

The Berkshire Archæological Journal

Berkshire Archæological Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Archæological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, the 3rd April, 1937, when the President, the Very Rev. Dr. Inge, K.C.V.O., presided.

The following officers of the Council of the Society were elected :—

Patron :

H.M. THE KING.

Vice-Patrons :

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD WYFOLD.

THE RIGHT. HON. LORD MESTON OF AGRA.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD MAYO.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF READING UNIVERSITY.

President :

A. T. LOYD, ESQ., LORD LIEUTENANT OF BERKSHIRE.

Vice-Presidents :—

THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE VEN. THE ARCHDEACON OF BERKSHIRE.

THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUIS OF DOWNSHIRE.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE.

Vice-Presidents (contd.) :

THE RIGHT HON. LORD GERALD WELLESLEY.

SIR EDWARD BARRY, Bart.

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THE PROVOST OF ETON.

THE MASTER OF WELLINGTON.

THE REV. DR. B. H. B. ATTLEE, F.R.Hist.S.

MISS A. BAILY.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer :

H. T. MORLEY, F.R. Hist.S., F.S.A. (Scot.).

Hon. Editor of the Society's Journal :

ERNEST W. DORMER, F.R.Hist.S.

Hon. Librarian :

FRANCIS M. BUNCE.

Council :

MRS. E. HOLDEN

MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE

MISS E. BEACH

COL. C. NOEL RIVERS-MOORE

LAURENCE BINYON, C.H.

} Retire in 1938.

C. T. MARCON

MISS M. SWADLING

LL. TREACHER, F.G.S.

E. T. LONG

F. M. UNDERHILL

} Retire in 1939.

LIEUT.-COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.

C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A.

MISS E. CARLETON WILLIAMS, M.A.

T. B. RUSSELL, M.A.

P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A. (Chairman)

H. GRAYSON, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.

J. HAUTENVILLE COPE, F.R.Hist.S.

J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.

A. T. HEELAS

} Retire in 1940.

} Retire in 1941.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1936-37.

I. MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members shows an increase, the figures being as follows :—

		<i>Honorary.</i>	<i>Life.</i>	<i>Ordinary.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
March 31st, 1936	..	2	I	376	379
March 15th, 1937	..	2	I	389	392
Lapses and Resignations		..	26		
Obituary		9	

2. OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the death of the following members :—Mrs. Gilbey, The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldenham, Mr. A. M. Begg, Mrs. Benton, Brig.-General W. K. Hardy, Dr. M. R. James, Provost of Eton, Mr. B. Ormerod, Mr. T. J. Peacock and Miss A. M. Twining.

3. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Reading University on April 25th, 1936, Mr. P. S. Spokes, B.Sc., M.A., Chairman of the Council, presiding. The Report and Statement of Accounts were approved and adopted. The Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Society were re-elected. The following were elected Officers of the Society :—President, the Very Rev. W. R. Inge, D.D., K.C.V.O. ; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. T. Morley, F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A. (Scot.) ; Hon. Editor of the Society's Journal, Mr. E. W. Dormer, F.R.Hist.S., ; Hon. Librarian, Mr. F. M. Bunce. The retiring members of the Council were re-elected and to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Miss A. Baily as a Vice-President, Mr. H. Grayson, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., was elected a member of the Council. Owing to a family bereavement, Dr. R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, V.-P.S.A., was unable to deliver his lecture on "The Earliest Towns of England ; Recent excavations," and, in consequence, an illustrated talk on "The Bayeux Tapestry" was given by Mr. H. T. Morley at short notice.

4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1936, accompanies this Report. It will be seen that including the Deposit Accounts there was a balance on the year's working of £197 8s. 9d. as against a balance at December, 1935, of £127 15s. 9d. It should be noted, however, that only one issue of the Journal was paid for in the year 1936. Owing to a delay in publication the Autumn, 1936, number was not issued until January, 1937. There was, therefore, a liability to the printers and block-makers, etc., of the sum of £86 17s. 2d. If this account had been paid in 1936 the balance as at December of that year would actually have been £110 11s. 7d.

