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Eight General Meetings of the Society were held, at which the following papers were read:

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- 2 May Professor W. G. Hoskins, M.Sc., Ph.D., M.A.: *Parochial Explorations in England.*
- 26 September Annual General Meeting in the Chemistry Building, University of Leicester.
G. R. Potts, Esq., M.A., *New Walk in the Nineteenth Century.*
- 25 October In the Bennett Building, University of Leicester.
Professor B. W. Cunliffe, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.: *Fishbourne: The Roman Palace.*
- 22 November Wine and Cheese Party in the Guildhall.
Illustrated lecture by Mrs. M. McPhillips on her overland trip from Australia.

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- 24 January Canon E. K. L. Quine, M.A., Ph.D.: *The Quakers in Leicestershire, 1648 - 1780.*
- 21 February D. D. A. Simpson, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.: *The Pre-History of the Western Isles.*
- 14 March P. M. G. Eden, Esq., Ph.D., M.A., F.S.A.: *Vernacular Architecture: Small Houses in Leicestershire c. 1520 - 1820.*
- 17 April James Crompton, Esq., M.A., B.Litt., F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A.: *Leicestershire Lollards.*

Meetings

By permission of the University, the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Chemistry Building, after tea had been served in the Charles Wilson Building by kind invitation of the Vice-Chancellor. About sixty members were present to hear Mr. G. R. Potts deliver a stimulating paper on *New Walk in the Nineteenth Century*. It will be published in Volume XLIV of *Transactions*. The varied lecture programme this session drew good attendances. The wine and cheese party looks like becoming a Society tradition.

Committee and Officers

The Committee met seven times last year. Its membership now stands at twenty-four. As indicated in the last Annual Report, Mrs. F. E. Skillington resigned the Chairmanship in September, and Mrs. E. M. Dickson has succeeded her. Mrs. Skillington remains a member of the Committee and so does Mr. C. L. Wykes. As a gesture of appreciation to Mrs. Skillington and Mr. Wykes and also to Mr. A. Thornley, printer of *Transactions* for many years who has retired from his firm, the Committee held a dinner in the Charles Wilson Building of the University after the Annual General Meeting. Presentations were made to all three, and the President of the Society expressed the Society's deep gratitude for all that they had done over so many years.

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Professor W. G. Hoskins and Mr. Anthony Herbert resigned from the Committee on 26 September; Mr. G. H. Martin resigned from the Committee on 5 March. Professor A. M. Everitt and Mr. D. A. Blakesley have joined the Committee.

Mrs. E. M. Dickson continues to represent the Society on the County Records Committee and the Countryside Sub-committee of the County Council; she is also Vice-Chairman of the Local History Council; Mr. A. D. McWhirr and Mr. F. S. Cheney represent the Society on the Council for British Archæology and Mr. J. A. Daniell on the Rural Community Council, and on the Group 6 committee of the C.B.A. Mrs. F. E. Skillington is the Society's representative on the Court of Leicester University.

Transactions

Volume XLII (1966 - 1967) appeared on 28 June 1968; Volume XLIII (1967 - 1968) appeared on 21 December 1968. It is pleasing that members should not only receive two copies in one year, but that at last *Transactions* has appeared within its relevant year.

Membership

The total membership on 30 April 1969 was:

Ordinary Members	507
Honorary Members	1
Associate Members	73
Associated Societies	7
Student Members	31
Libraries and Museums	45
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During the year 58 new members were elected, 31 resigned, and 8 died.

The Society regrets to report the death of eight members, some of long standing: Mr. E. H. Hardy, Dr. N. I. Spriggs, Mr. W. B. Dongiewicz, Mr. J. W. S. Miles, Dr. D.J. Bedford, Mr. F. L. Dodsley, Mr. F. A. Ellis Ashwell, and The Very Rev. H. A. Jones, a Vice-President of the Society.

The overall increase of Ordinary Members was eight.

