 1927 was continued under the direction of Mr. Anthony Lowther and Mr. A. R. Cotton. This was badly hampered by the excessive rain. For most of the three months available the ground was badly waterlogged and at times work was only made possible by cutting ditches and draining off the water. One part where the earlier foundations lie at a greater depth than the later work has to be left over till 1928. A full report of the discoveries will appear in the *Collections*.

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.—Major Benton Fletcher wrote stating that at Cedar House, Cobham, he had discovered a "Great Hall" and other features of interest. Mr. Philip M. Johnston, F.S.A., who had seen them, thinks that the curved purlins show evidence of a date in the fifteenth century and states that the curved collars are unusual but not unknown elsewhere.

EXCURSIONS :

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.—Ninety-seven were present last May at this Meeting, under the guidance of Alderman W. E. St. Lawrence Finny, J.P. (Member of the Council). The Town Hall, the Parish Church, and the recently discovered foundations of the Chapel of St. Mary (adjoining), Lovekyn Chapel and the Almshouses were all visited.

LEWES.—On Saturday, July 23rd, a most interesting whole day excursion took place here. Mr. Walter H. Godfrey, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., undertook the direction of the party and under his guidance and explanation visits were paid to the Castle, Bull House (his interesting old Residence), West Gate Chapel, St. Anne's Church, St. John's, Southover, Priory Ruins, and Anne of Cleves House.

After tea Mr. J. H. Every, J.P., conducted those who could stay to the Phoenix Iron Works, where they inspected his very fine collection of Sussex Iron Work.

The Meeting was well attended.

BETCHWORTH, NEWDIGATE AND CAPEL were visited by road from Dorking on September 6th. Betchworth and Newdigate Churches were seen before luncheon, under the guidance of Mr. Philip M. Johnston; the fine timber tower at Newdigate, and the fact that each of these churches possesses a chest of the primitive gouged-out tree-trunk type, were duly noted among the features of interest. During the afternoon Cudworth Manor, a moated House with a fifteenth-century barn and charming gardens in Newdigate parish, and Misbrook, a picturesque farmhouse in Capel, were thrown open to the Society by the courtesy of Dr. French and Mrs. Droop, the respective owners, and explanatory addresses were given by Mr. H. E. Malden, with additional remarks upon architectural points by Mr. Johnston. Capel Church—where Mr. Johnston again officiated—was under extensive repair, and was partially visible. The party numbered more than 100, despite bad weather. The preliminary arrangements were made by Messrs. Bonner and Malden, and during the meeting the newly appointed Excursions Secretary, Mr. R. E. Norton, was personally introduced to the Society.

ASHTEAD MEETING.—About 150 attended this meeting and inspected the foundations of the Roman Villa which the excavations carried out during the year by Mr. Lowther had revealed. The remains were most ably described by Mr. Anthony Lowther and Mr. A. R. Cotton, as the large party had to form itself into two groups. Particular interest was taken in the system of drainage and central heating.

Afterwards the party adjourned to tea at Epsom and to visit the fine collection of interesting finds housed at Epsom—the exhibition and sale of some resulting in about £50 being obtained, thus providing funds for further excavations to be undertaken.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY stands at present at 587. There have been 10 deaths and 17 resignations, and 55 New Members were elected during the year.

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.—Bishop Greig, of Guildford, was elected a Vice-President. Under Rule IV the following Members retire and are not eligible for re-election for twelve months: Lieut.-Col. H. F. Bidder, D.S.O., F.S.A.; Lieut.-

Col. F. A. Heygate Lambert, F.S.A.; Harold Falkner, Esq.; Brig.-Gen. W. L. White, C.B., C.M.G.; Percy H. Webb, Esq; M.B.E., F.R.N.S.; C. R. Peers, Esq., C.B.E., F.S.A.

The Council would suggest the following names to fill the vacancies: Dr. Eric Gardner, M.B., F.S.A.; Philip M. Johnston, Esq., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.; The Rev. John K. Floyer, D.D., F.S.A.; Sir Henry C. M. Lambert, K.C.M.G., C.B.; A. R. Cotton, Esq., F.S.A.; The Rev. Mark J. Simmonds.

