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 WESTON, HON. MRS., Holme Grange, Wokingham.  
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 Pangbourne.  
 WILLCOCKS, F.R.I.B.A., C. B., Willstead, Caversham.  
 WILLIAMS, H. G. S., Kingscott, Wokingham.  
 WILLIAMS, MRS. CARLETON, and MISS CARLETON WILLIAMS,  
 M.A., Broomsgrove, Goring.  
 WILLIAMS, J. GLYNNE, Hailey, Ipsden.  
 WILLIAMS, M.A., PHILIP, Battle, Speen, Newbury.  
 WILLIAMSON, MRS., Arborfield Grange, Reading.  
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## ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting was held at the University on April 26th, 1930, when there was a large attendance of members. In the absence of the President, the Chair was occupied by Sir Edward Barry, Bart.

The election of officers took place as follows :—

<i>President</i>	...	...	...	Rev. P. H. Ditchfield.
<i>Librarian</i>	...	...	...	Mr. J. H. Sacret.
<i>Hon. Secretary and Treasurer</i>	Mr. H. T. Morley.			

The Hon. Secretary then presented his Report.

## REPORT, 1929-1930.

During the past year the activities of the Society have been somewhat less than usual owing to the illness and lamented death, in June, of the President, Mr. Charles E. Keyser. An obituary notice, written by his friend, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, was published in the last number of the *Journal*. In the death of Mr. Keyser a great loss has been sustained not only by our own Society but also by the many others with which he had been associated.

On July 6th, 1929, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held at the University for the purpose of electing a new President. A large number of members attended from all parts of the county, and Lord Wyfold, who presided, proposed the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, M.A., F.S.A., as President, and spoke of the long years of splendid work which Mr. Ditchfield had given to the Society as Hon. Secretary. Sir Edward Barry, Bart., seconded, and the proposition was supported by Mr. P. Williams, Mr. A. E. Preston and others, and carried unanimously. The new President thanked Lord Wyfold and the members for their kind words respecting his work as Hon. Secretary, and spoke of the splendid way in which he had always been supported by the late President.

By the election of Mr. Ditchfield as President, the office of Hon. Secretary became vacant, and Mr. H. T. Morley was unanimously elected to the joint offices of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Lord Wyfold proposed a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Keyser and the family of the late President in their great sorrow, and the members stood in silence as a token of their love and respect for his memory.

The Society has also to record the loss of other members who have died during the year, namely, the Rev. H. Salwey, Sir Mortimer Singer, Mrs. Geo. W. Palmer, Mr. J. T. Taylor and Mr. Arnold Jones.

## LECTURES AND EXCURSIONS.

On October 19th, 1929, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield lectured on *Salisbury Cathedral*, illustrated by a number of slides.

On November 16th Professor H. C. Hawkins delivered a lecture on *Man in Geological Perspective*, illustrated by diagrams and blackboard drawings.

On December 20th Lieut.-Col. C. J. West lectured on *Archæology and Architecture of the Levant*, illustrated by a series of slides.

On January 25th, 1930, Mr. J. W. Walker lectured on *A Thousand Miles up the Nile*, showing slides illustrating many interesting archæological articles.

On February 22nd Mr. E. Reginald Taylor gave a lecture on *The Cinque Ports, England's First Navy*, illustrated by slides.

On March 22nd the Annual Meeting of the Local History Recording Scheme was held, after which Mr. A. L. Humphreys lectured on *How to write a Village History*.

On April 26th, after the business of the Annual Meeting was concluded, the Rev. J. A. Nairn, D.D., lectured on *The Merchant Taylors' School and Neighbouring Buildings*, illustrated by numerous slides.

## EXCURSIONS.

It was not found possible to make the usual two days' excursion, but two others were arranged.

On August 9th to Mattingly, Heckfield, Odiham, Rotherwick, Old Basing House and Church, and the Roman Villa at North Warnborough. About fifty members made this excursion.

On September 13th to Avington, Welford, Great Shefford, Lambourn, Fawley Manor House, and Chieveley, where Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Palmer kindly entertained the members to tea.

As has been before stated, the activities of the Society have been somewhat restricted this year, but much useful work has been done, and our thanks are due to all those gentlemen who have so generously given the result of their thought and study at the various lectures.

The Society begs also to thank the following ladies and gentlemen who have kindly entertained the members and their friends to tea: Miss Baily, the President and Mrs. Ditchfield, the Misses de Chaumont, Mrs. C. Bowen, Miss Amphlett, Mrs. Saunders, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. West, Mr. P. Williams, and Mrs. Eustace Palmer.

The Society has presented the usual prizes to architectural students. The first prize of £2 2s. od. was won by Mr. R. Gowing for some excellent drawings of "Calcot House," and Mr. S. A. G. Cook secured the second prize for drawings of Wallingford Town Hall.

The Library, under the care of Mr. Sacret, has had a few more books added. Gifts of suitable books, especially those relating to local Archæology, would be welcomed.

A copy of the Balance Sheet has been sent to each member, and shows a balance in hand of £76 7s. 11d., an increase on the previous year.

The Society still continues to enjoy the hospitality of the University, and records its thanks and appreciation of the arrangements made for the use of rooms for the lectures and Council Meetings.

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The Honorary Secretary's Report and the Balance Sheet were adopted, and the Rev. J. A. Nairn, D.D., then gave his lecture on *The Merchant Taylors' School and the Surrounding Buildings*, illustrated by a large number of slides showing many points of archæological and architectural interest connected with the School and the Charterhouse.



A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Nairn, who, as late Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School, was particularly well qualified to speak on this subject.

Mrs. Saunders was also thanked for kindly providing tea for the members and friends.