Rising costs, particularly of postage and the printing of *Transactions*, are making even more urgent the necessity for attaining that goal of 700 Ordinary Members appealed for in September 1965. The Committee are most anxious to hold the subscription at its present level for as long as possible; only new recruits can enable it to achieve this aim.

A revised list of members of the Society has been duplicated and copies can be purchased at 2s. 6d. (*plus 4d.* postage) from the Guildhall.

Historic Buildings

A note of triumph is not out of place in acclaiming the far-sighted decision of the City Council to set aside a considerable sum of money to restore 18 Highcross Street, whose desolation we have year-by-year, almost like a Greek chorus, lamented. Together with the Magazine Gateway these two historic buildings will be integral parts of Leicester's fine museum complex. It is a pity that the Gateway has to compete with the set of sea-side pierrot's hats that embellish the adjoining underpass. This is a not so gentle reminder that the Society ought to be as conscious of the disfiguring of our heritage by what goes up as well as by what comes down.

At long last it looks as if the Government are giving more effective statutory protection for the preservation of ancient buildings. Under the Civic Amenities Act 1967 Conservation Areas can be proclaimed which will protect town centres and villages of special character. The aim will be not only to prevent destruction

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of ancient buildings in the course of "redevelopment", but also to insist upon the use of right materials and suitable designs for new buildings and for alterations to existing ones, as well as to control street furniture and other items which with tastelessness can, if not watched, soon ruin an attractive street scene. Local societies like our own will clearly have much to do in the next few years assisting in the implementation of these new policies. The Society is grateful, both to the City and County Planning Officers here, who are both keenly interested in these matters, and who frequently have consulted the Society on individual buildings and also on the general scheme for Conservation Areas.

The Historic Buildings Advisory Panel has written almost forty reports of one sort or another during the past year. Many more will be required as the conservation plan is developed. The panel still needs more recruits if the work foreseen is not to become a burden that it can no longer shoulder. As always, a special word of thanks is owed to those enthusiasts upon whom falls the brunt of the work of preparing reports. That they are justified is amply seen in the number of preservation orders placed upon buildings upon which the Society has made reports.

Library

The following books were acquired during the year:

- Antiquity*, vol. XXXVII (1963) to vol. XLII (1968) inclusive.
Antiquaries Journal, vol. XLVIII (1968).
Archæological Journal, vol. CXXXIV (1967).
Architectural History, vol. XI (1968).
Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research, vol. XLI, No. 103 (May 1968).
Bulletin of the Loughborough & District Archæological Society, No. 10 (1969).
Derbyshire Archæological Journal, vol. LXXXVII (1967).
Lichfield and South Staffordshire Archæological and Historical Society, Transactions, vol. IX (1967 - 8).
Lincolnshire History and Archæology, (No. 3, 1968).
Medieval Archæology, vol. XL (1967); *Index to vols. VI - X* (1962 - 6).
North Staffordshire Journal of Field Studies, vol. 7 (1967).
The Leicestershire Historian, vol. I, No. 3 (Autumn 1968).
Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, vol. LXI (1968).
Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, vol. XCIX (1966 - 7);
Index, vols. XXV - XLVIII (1968); *Index*, vols. XLIX - LXXXI (1914/15 - 1946/47) (1954).
Transactions of Shropshire Archæological Society, vol. LVIII, Part II (1966).
Transactions of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire, vol. LXXI (1967);
vol. LXXII (1968).
Archæological Bulletin for the British Isles: 1940 - 1946, (C.B.A. 1949); 1947
(C.B.A. 1950).
Archæological Bibliography for Great Britain & Ireland, C.B.A. 1950 - 1951
(1954); 1952 - 1953 (1955); 1954 (1956); 1965 (1958); 1957 (1958); 1961
(164).
Council for British Archæology: Report No. 18 for the Year ended 30 June
1968.
British Archæological Abstracts: vol. 1 No. 2 (October 1968); Abstracts 68/135-
68/278, C.B.A.
The Investigation of Smaller Domestic Buildings, C.B.A. Research Report 3
(1955).
Historical Research for University Degrees in the U.K. List No. 28, Part I,
Theses completed 1966; List No. 29, Part I, Theses completed 1967.
Index Library — Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Administrations, vol. V,
(1609 - 1619), *British Record Society* (1967).
Morrison, J. H., *Prerogative Court of Canterbury: Indexes of Wills, Sentences*
and Probate Acts 1661 - 1670 inclusive (1935).