The Council was fortunate in the autumn in securing the services of Mr. R. E. Norton as Hon. Excursions Secretary.

Members are reminded that the Hon. Editor will be pleased to receive notes upon local matters of interest and original papers.

SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 31st December, 1927.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Subscriptions for 1928 (14) ..	7 0 0	By Investments :	
„ Sundry Creditors :		(a) Consols £316 4s. 8d. (cost about £292)	175 15 0
Borough of Guildford : Rent,		at market value 55½%	20 0 0
Castle Arch, half-year ..	6 0 0	(b) War Loan £212 s. 10d. at cost ..	30 0 0
Ditto, Rates, half-year to		(c) National Savings Certificates (£31)	
March, 1928	7 16 0	Balance at Bank :	
Museum Committee, Share of		(a) On Deposit	400 0 0
Upkeep to March, 1927 ..	15 0 0	(b) Current Account ..	242 13 10
Wightman & Co., Printing,		„ Cash in hand	4 5 2
December quarter ..	3 2 0		
Adams & Harrison, Ltd.,			
Bookbinding (Library) ..	39 18 0		
„ Estimated cost of printing <i>Stained Glass in</i>	71 16 0		
<i>Survey</i>			
„ Ditto, printing and illustrating ..	140 0 0		
XXXVII, ii, and XXXVIII, i ..			
<i>S.A.C.</i> ,			
„ Balance in favour of Society ..	330 0 0		
	323 18 0		
	<u>£872 14 0</u>		<u>£872 14 0</u>

The Stock of Publications, the Library, and the Museum Exhibits are not valued.

ARTHUR BONNER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1929

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (in accordance with Rule XI) was held at Guildford, at the Guildhall, by kind invitation of the Mayor of Guildford, on Saturday, May 4th, 1929, at 3 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, 1928.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has great pleasure in presenting this its SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, together with the CASH ACCOUNTS and STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES for the period named.

PUBLICATIONS.—Volume XXXVII., Part II., appeared during the course of the year, and Volume XXXVIII., Part I., will shortly appear.

The manuscript of the book on Stained Glass in Surrey, based on the designs of the late Dr. A. V. Peatling, is now complete, and will, it is hoped, shortly be in the hands of the printers.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY. MUNIMENT ROOM.—Since the issue of the last Report, the Garage premises alluded to in it have been acquired by the Guildford Town Council. By the very generous gift of an anonymous benefactor the building has been converted into a Muniment Room, and will shortly be available for the safe

custody of documents. The new room above the Muniment Room will be utilized for the Society's Library and also for a Reading and Consulting Room. The provision of this Muniment Room in Guildford, which will be under proper supervision, will meet the need for a Repository for County documents, particularly those of West Surrey interest. It rests with members of the Society to promote the deposit on loan or gift of those Muniments, which now so often lie safe but forgotten in the offices of Solicitors, or by no means safe yet equally forgotten, in private cupboards and lumber rooms.

Among the presentations to the Museum and Society are the following :—

Ordnance Map of Surrey 1816—Presented by Dr. Henry Curtis.
Valuable Collection of Manuscripts chiefly relating to Richmond
—Presented by Mrs. Challoner Smith.

Collection of Deeds relating to Egham—Presented by Frederic Turner, Esq.

Roman Burial Urn found at Starcross, Compton—Presented by Miss Porter.

Small glass bottle (XVth Century)—Presented by Miss Heath.

The Council desires to express on behalf of the Society its thanks to the Donors.

EXCAVATIONS FUND.—The attention of Members is again drawn to the Excavations Fund inaugurated by Lord Onslow. Subscriptions are badly needed to enable further work to be carried on. This now stands at £30 10s.

An exceptionally valuable Collection of Surrey Deeds is available for sale. It is suggested that a special effort be made to acquire these, and the Council seeks the approval of the Society to devote money from the Excavations Fund.

EXCAVATIONS.—Permission having been cordially granted by Lady Lovelace for excavations to be made at Newark Priory, a grant was made out of the Excavations Fund, supplemented by generous donations secured by the exertions of Mr. Mill Stephenson and Capt. Pearce. Operations were undertaken under the guidance of Capt. Pearce. These proved successful and a full account will appear in the *Collections*.

