

# The Proceedings of the Bucks Architectural and Archaeological Society

FOR THE YEAR 1915.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Architectural and Archaeological Society was held at the Museum, Aylesbury, on Tuesday, November 9th. Mr. A. H. Cocks presided, and there were also present—Colonel T. Horwood, Rev. Canon C. O. Phipps, Rev. W. L. Harnett, Dr. and Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. J. C. Baker, Mr. W. A. Forsyth, Mr. J. Reeves, Dr. W. Bradbrook (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. G. Watkins (hon. treasurer).

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Dr. James Berry, who is still in Serbia; Professor Myers, engaged in work on the Continent; Mr. P. Legg, engaged at Malta; Mr. Hardinge Tyler, Sir Arthur Liberty, Mr. Pixley, Captain J. C. Baker, Mr. Carter, Rev. F. W. Bennett, Dr. L. H. West, and Mr. W. Niven, who, as editor of the "Records," wrote that he was willing to serve for another year.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Dr. BRADBROOK said that owing to the cessation of activities on the part of the Society there was very little to report. They had unfortunately sustained several losses by death, these including Lord Addington, one of their oldest members, who joined the Society in 1858; the Rev. J. Farmborough, whose membership dated from 1860; the Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of St. Albans; and Mr. E. Wilkins, a member from 1884, and treasurer for some years. One member had met his death in the Gallipoli Peninsula on September 9th, namely, Captain Buxton, of the R.A.M.C. On January 6th the Public Records Commissioners visited Aylesbury and inspected the Society's records and Museum. In February, under the Land Valuation clauses of the Finance Act, the original site value of the Museum was fixed at £240. The Museum buildings were still being used for school purposes.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

Mr. WATKINS presented the financial statement, which showed that the receipts from the 1st January to date amounted to £267:7:6, and payments to £157:2:9, leaving a balance in hand of £110:4:9. During the year 132 subscriptions had been paid, against 197 for the corresponding period last year. About 78 subscriptions remained unpaid. Eight members (known to be on active service) had not been asked for subscriptions. Including the cost of the forthcoming issue of the volume of RECORDS, the liabilities for the remainder of the year might be estimated at about £65. Outstanding rent (at the rate of £2:15 weekly) would probably bring in £35:15, and it was expected that some of the outstanding subscriptions might be paid. There should therefore be a balance in hand at the end of the year of from £80 to £100. The Treasurer remarked that the letting of the Museum buildings for school purposes had placed the Society in a flourishing position.

On the proposition of Canon PHIPPS, seconded by Dr. BELL, the financial statement was adopted, and thanks accorded Mr. Watkins for his services as treasurer.\*

#### SUSPENSION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mr. WATKINS said at least eight members had intimated in paying their subscription for the current year that they did not wish to be called upon again for subscriptions during the war. That created the necessity for the meeting to consider the advisability of suspending subscriptions for a year. They might arrange that members for 1915 should remain members for 1916 without payment of further subscription, and those who had paid to cover a period of five years should have that period extended to six years. He felt that as they would not be wanting so much money it might be advisable not to call for subscriptions.

The CHAIRMAN said he thought it would be a wise thing to forego asking members to subscribe for a year. This was being done by Societies all over the country, and especially so in those Societies that were looked upon more or less as luxuries.

Mr. WATKINS moved that no subscriptions be asked for from members for 1916.

Canon PHIPPS seconded, and it was agreed to.

Dr. BELL spoke in appreciation of the splendid work done by Mr. Hollis as curator, and it was decided to continue the payment of one-third of his salary during his absence on military service.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Dr. BRADBROOK suggested that the precedent of the previous year might be followed, and the whole of the officers and executive were re-elected.

This was agreed to on the proposition of the Rev. W. L. HARNETT, seconded by Mr. REEVES, the appointments being:— President, Earl of Rosebery; Vice-presidents, Lord Cottesloe, Lord Burnham, Lord Boston, Viscount Hambleden, Bishop of Oxford, Bishop of Buckingham, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, Colonel L. E. Goodall, Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, Sir Arthur Liberty, Mr. A. H. Cocks, Mr. James Elliman, Lady Smyth, and Mr. James Berry; Council, Sir Arthur Liberty, Colonel T. Horwood, Messrs. G. Weller, E. L. Reynolds, F. Skull, W. A. Forsyth, G. D. Hardinge Tyler, J. C. E. Bridge, T. Thurlow, F. W. Bennett, Canon C. O. Phipps, Dr. J. C. Baker, Dr. L. H. West, Colonel J. Day, and Mr. W. Hazell; Hon. Secretary, Dr. W. Bradbrook; Editor of RECORDS, Mr. W. Niven; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. G. Watkins; Auditors, Colonel Horwood and Dr. L. H. West; Delegates to Central Council of Archæological Societies, Mr. A. H. Cocks and Mr. W. Niven; Trustees, Sir John Kederminster Library, Langley Merish, Mr. E. L. Reynolds; Milton Cottage, Chalfont St. Giles, Mr. G. Weller.

Thanks to the Chairman, accorded at the instance of Colonel Horwood, concluded the meeting.

This issue of RECORDS has been somewhat postponed at the request of the Council. Bringing down his report to date, the Hon. Secretary adds that our Museum premises are still let to the Governors of the Aylesbury Grammar School, and that the Curator is still absent on military duties. There have been a good many resignations of membership, partly owing to the war. Including eight new members elected in 1915, we now number a little short of 300.

February, 1916.

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\* See the later Summary, covering the whole year, on next page.

# THE ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

for the Year ended 31st December, 1915

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Rent of Museum (used for purposes of Aylesbury Grammar School) .....	162	5	0
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS—</b>			
Arrears (5 at 10s.) .....	2	10	0
Current (9 at 10s. 6d.) .....	4	14	6
" (162 at 10s.) .....	81	0	0
" (1 at 5s.) .....	5	0	0
Committed (7 at £2) .....	14	0	0
For 1917 (1 at 10s. 6d.; 4 at 10s.) .....	2	10	6
<b>DONATIONS—</b>			
Lady Smyth .....	40	0	0
Mr. Niven .....	1	5	0
Dr. Bradbrook .....	15	0	0
Sale of Records .....	7	9	6
Balance of Excursion Account .....	1	15	0
	<u>£318</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft .....	10	7	2
" Charges (January to June) .....	3	0	0
Cheque Book .....	2	6	0
	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Insurance .....	4	11	0
Licence .....	15	0	0
	5	6	0
Rates (including Water) and Taxes .....	6	8	4
Repairs to Buildings .....	2	1	9
Light and Fuel .....	40	10	0
Cleaning .....	8	3	0
Salary and Wages .....	43	3	4
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES—</b>			
* Printing and Stationery .....	52	11	6
Postage .....	2	18	8
<b>SUNDRIES—</b>			
Lecture Expenses .....	5	0	0
Subscription, Archaeological Congress .....	1	0	0
Purchase of Earthworks Reports .....	12	3	0
Register of Monumental Inscriptions (refunded by Dr. Bradbrook) .....	15	0	0
Balance in hand .....	151	16	9
	<u>£318</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

\* Not including Records for 1915.

Audited and found correct,

(Signed) THOS. HORWOOD,  
LEONARD H. WEST.

10th February, 1916,