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- Madden, Lionel, *Victorian Periodicals in Leicester*, 2 vols: A-L, M-Z (University of Leicester Victorian Studies Centre, 1969).
- Ed. Major, Kathleen, *The Registrum Antiquissimum of The Cathedral Church of Lincoln*, vol. IX, *Lincoln Record Society*, vol. 62 (1968).
- Ed. Owen, A. E. B., *The Records of the Commissioners of Sewers in the Parts of Holland 1547 - 1603*, II, *Lincoln Record Society*, vol. 63 (1968).
- The Great Tournament Roll of Westminster* (Collotype Reproduction of the Manuscript) 2 vols. (1968). Historical Introduction S. Anglo.
- Walsh, Sir David (Chairman), *Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the Arrangements for the Protection of Field Monuments 1966 - 68*, MMSO (1969).
- Melton Mowbray: *Draft Town Map Review. Draft Town Centre Plan. Leicester County Council* (April 1969).
- Bennett, J. D., *Leicestershire Architects 1700 - 1850* (1968).
- Birley, Anthony, *Life in Roman Britain* (1968).
- Bowker, Margaret, *The Secular Clergy in the Diocese of Lincoln 1495 - 1520* (1968).
- Cave, G. P. and Martin, Janet, *Leicester Trustee Savings Bank 1817 - 1967* (1968).
- Cooke, J. G., *The Lost Village of Knaptoft: Errata and Addenda* (n.d. ? 1968).
- Corder, Philip, *Structure of Romano-British Pottery Kilns*, C.B.A. Research Report 5 (1957).
- R.C.H.M. *County of Cambridge*, vol. I: West Cambridgeshire (1968).
- Cox, J. C., *Churchwardens' Accounts from the Fourteenth Century to the Close of the Seventeenth Century* (1913).
- Cox, J. C. and Harvey, A., *English Church Furniture* (1907).
- Galbraith, V. H., *An Introduction to the Study of History* (1964).
- Ed. Hanson, R. P. C. and Barley, M. W., *Christianity in Britain: 300 - 700* (1968).
- Hawkes, Jacquetta, *Discovering the Past*, C.B.A. Local History Series: No. 8 (1956).
- Howard, F. E. and Crossley, F. H., *English Church Woodwork 1250 - 1550* (1917).
- Hussey, Christopher, *English Gardens and Landscapes 1700 - 1750* (1967).
- Jennings, Trevor S., *A History of Staffordshire Bells* (1968).
- Keeping, S. F., *St. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn 1868 - 1968* (1968).
- Renn, D. F., *Norman Castles in Britain* (1968).
- Ed. Rivet, A. L. F., *The Iron Age in Northern Britain* (1956).
- Smith, E. D., *The Story of Gaddesby Parish Church* (1968).
- Stoll, Robert, *Architecture and Sculpture in Early Britain - Celtic, Saxon, Norman* (1967).
- Tate, W. E., *The Parish Chest* (Third Edition, 1969).
- Tew, David, *The Oakham Canal* (1968).
- Vallance, Aylmer, *English Church Screens* (1936).
- Wilshere, J. E. O., *Leicester Clock Tower 1868 - 1968* (1968).

Excursions 1968 - 69

Eleven excursions were arranged this year and were enjoyed by one hundred and twenty-three members and friends. Since the total attendance for the season was more than four hundred, there are some very keen "regulars".