The Council desires to express the special thanks of the Society to Lady Lovelace, Capt. Pearce and Mr. Jocelyn Bray.

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.—Interesting discoveries have been made at Abbey House, Chertsey (old Foundations and Tiles); at

Thursley Church (Saxon Windows and other features) ; at Norwood Farm, Effingham (a Tudor Roof) ; at the Bell Inn, Oxted (an old Room) ; at Kingston Electricity Works (animal bones in blue clay) ; and at Betchworth (worked flints). A full account will appear in the *Collections*.

SURREY SURVEY.—Since the death of Mr. Albany Major in 1925 the work of the Surrey Survey had to remain in abeyance until the Council was fortunate enough to receive an offer from Mr. Edwin Hart, F.S.A., to take up the work subject to the following conditions :—

1. That a Committee shall be appointed to assist in the work.
2. That due attention shall be called in the Society's Annual Volume and other publications that a general record of Antiquities for the County is being made and that all communications, and particularly all notices, both of ancient buildings, earthworks, roads and monuments and of all past and future finds, should be sent to Mr. Edwin Hart.

The following were appointed to act on the Committee :—Dr. Eric Gardner, M.B., F.S.A. ; Mr. M. S. Giuseppi, I.S.O., F.S.A. ; Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, M.A., F.S.A. ; Mr. Philip Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A. ; Mr. H. E. Malden, M.A., F.R.Hist.Soc. ; Mr. Mill Stephenson, B.A., F.S.A.

EXCURSIONS were made to The Guildhall ; Croydon ; Milton Court ; Chert Gate House ; Wotton Church ; Wotton House and Shere Church ; to Canterbury, and to Newark Priory to see the excavations.

The Council wishes to thank all Lecturers and others who helped to make these meetings a success.

An account of the Excursions appears in an Appendix to this Report.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The Council is pleased to report the formation of a Committee to advise as to alterations and reparations in Churches within the Guildford Diocese. Our President, Lord Onslow, is a Member of this Committee. The *Diocesan Gazette* contains an account of discoveries made at Thursley and Compton.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY stands at present at 597. There have been 15 deaths and 15 resignations. Thirty-six new Members were elected during the year.

Among those who have died particular mention should be made

of Mr. J. H. Norris (Member of Council) and Mr. Uvedale Lambert, both of whom did excellent work for the Society.

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.—Under Rule IV the following Members retire and are not eligible for re-election for 12 months :—Mr. Mill Stephenson, B.A., F.S.A. ; Mr. M. S. Giuseppi, I.S.O., F.S.A. ; Mr. H. E. Malden, M.A., F.R.Hist.Soc. ; Mr. R. Garraway Rice, J.P., F.S.A. ; Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, M.A., F.S.A. ; Dr. W. E. St. Lawrence Finny, J.P.

HON. EXCURSIONS SECRETARY.—Mr. R. E. Norton having felt obliged to resign, the Council was fortunate in being able to induce Mr. R. W. Strickland (one of our Honorary Auditors) to take on the office.

Members are reminded that the Hon. Editor will be pleased to receive notes upon local matters of interest and original papers.

EXCURSIONS.—After the successful visit to two London Churches in November, 1926, the Council decided to have a half-day meeting in London each winter. The Guildhall was fixed upon for the first of this new series, and on February 25th a large party of members visited the Great Hall, the Library, the Museum, the Crypt, and the Council Chamber, and the Court of Aldermen, under the guidance of Mr. G. W. Bodman, the Keeper of the Hall, Mr. J. L. Douthwaite, the Librarian, and their Colleagues.

On Saturday, April 21st, a half-day excursion was made to Croydon, which was attended by a large number. The Members were received in the Town Hall by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Chamberlain, J.P. They then visited the Archbishopal Palace and the Parish Church under the guidance of Councillor J. O. Pelton, J.P., and Mr. W. Berwick Sayers. Subsequently the Whitgift Hospital was visited under the guidance of Mr. Clarence G. Paget.

