

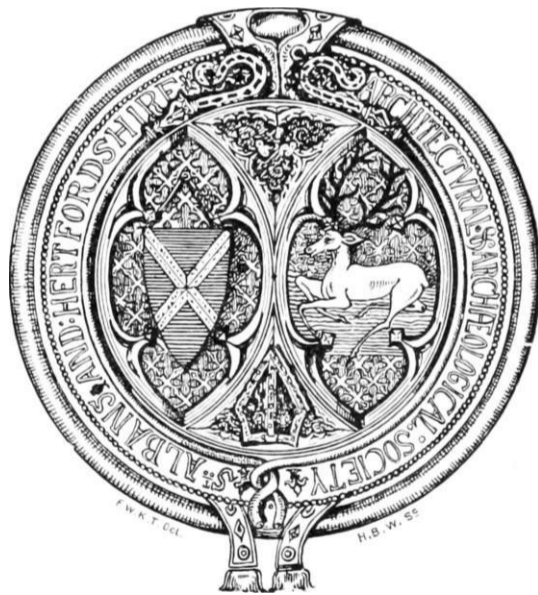
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The President's Report for the year 1930.

It is a pleasure to record that our membership has increased by 44 during the year and now numbers 271. We have been especially pleased to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Wheeler as Honorary Members of the Society.

During the eighty-five years of our Society's history the hope has been entertained that the site of Verulamium might at some time be scientifically and systematically excavated, but many difficulties have stood in the way. The year 1930 will be memorable as having seen the work begin, under happy auspices and the directions of eminent experts.

In my report for last year I stated that a meeting had been arranged between representatives of the Society of Antiquaries, of the St. Albans City Council, and of this Society, to visit the site of Verulamium and discuss the question of excavations. As an outcome of this meeting, which took place on January 9th, 1930, Dr. R. E. Mortimer Wheeler sent to the Mayor of St. Albans a "Memorandum on the Proposed Excavation of Verulamium," in which he made various suggestions, one being that delegates from the three bodies named above and from the Haverfield Bequest Committee of Oxford should meet to discuss plans and appoint officers. The St. Albans City Council nominated:—the Mayor of St. Albans (then Mr. I. H. Ironmonger), Mr. J. Baum, Dr. J. W. Cleveland, Mr. H. S. Gibbs, Mr. W. S. Green, Mr. E. W. Hitchcock, Mr. J. C. H. Lewis, Mr. W. G. Marshall (Town Clerk), Mr. F. T. Negus (City Surveyor), Mr. P. W. T. Palmer, Mr. S. J. Simmons, Mr. H. Slade and Miss M. A. Wix. The Society of Antiquaries nominated:—Mr. A. W. Clapham, F.S.A., Mr. William Page, F.S.A., Dr. T. Davies Pryce, F.S.A. and Dr. R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, M.C., F.S.A. The Haverfield Bequest Committee of Oxford nominated:—Professor J. G. C. Anderson (Camden Professor of Ancient History in the University of Oxford) and Mr. R. G. Collingwood (Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford). The Council of this Society nominated:—its President, Mr. C. E. Jones, Mr. F. Mure Whiting, Sir Edgar Wigram, Bt., and Mr. Ernest Woolley, F.S.A.

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The Dean of St. Albans, Sir John N. Barran, Bt., and Mr. D. A. Casey, M.C., were co-opted as members, and the Verulamium Excavation Committee thus consists of thirty-two, inclusive of the officers.

The work of excavation began on July 28th, and was continued until the end of September, during which time discoveries of great value and interest were made. I need not specify these, as Mrs. Mortimer Wheeler has very kindly consented to lecture to the Society on February 23rd, when she will tell us of the progress and results of this year's work. We also hope to publish an article on the subject, by Mrs. Mortimer Wheeler, in our 1930 volume of Transactions.

Cordial thanks are due to the various Societies, to the private donors, and to those members of our Society, whose generous contributions provided the funds necessary for last season's work. At the same time I would remind you that the 1930 excavations were preliminary and that the extent of the further work, which bids fair to be of very great interest and importance, depends upon the amount of money subscribed to the fund in the future.