1. 11 May. A full-day visit by twenty-seven members to Northamptonshire, was led by Professor Alan Everitt and his friend, Mr. Bruce Bailey. The dubious weather was obliging; heavy showers fell while the party was inside buildings, and the sun shone as they emerged. Attention was drawn to various points of interest, including indications of former market places in the villages. A picnic lunch was eaten at the pretty village of Moreton Pinkney, where the church was visited and the picturesque cottages admired. The church at Chipping Warden was visited and then Edgcote House, where the party was

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taken round by the owner, E. R. Courage, Esq., who explained that he had made some alterations, perhaps not strictly in keeping with the original architecture, but making it more suitable as a home. After walking round the gardens and viewing the church, the party proceeded to Banbury for high tea, after which the final visit for the day was to Middleton Cheney. Leicester was reached about 9 p.m.

2. 23 May. Thirty-four members spent a delightful evening visiting the churches of Stoke Golding and Fenny Drayton, led by Mr. Hugh Collinson. They are two very different churches, one grand and one simple, but with the expertise of Mr. Collinson, the simple church, as he traced the history of the Purefoy family, became even more interesting than the grand one.
3. 20 June. Some forty members followed Professor J. Simmons from Hall to Hall on an unforgettable tour of the University Halls of Residence in Oadby with their lawns and gardens, and their memories - sad to some - of past glories. As always with Professor Simmons, the past came to life but it mingled well with the best of the present.
4. 29 June. Led by Mr. J. Crompton, twenty-nine members visited Horace Walpole's "little-play-thing house" at Strawberry Hill, and the more sedate and mannered Chiswick House of Lord Burlington. "Strawberry-Hill Gothick" and Palladian were both equally exciting, but in different ways. Strawberry Hill now forms part of the Roman Catholic Training College of St. Mary. The original pictures and furniture were sold long ago, but as much as possible is being gradually re-bought. To some members this was the most interesting excursion of all. A meal was taken on the way back in the Crown Hotel at Amersham.
5. 11 July (intended date). On this occasion the weather won, when the roads were flooded and the leader was bailing water out of his house from 5.30 a.m. onwards. The postponed excursion took place on 18 July with twenty-six members led by Mr. T. B. Davis. The two churches visited were Twycross and Orton-on-the-Hill. On the way back, as the incumbent of Sheepy church had been unable to receive a party after 7 p.m., a stop was made to view the remains of the last gibbet.
6. 20 July. Powis and Chirk Castles. Forty members led once more by Mr. J. Crompton, enjoyed a most wonderful excursion into the Marches of Wales. The sun shone, and the Welsh hills and woodlands were at their best. The first castle to be visited was Powis, dominating a ridge near Welshpool, then followed Chirk, where tea was provided in one of the tower rooms. There was ample time to stroll round the beautiful gardens conducted by the owner, Colonel Ririd Myddelton, before setting off for Leicester at 6 p.m.
7. 10 August. Led by Mr. F. S. Cheney forty-four members and friends went first to Repton church, where they were met by the incumbent and spent some time viewing the Saxon crypt. At Melbourne two well-informed guides led a tour of the house. After an interesting walk round the gardens the party proceeded to Staunton Harold to view the church built during the Commonwealth.
8. 22 August. Forty-eight people made this interesting excursion under the leadership of Mr. J. A. Daniell; first to Gaddesby church where the vicar and churchwardens exhibited recent archæological discoveries, which added to the fascination of a church already interesting and beautiful. A brief visit was then made to the tiny church at Ratcliffe, and from thence to Ratcliffe College, where there was much to be seen: the Pugin east front, subsequent alterations, the dormitories, and much more. After coffee there was a visit to the chapel. The return to Leicester was rather delayed, but no one wanted to leave.
9. 14 September. Over sixty members, led by Mr. A. E. Grimbley, attended this "end-of-season" excursion. For once, the weather was considerably less dry than could have been wished, but in other parts of the country it was much

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worse. Stamford, on a wet Saturday, was not at its best, and St. Leonard's Priory was viewed from the coach. Spirits revived with a very good dinner at Oundle, followed by Son et Lumière at Peterborough Cathedral.

