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The President's Report for the year 1929

At the beginning of this year the Officers and Council of our Society honoured me with an unanimous request that I would accept the position of President, if the members should elect me to that office at the Annual General Meeting. With a considerable amount of diffidence I consented to be nominated, and I was duly chosen to the post that I am now proud to occupy. Although my residence in St. Albans has been short, and consequently my membership of the Society, I am deeply interested in its welfare and progress, and trust that this may be set against my shortcomings.

We may well congratulate ourselves that the position of Director has been accepted by Mr. Ernest Woolley, who has done so much for the Society in the past, and who is always ready to give us the benefit of his wide range of knowledge, and to undertake any special work that needs to be done.

I regret to record the death of six members, one of them being a member of the Council, and another a former President of the Society.

Our membership increased by twenty during the year, and now numbers 227, inclusive of Life and Honorary Members. I hope to see a further increase in our numbers during 1930.

The memorial tablet commemorating the Eleanor Cross, referred to in our 1928 Transactions, has now been affixed to the Clock Tower, and an article by Miss H. M. M. Lane, entitled "Queen Eleanor of Castile," appears in this volume.

Early this year, through the kind offices of Mr. William Page and Mr. O. G. S. Crawford, Archæological Officer of the Ordnance Survey Department, eleven air-photographs of the site of Verulamium were taken for the Society. These have been enlarged, and show traces of roads and buildings that are now below the surface; they will thus be of great assistance in planning excavations. A set of the photographs, together with a key-plan which has been most kindly made for us by Mr. H. E. Asprey, has been placed in our library.

In May the St. Albans City Council acquired from the Earl of Verulam a considerable portion of the site of Verulamium. The Council of this Society offered their assistance with regard to archæological matters, and I am pleased to report that the City Council are accepting our co-operation. In a few days' time a meeting will take place between representatives of the Society of Antiquaries, of the City Council, and of our Society, when the site will be visited and the question of excavations discussed.

Our Society has been affiliated to the Congress of Archæological Societies, and we appointed the Director and the late Mr. C. E. Allan as our delegates. Mr. Allan was a man of outstanding ability, who had the interests of the Society very much at

heart, and we shall greatly miss the valuable help which he was always so willing to render.

Mr. H. J. C. Peirs, of St. Germans, has lately discovered in his grounds, a few feet below the surface, the remains of some Roman buildings. He is continuing his excavations, which may quite possibly prove to be of considerable value.

The following lectures were given during the year:—

- Jan. 28th, 1929.—“Some Notes on Alabaster Tombs,” by Mr. Arthur Gardner, F.S.A.
 Feb. 11th, 1929.—“Some Books and Heirlooms of Fifteenth-century St. Albans,” by Dr. Gerald R. Owst, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S.
 Feb. 25th, 1929.—“Hertfordshire Churches,” by Mr. E. W. Arnold, A.M.I.E.
 March 11th, 1929.—“Flemish Military Tapestries,” by Mr. A. J. B. Wace, M.A., F.S.A.
 Oct. 7th, 1929.—“Old and New St. Paul’s,” by the Rev. Jocelyn Perkins, M.A., D.C.L., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
 Oct. 21st, 1929.—“The Pageant of Hitchin History,” by Mr. Reginald L. Hine, F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
 Nov. 4th, 1929.—“The Roman Frontier between Tyne and Solway,” by Mr. C. H. Hunter-Blair, M.A., F.S.A.
 Nov. 18th, 1929.—“The Furniture and Equipment of the Mediæval House,” by Mr. H. Clifford-Smith, M.A., F.S.A.
 Dec. 2nd, 1929.—“Some Monumental Brasses,” by Mr. John Trask.

Owing to Miss K. P. Andrew’s long and serious illness, from which she has now happily recovered, the excursion arrangements were kindly undertaken by Mr. H. O. Minty, and our hearty thanks are due to him for the very efficient way in which he carried them through. The following excursions took place:—

- May 25th, 1929.—The Wallace Collection, London.
 June 8th, 1929.—The Guildhall, London.
 June 18th, 1929.—Thaxted, Horham Hall, and Saffron Walden.
 July 2nd, 1929.—Dunstable, Eaton Bray, and Ivinghoe.
 July 16th, 1929.—Hitchin and Letchworth.

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to our library:—

- Miss H. M. M. Lane.—*Air Survey and Archæology*, by O. G. S. Crawford;
Foundations of Agricultural Economics, by J. A. Venn.
 Mr. W. Hull.—*History of the Organs at the Cathedral of St. Alban*, by G. C. Straker.
 Sir Edgar Wigram.—*Inventory of the Historical Monuments in Hertfordshire*.
 Mr. H. J. Purser.—*Old England* (2 volumes).
 Mr. Stanley Kent.—*A Description of the Roman Theatre of Verulam*, by R. Grove Lowe;
Roman Sepulchral Remains discovered in the Churchyard of St. Stephen, by Matthew H. Bloxam;
Names of Places in Hertfordshire, by the Rev. H. Hall,

Other additions are :—

Air Photography and Archæologists, by O. G. S. Crawford.

History of Hitchin (2 volumes), by Reginald L. Hine.

Miss E. E. Hurt, of Rocester, Staffs., has kindly presented to us six Deeds (1714 to 1737), two of which refer to Abbots Langley, while two others are Warrants appointing John Newbury a Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London.

GEORGE ARTHUR GUEST.

December 31st, 1929.

Obituary.

VICTOR T. HODGSON, F.S.A.,

who died January 3rd, 1929, was elected a Member in 1899, was a Member of the Committee (now the Council) from 1905 to 1908, and President from 1915 to 1920.

CANON SIR JOHN CÆSAR HAWKINS, BART.,
D.D.,

who died January 18th, 1929, aged 92, joined the Society as a Life Member in 1867. He was Rector of St. Albans from 1866-1868, and was appointed a Canon of St. Albans in 1878.

JOSEPH COX BRIDGE, M.A., Mus.Doc., F.S.A.,

who died March 29th, 1929, aged 75, became a Member in 1925. He was organist of Chester Cathedral from 1877 to 1925.

GERTRUDE CLARKE NUTTALL, B.Sc.

Mrs. Nuttall, a well-known writer and social worker, died May 4th, 1929. She was elected to membership in 1924.

CHARLES EDWARD KEYSER, M.A., F.S.A.,

who died May 23rd, 1929, aged 82, became a Life Member in 1876. He was President of the British Archæological Association, Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire Freemasons, and Past Grand Warden of England.

CHARLES EDWARD ALLAN, M.A., LL.B.,
F.S.A.,

who died December 17th, 1929, was elected a Member in 1927 and a Member of the Council in 1929.