We have to record with thanks the following donations :—
 Mrs. F. Ditchfield, £20 ; A. E. Preston, Esq., F.S.A., £2 ; Miss M. Spokes, £1 ; Mrs. Bragg 7/6 ; the Misses Fryer and Hopkins 5/-.

5. LECTURES.

The following lectures were given during the year :—

1936.

- October 17th. " Discoveries in the Pre-historic City of Niebla in Southern Spain." Miss H. La Trobe-Bateman.
 November 14th. " The Dance of Death in Painting and Sculpture in the Middle Ages." Miss E. Carlton Williams, M.A.
 December 12th. " The Cathedral of St. Peter in Exeter." K. M. Constable, M.A.

1937.

- * January 23rd. " Some Points in the Early History of Reading." Dr. F. M. Stenton, M.A., F.B.A.
 February 13th. " The Currency and Coinage of early times in Britain." W. A. Seaby.
 March 6th. " The Excavations at Lowbury Hill, 1913-1915." J. W. Dodgson, B.Sc.

* The Annual Meeting of the Local History Recording Scheme (Berkshire Branch) was also held on this date.

6. SUMMER MEETINGS.

Visits were made to the following places of historic interest :-
1936.

- May 9th. Northmoor, Bampton, Ham Court, Kelmscott and Faringdon.
- May 28th & 29th. Avebury, Lacock Abbey, Bowood House and Devizes.
- June 10th. Checkendon, Ipsden, Swyncombe, Wallingford, North Stoke and South Stoke.
- July 11th. Arborfield, Finchampstead and Wokingham.
- July 22nd. Avington, Great Bedwyn, Chisbury Camp and Chapel, Hungerford, Wickham, East Shefford, and Lambourn.
- September 16th. Stanford Dingley, Ashampstead, Goring, and Mapledurham.

7. SITE OF THE BISHOPS' MANOR PLACE, SONNING.

Your Council learn with satisfaction that Mr. Clement Williams, of Sonning, has purchased the site of the Manor Place of the Bishops of Sarum at Sonning, thus preventing the possibility of building upon an extensive scale on this historic spot.

9. ARBORFIELD OLD CHURCH.

Mention was made in last year's Report of the ruinous condition of this Church. On October 24th, 1936, Messrs. C. B. Willcocks, E. T. Long and P. S. Spokes met members of the Standing Committee of the Arborfield parochial church council to consider the best steps to take for the preservation of the old church. It was resolved to endeavour to preserve the ruins and the Society offered support to the effort to be made to raise the sum needed.

10. ARCHITECTURAL PRIZE.

Mr. J. E. Gadsden was awarded a prize of 10/6 for a set of measured drawings of Lucas Hospital, Wokingham.

II. ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY.

The Society continues to be greatly indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of Reading University for kindly providing the accommodation for the meetings. The Society's grateful thanks are also due to the following ladies and gentlemen for providing hospitality at the meetings of the past session :— Colonel and Mrs. C. J. West, Mr. H. Grayson, Mr. D. McMillan, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Attlee, Miss Lawes and Mrs. and Miss Carleton Williams and Dr. C. J. Girling.

12. THE PRESIDENCY.

Your Council heard with regret that the Very Rev. Dr. Inge, having held the Presidency for two years, intimated that he did not wish to continue in office after the present session. Having considered the question of his successor, the Council have pleasure in stating that A. T. Loyd, Esq., His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the County, has consented to his name being put forward for election as President for 1937-38.

(Signed) P. S. SPOKES,
Chairman.

The foregoing Report of the Council and the Statement of Accounts were approved and adopted, after which Dr. R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, V-P.S.A., gave his illustrated lecture on "The Earliest Towns of England : recent excavations" and was warmly thanked for it.

Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1936.

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(Signed) H. T. MORLEY,
Hon. Treasurer.