10. 26 October. Although the Stamford - Peterborough excursion had been billed as the final one of the season, Sir Harold Nutting kindly suggested an October date for a visit to Quenby Hall. Whether it was due to the unexpectedness of a "bonus" excursion, or the lovely weather, this was certainly, as far as numbers were concerned, the highlight of the season. On this beautiful autumn afternoon, seventy-six people, led by Mr. D. A. Blakesley, took advantage of Sir Harold's offer. Owing to the large number, the party had to be split into three, each third going inside in turn, while the remaining two-thirds strolled or sat in the gardens. Mr. Blakesley nobly made all three inside tours.
11. 18 - 20 April 1969. Week-end in Bath. After two semi-finals the really final event of the season took place soon after Easter when thirty members and friends had a memorable week-end in Bath, one of those halcyon occasions when everything goes right. The hotel was comfortable, the food good, the sun shone and the sky was blue. Leaving Leicester at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 18 April, stopping for dinner at The Warwick Arms Hotel in Warwick, the party reached Bath at about 11 p.m. The next morning at 9.45 a.m., a civic guide arrived to accompany us on a tour of the baths. A coach ride at 11.30 took us to Prior Park, Ralph Allen's country house, situated on a hill with wonderful views of the city, and with a Palladian bridge copied from that at Wilton House. After lunch, another short coach tour with the same guide, took us to the other side of Bath to see Lansdown and Camden Crescents, and at 2.30 p.m. we were met in the Abbey by another guide who spent over an hour with us. After tea the survivors joined in a walk to see more of Jane Austen's Bath, and to visit Walcot church where Fanny Burney was buried, the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, now a Presbyterian church, and the Octagon. The latter was once one of several private chapels in Bath favoured by those who preferred warmth and comfort to the chilly Abbey. On the Sunday after breakfast a walk round the Circus and the Royal Crescent ended at the Assembly Rooms where the Museum of Costume, the largest in Europe, kept everyone occupied until lunch. A brief visit to the Pump Room ended the week-end's excitements. The return journey started at 3.30 p.m., with a stop at Cirencester. Leicester was reached just before 8 p.m.
- The innovation of a week-end excursion has whetted appetites for more. Thanks are due to all leaders of the excursions who gave so generously of their valuable time (and to Miss Herrington, the Honorary Secretary (*Excursions*)—J.C.) Donations from the Excursion Fund were given where appropriate to churches and buildings visited.

Melton Mowbray and District Branch

The following meetings of the Branch were held during the year all, except one, in the Grove School, Asfordby Road, Melton Mowbray:

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- 11 October E. Clive Rouse, Esq., M.B.E., F.S.A.: *Post-Reformation Wall Paintings.*
8 November R. Jeavons, Esq., *The Development of the English Church.*
6 December Social Evening.

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- 10 January Members' Evening.
14 February N. Angus, Esq.: *The Early Metallurgy of Iron.*
14 March M. H. Waller, Esq.: *Ordnance Survey Map-Making.*
11 April Philip Stevens, Esq., M.A., F.M.A.: *The Railway comes to Melton, Part Two.*

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Six well-supported excursions were organised from Melton Mowbray:

