

The Proceedings of the Bucks Architectural and Archaeological Society

FOR THE YEAR 1916.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

(As reported in the *Bucks Herald*, Nov. 25, 1916).

The annual general meeting of the Society was held at the County Museum, Aylesbury, on Friday afternoon, Nov. 17. The Bishop of Buckingham was voted to the chair, and there were present: Lady Smyth, Dr. J. C. Baker, Rev. — Denny, Messrs. A. H. Cocks, F. H. Parrott, H. E. Bull, W. A. Forsyth, Reeves, C. H. Riley, W. H. Marsh, Dr. W. Bradbrook (hon. secretary), Mr. C. G. Watkins (hon. treasurer), and Mr. E. Hollis (curator). Apologies for their absence were received from Miss Dove, Colonel L. E. Goodall, Rev. J. H. Harvey, Rev. W. L. Harnett, Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Cruikshank, Mr. Niven, Mr. E. M. Skull, Mr. L. Reynolds, and Mr. Hardinge Tyler.

Mrs. F. Chignell, of Wing, was elected a member of the Society.

COUNCIL'S REPORT.

Dr. BRADBROOK presented the report for 1916 as follows:—

No excursion nor lectures have taken place, but the Museum, which was closed and let to the Grammar School during 1915, was re-opened on 27th March, and has been visited by about 8,000 people since that date. On re-opening the Museum the number of gifts and acquisitions to your collections at once largely increased, about 200 gifts having been received since March. Miss Sharpe, of Highgate, presented 128 Greek and Roman coins, and many books on Egyptian antiquities. Other considerable donors are Lady Smyth, Dr. Baker, and Mr. L. B. Payne. During the past year we have lost by death several members, viz., Lord Burnham, Sir L. Gomme, Rev. J. N. Haden, and Mr. Julian James. The last-named gentleman's unique collection of spurs, on loan to the Museum, was consequently removed and sold last July. Owing to the suspension of the annual subscriptions during 1916, your Council considers that RECORDS can only be issued if the cost be defrayed by special donations, and requests the general meeting to decide on this matter.

Mr. WATKINS presented the financial report as follows:—

The audited statement of receipts and payments for the year ended Dec. 31, 1915 showed total receipts amounting to £318:9:6, and a total expenditure of £166:12:9 (including an overdraft on January 1, 1915, of £10:7:2). At the close of the year 1915 there was a balance in hand of £151:16:9. With regard to the present year, the receipts from January 1 to date amounted to £60:13:7, and payments to £169:7:5. A few subscriptions have been received for 1917, and some arrears for 1915; also a donation of £16:13:4 towards salary of Curator. The estimated liabilities by Dec. 31 would approximate £25, leaving a possible balance of less than £20 with which to start the new year. There was no

doubt that the Council would have some difficulty in meeting their financial obligations in 1917, and it would be specially necessary that members should pay their subscriptions for 1917 early in the year, to avoid a possible overdraft.

The CHAIRMAN said it was necessary for them to decide as to the issue of the RECORDS, which cost about £40. Of course, it might not be thought desirable to issue them in the usual size. The Secretary had received special donations to the amount of about £12.

Mr. COCKS said there had been a continuity of the RECORDS in connection with that old-established Society for over sixty years, and it would be a pity to make a break. The RECORDS were of importance, inasmuch as they were a history of the county. If they were discontinued even for a year he was afraid they would find it difficult to make up leaway in future. The Editor, Mr. NIVEN, was very keen on the subject of continuing. No doubt there was a possibility of reducing the size, but he would strongly urge that they should publish a number this year at all events, as it would complete the volume, and, if necessary, next year would be a more convenient period to have a break. He would like to propose that a number of the RECORDS for 1916 be issued.

Mr. PARROTT seconded, and suggested that if necessary they might form a guarantee fund.

Mr. WATKINS suggested that the meeting should pledge itself to the issue of a number of the RECORDS for 1917, as it might prove an incentive to members to pay subscriptions.

Mr. COCKS explained that the publication would not be till about Easter.

On the proposition of Dr. BAKER, seconded by Dr. BRADBROOK, it was eventually agreed that the Society issue a number of RECORDS for the year 1916, provided a sum of not less than £20 be raised by donations.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The SECRETARY said that last year officers were re-elected *en bloc*, and the Council given power to fill any vacancies. He suggested that the same procedure be adopted this year.

On the proposition of Mr. BULL, seconded by Mr. REEVES, this was agreed to, the appointments being—President: The Earl of Rosebery. Vice-presidents: Lord Cottesloe, Lord Burnham, Lord Boston, Viscount Hambleden, the Bishop of Oxford, the Bishop of Buckingham, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, Colonel L. E. Goodall, Major C. R. Disraeli, Sir Arthur Liberty, Mr. A. H. Cocks, Mr. J. 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. Bennitt, 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 Archaeological Societies: Mr. A. H. Cocks and Mr. W. Niven. Trustees: Sir John Kederminster Library, Langley Marish, Mr. E. L. Reynolds; Milton Cottage, Chalfont St. Giles, Mr. G. Weller.

MUSEUM.

FOOD CONTROL IN 1796.

There are now being exhibited food-control agreements signed by inhabitants of Bucks parishes in 1796, when, owing to the war with France, there was a shortage of wheat similar to that now existing.

PRINCIPAL ACQUISITIONS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR

(unusually curtailed, in accordance with decision to compress this issue of the RECORDS.—A. H. C.).

1915.

PALÆOLITHIC IMPLEMENT. On surface; Rifle Range, Halton. (Mr. E. Hollis).

1916.

ROMAN BRONZE COIN. Parson's Fee, Aylesbury. (Mr. C. Daniels).

TWENTY SHILLING WEIGHT, James II. (Anonymous).

Enamelled IRON CASTING, representing "Killing the goose that laid the golden egg," probably Friendly Society sign. (Mr. R. Ricketts).

Two examples **BRILL POTTERY.** (Mr. L. B. Payne).

ALABASTER VASE and PAIR OF CANDLESTICKS, turned from fragments of monuments at Quarrendon. (Ditto).

FOSSIL: *Pseudodiadema* sp. nov., not yet described. Upper Portland, Pit on Walton-Bishopstone footpath. A second specimen sent to British Museum. (Mrs. Neaverson).

TOKEN: Willm Statham, Amersham, 1653. Boyne (Williamson) 5. (Miss G. Verney).

Various **EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES.** (Miss L. Sharpe).

STONE CANON-BALL (on stone heap, Bicester Road, Aylesbury. (Mr. D. Crouch).

PAPERS chiefly relating to **WHITCHURCH, 1771—1868,** including letters referring to Dr. G. Lipscomb. (Mr. T. Durley).

WHALING HARPOON and FLENSING KNIFE. (Mr. L. B. Payne).

Twelve **WATCHES** and six **WATCH MOVEMENTS,** late 18th and early 19th cent. (Mr. Evan Roberts, per Victoria and Albert Museum).

Lesser Spotted WOODPECKER (*Dryobates minor*) ♂, near Aylesbury, 17.12.16. (Mr. J. Smith). This is the least common of the three British resident species of Woodpecker.