

THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL
SOCIETY

THE 67th ANNUAL REPORT

Your Committee in presenting their Report for 1921 can congratulate the Society on active and interesting work during the past year.

The Meetings have been well attended and the papers read appreciated.

We have lost by death the following valued members:— Colonel G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P., for 68 years a subscribing Member of the Society and a Vice President; and the Reverend Hugh Parry, M.A.

Much regret will be felt at the news of the death of Colonel George Clarke Bellairs, V.D., J.P., which occurred at his residence, "Highfield," Southbourne-on-Sea, on Thursday, January 12th, 1922, at the advanced age of 95 years.

George Clarke Bellairs, son of the late Mr. George Bellairs, was born at Narborough on December 12th, 1826; and he thus lived in the reigns of George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII and George V.

One of the leading Archæologists of the district, he was a prominent Member of this Society, was elected a Member on its formation in 1855, a Member of the Committee on the 10th of September and Hon. Secretary on the 30th June, 1856, in the place of the late Thomas Ingram, Esq., acting as Treasurer to the Society for the long space of over half a century. At one time Colonel Bellairs was a fairly prolific contributor to the Society's publications and his articles were always read with delight and profit, especially those on stained glass in Stockerstone Church, Trinity Hospital, Leicester (2 papers), the great Gateway of the Newarke, Roman Leicester and the Roman Roads of Leicestershire.

The funeral took place in the cemetery at Christ Church, Hants. The first portion of the service was held in St. Catherine's Church, Southbourne-on-Sea, the Vicar taking the service. Many relatives and friends attended.

Twenty-four Members have resigned the Society.

The following new Members have been elected :—

- In January. Mr. A. W. Poyser, M.A., 64 Highfield Street, Leicester.
Mrs. C. W. B. Fernie.
- In February. Mrs. W. S. N. Toller, Stafford Lodge, Quorn, Loughborough.
Mr. Thomas Cox, 6 Chepstow Road, Leicester.
- In March. Mr. M. P. Dare, c/o The Curator, Wyggeston School, Leicester.
- In April. Mr. C. R. Knighton, 52 High Street, Market Harborough.
- In September. Mr. H. M. Taylor, 49 Queen's Road Loughborough.
Mr. A. L. Wilkes, 76 Howard Road, Leicester.
Miss Eva Langton, Desford Lane, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester.
Rev. W. R. Finch, Asfordby Rectory, Melton Mowbray.
Rev. L. W. Watkin, Barkby, Leicester.
Mr. W. E. Faulkner, Peckleton Hall, Hinckley.
Mr. G. E. Phipps, 153 Evington Road, Leicester.
Mr. H. J. Fletcher, Highfield House, Stoney Stanton, Hinckley.
- In October. The Rev. A. T. G. Blakemore, Croft Rectory, Leicester.
- In November. Rev. A. W. Taylor, Thurcaston Rectory, Leicester.
Mr. W. H. Lead (an old Member), Silver Street, Leicester.
Mr. T. P. Towle, Charnwood, Barrow on Soar, Loughborough.

There is thus a decrease of 9 on the year.

In 1921 the following papers have been read or Lectures given :—

- In March. Lecture on "Medieval Seals" by C. Hunter Blair, Esq., F.S.A. Illustrated by Lantern slides.
- In May. Lecture by the Rev. J. Wallace Watts entitled "Some Leicestershire Tombs and Monumental Effigies" with lantern slides.
- In July. A paper by A. Hamilton-Thompson, Esq., F.S.A., and G. Farnham, Esq., F.S.A., on "The Medieval Manorial History of Thurlaston and Peckleton."
- In September. A Lecture by Bruce Dickens, Esq., on "Leicestershire place Names."
- In November. A Paper on "The Old Town Preachers of Leicester" by C. J. Billson, Esq., M.A.

Your Committee much regret the resignation of the Hon. Editorial Secretary, A. Hamilton-Thompson, Esq., F.S.A., and thank him for all he has done for the Society.

Major Freer attended the Congress of Archæological Societies held at Burlington House on November 29th.

Your Committee recommend that he and the Rev. Canon A. O. James, M.A., be elected as Representatives for 1922.

At a Special General Meeting held at the Church House, Leicester, on Monday, 28th November, 1921, it was unanimously resolved "that Rule 8 be altered as follows :—

That the Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March in each year in the place of the usual Bi-Monthly Meeting."

**LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

RECEIPTS,	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
1921.				1921.			
By Balance	11	2	2	To Subscriptions—			
" Subscriptions	281	19	6	Archæological Congress	1	0	0
" Sales	0	19	0	British Numismatic Society	1	1	0
" Dividends—Corporation Stock	2	2	6	Canterbury and York Society	1	1	0
				British Record Society	1	1	0
				Lincoln Record Society	1	1	0
				" Satchell & Son, Transactions, etc.	141	15	9
				" Editorial Secretary and Postages	10	10	0
				" Lincoln Chronicle, Reports, etc.	68	8	0
				" British Record Society, Copy Wills	16	0	0
				" Postage and Carriers Charges per			
				W. H. Rippin	4	12	7
				" City Treasurer—Gas Account	5	0	0
				" Amount guaranteed towards the			
				transcription of the Calendar of			
				Leicestershire Wills	12	0	0
				" Index to Vol. XI of Society's			
				Transactions	2	2	0
				" Hire of Church Room	2	14	0
				" Caretaker	2	10	0
				" Secretary's Postages	1	4	0
				" Year Book of Societies	0	12	6
				" Bank Charges	1	12	11
				" Balance	21	17	5
					£296	3	2

I have examined the above Statement of Receipts and Payments with the Bankers' Pass Book and Vouchers and certify same as correct.

February 20th, 1922.

EDMUND BLAND, A.C.A.,
Hon. Auditor.

C. F. OLIVER,
Hon. Treasurer.