The Annual Excursion in the County took place on June 14th. Starting from Dorking, the following places were visited by a party of about 130 :—Milton Court (L. Rate, Esq.)—the interior of which was in the builder's hands ; Chert Gate House (Mrs. Hill) ; Wotton Church ; Wotton House—seen, with its gardens, by the courtesy of Mrs. Evelyn—and Shere Church. Mr. Arthur Bonner acted as Lecturer at each place, Dr. Floyer adding some remarks upon the interesting brickwork at Wotton House, and Mr. Mill Stephenson dealing with the memorials in Shere Church. Luncheon and Tea were taken at the Black Horse Hotel, Gomshall.

The recent excavations at Newark Priory formed the objective for the fifth and final excursion of the year. For practical reasons

the date had to be put forward two months, to July 28th. Capt. C. M. H. Pearce described the work which had been done—under this Society's auspices. After tea at the Talbot Hotel, Ripley, the party went on to Ockham Church, which was explained by Mr. R. N. Bloxam. There was an excellent muster.

The Report and Accounts were duly adopted.

The following members were elected members of Council: Sir William Wells, F.S.A.; Lieut.-Col. H. F. Bidder, D.S.O., F.S.A.; Capt. C. M. H. Pearce; R. H. G. Leveson-Gower, Esq.; Dr. W. S. Colman; and Ernest Woods, Esq.

A vote of thanks to the President, Council and Officers of the Society for their services during the past year was proposed and carried unanimously.

The question of raising money for the purchase of two valuable Collections of Surrey Deeds was considered, and after discussion it was resolved that the Society should pay, out of its funds, one pound for every pound specially subscribed by members.

An immediate offer of £20 from an anonymous donor, followed by another offer of £20 by the President and contributions from members present, brought the special subscriptions up to £50 and enabled the negotiations for the purchase of the Deeds to be put in hand.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor for the use of the Guildhall and to Lord Onslow for presiding closed the meetings.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

held at Guildford on Saturday, May 4th, 1929.

Immediately before the Annual General Meeting a *Special General Meeting* (in accordance with Rule XXIII) was held in the Guildhall to consider a motion for the alteration of Rule IV. At this meeting it was resolved that Rule IV shall read as follows :—

The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Council of Management to consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary or Secretaries, an Editor and thirty Members, six of whom shall be co-opted by the Council.

Six of the Members of the Council shall retire annually by rotation and shall not be eligible for re-election till after the lapse of one year.

Three Members of the Council (exclusive of Secretary or Secretaries) shall form a quorum. All offices shall be honorary.

After the meeting tea was provided at Abbot's Hospital, where a very interesting paper on Local History was read by Sir Henry Lambert, K.C.M.G., C.B.

EXCURSIONS.

As an account of the Excursions which took place during the year appears in the Report of Council printed above, it is not necessary to add to the description already given there ; but we take the opportunity to record the thanks of the Society due to Mr. R. E. Norton and all those who assisted him for their services.

SURREY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 31st December, 1928.

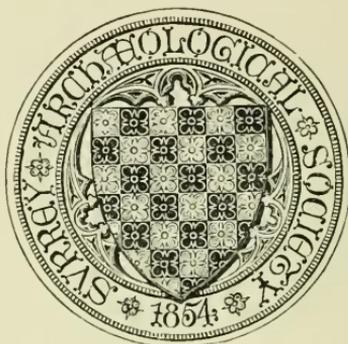
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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
To Subscriptions for 1929 (18)			9	0	177	5	0
„ Sundry Creditors :							
Borough of Guildford : Rent							
Castle Arch, half-year to							
Christmas, 1928	6	0	0		20	0	0
Contribution to Upkeep of							
Museum, 1 year to 31st							
March, 1929	15	0	0		31	0	0
Butler & Tanner, Cases for							
Binding S.A.C.	2	1	0				
Emery Walker, Ltd. : Illus-							
tration-blocks for <i>Stained</i>							
<i>Glass</i>	5	5	8				
„ Estimated Cost of Printing, etc., <i>Stained</i>				28			
<i>Glass in Surrey</i>					400	0	0
„ Ditto, S.A.C. XXXVIII, i and ii					195	4	0
„ Balance in favour of Society					9	14	11
				28	6	8	
				140	0	0	
				330	0	0	
				325	17	3	
				£833	3	11	
					228	5	0
					400	0	0
					195	4	0
					9	14	11
					604	18	11
					£833	3	11

The Stock of Publications, the Library, and the Museum exhibits are not valued.

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