On May 24th we had the pleasure of conducting a party from the Architectural Association round the site of Verulamium, and on May 31st we were glad to be of similar service to the Oxford University Archaeological Society.

Miss K. P. Andrew has, to our sincere regret, felt compelled to resign her position as Hon. Excursion Secretary. We owe her a debt of gratitude for the very able way in which she has organised and carried out our excursions. At our Annual General Meeting it will be necessary to appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

Mr. H. O. Minty has undertaken to represent this Society on the Hertfordshire Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England; Mr. Ernest Woolley and Mr. B. P. Scattergood have consented to act as our delegates to the Annual Congress of Archaeological Societies; and Miss H. M. M. Lane will represent us at the Anglo-American Historical Conference in 1931. To these four members I feel sure you would wish to tender hearty thanks for their valuable assistance.

The following lectures have been delivered to the Society during the year :—

Feb. 3rd, 1930.—" St. Albans in the Early Nineteenth Century " (first part), by Mr. E. Stanley Kent.

Feb. 17th, 1930.—" Less Noticeable and Hidden Details in St. Albans Abbey Church," by Mr. Ernest Woolley, F.S.A.

- March 3rd, 1930.—" St. Albans in the Early Nineteenth Century " (second part), by Mr. E. Stanley Kent.
 March 17th, 1930.—⁴¹ " In the Days of Queen Anne," by Mr. C. E. Jones.
 Oct. 6th, 1930.—" Some Recollections of Jerusalem," by the President.
 Oct. 20th, 1930.—" Houses and Furniture of the Queen Anne Period," by Mr. John C. Rogers, A.R.I.B.A.
 Nov. 3rd, 1930.—" Baldock in the Days of the Romans," by Mr. W. Percival Westell, F.L.S., F.S.A.Scot.
 Nov. 17th, 1930.—" Old English Sports and Games," by Mr. Robert E. Hill.
 Dec. 1st, 1930.—" Churches of Mediaeval Wisby (Island of Gothland)," by Mr. Ernest Woolley, F.S.A.

The following excursions took place during the Summer :—

- May 17th, 1930.—The Public Record Office and Museum.
 June 14th, 1930.—The London Museum.
 (Mrs. Mortimer Wheeler delivered a most interesting lecture on Roman London and conducted us round the exhibits.)
 June 24th, 1930.—Earl's Barton.
 (The Vicar, the Rev. A. Segger, kindly showed us the Church.)
 July 5th, 1930.—Sandridgebury.
 (By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Percival D. Griffiths.)
 July 15th, 1930.—Knebworth House.
 (By kind permission of Lord Lytton.)
 Sept. 20th, 1930.—Verulamium.
 (Our sincere thanks are due to Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Wheeler and their assistants, who all worked indefatigably to show and explain the excavations to the large party of visitors.)

Among the additions to our library during the year may be mentioned *Hertfordshire Worthy: John Briant, Bell-founder and Clochmaker, 1749-1829*, by Herbert C. Andrews; *Ancient Stained and Painted Glass in the Churches of Surrey* (presented by the Surrey Archaeological Society : a book of great interest and excellently produced), and *Goods and Ornaments: St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity Churches (Stevenage)*, by C. A. White and H. P. Thorne (presented by the authors).

Geo. Arthur Guest, *President.*

December 31st, 1930.

Obituary

WALTER WEST MABSON, L.R.I.B.A.,
who died March 29th, 1930, aged 72, was elected a
Member on July 16th, 1928.

LEWIS EVANS, D.Sc, F.S.A.
who died September 25th, 1930, aged 77, joined the
Society in 1884, and was a Member of the Committee
(now the Council) from 1898 to 1901. He was a well-
known authority upon, and collector of, astrolabes, port-
able sundials and similar scientific instruments. His
valuable collection of books and pamphlets relating to
Hertfordshire is now in the County Museum.