1. 22 May. Wednesday evening. Mr. Gilbert King led a car party of about fifty members to Waltham-on-the-Wolds, round which six gentlemen of the village conducted small groups. Pictures, photographs, documents and local objects assembled for the occasion in the village hall were eagerly examined, and the church with its fine Norman font was visited.
Waltham was once much bigger and more important, with its own market and fair, the charter for which dates back to 1227. By courtesy of Mr. Grimshaw we were permitted to view the oldest house in the village which contains a huge, carved, stone fireplace and massive oak beams. Coffee and refreshments in the village were much appreciated, for which the Chairman voiced thanks.
2. 9 June. Mr. K. Wright took a coach load of forty-one members on a sunny Sunday excursion to Huntingdon and St. Ives. *The George* at Huntingdon still retains its ancient galleried courtyard.
After lunch the County Archivist, Mr. Phillip G. M. Dickinson, F.S.A., F.R.H.S. took members on a tour: to St. Mary's Church, restored and practically rebuilt in the seventeenth century by local subscription of leading citizens, whose names are engraved on portions of the masonry; to the remains of the old County Jail in Orchard Lane and of the Motte-and-Bailey Castle built in 1078.
Over the fourteenth-century bridge joining Huntingdon to its adjacent and equally old borough of Godmanchester, the party moved off to visit some of the finest parts of the Fenlands; the Saxon church at Great Paxton which is unforgettable; St. Neots, where the Ouse is crossed by a fine medieval bridge; St. Ives, with its chapel-on-the-bridge, started in 1415.
The return journey was made *via* Houghton with its seventeenth-century water mill, now used as a Youth Hostel, Wyton, and Buckden with the bishop of Lincoln's Palace, which survived in continuous use till 1838 when Bishop Kaye moved out.
3. 22 June. Whole day to York. The Reverend R. T. H. Pearce led a party of forty by coach to York; beginning in heavy rain, it gradually brightened as the city was reached at about noon. Refreshments were taken at St. William's College, an ancient building founded in 1461 for chantry priests serving the cathedral. A guide ably described the superb glass: the "Five Sisters"; the great East window, one of the largest areas of stained glass known; the magnificent Rose window, which has been in position since 1461. On leaving the Minster the company visited three Museums: the Yorkshire Museum, which houses a natural-history collection, Roman antiquities and medieval implements; the Railway Museum; the Folk Museum, one of the foremost in the country with a re-construction of an old street scene. The party walked along the medieval walls, and among the timber-framed houses and shops of many old streets.
One day is not sufficient to explore York.
4. 11 July. Thursday. Half-day coach trip. A party of forty-one led by Mr. W. Bailes, visited Olney, a quiet little country town, with many fine Georgian houses, and dominated by the high spire of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, where William Cowper worshipped and his curate friend, John Newton, wrote many popular hymns.
A few miles away is the lovely, remote village of Clifton Raynes, with a little church containing stone effigies and also four wooden effigies of members of the Raynes family, dated 1310 and 1327.
Gayhurst church is one of the finest examples of Georgian church architecture in the country with furnishings virtually as they were when completed in 1728. It was built by Sir Nathan Wright, Keeper of the Great Seal to Queen Anne. Gayhurst House, now a Boys' School, was acquired by William Mulsho from Sir Francis Drake in 1581; his daughter married Sir Everard Digby.

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Back in Olney two local ladies kindly demonstrated their skill in making pillow lace. Thence the party went to the Cowper-Newton Museum where relics of the poet and John Newton, are exhibited. In the summer house Cowper laboured over his manuscript of "The Task"; in the dining room is the trap door where his three pet hares came in every evening to romp on the carpet.

The party lingered on the way home at Geddington, with its ancient knee-hole bridge of five spans, built in 1250 and still capable of supporting most modern vehicles; and with its superb Eleanor Cross. The church has a magnificent chancel and screens, the one leading to the Lady Chapel and given by Sir Francis Tresham in 1618, the other, a thirteenth-century one, dividing the Lady Chapel and the chancel. The windows are by Sir Ninian Comper.

5. 8 August. Thursday evening. On a cold, wet night Mr. Martyn Thomas led a small but enthusiastic party to Newark, where it was met by Mr. W. H. Radcliffe, Curator of the Museum, who conducted us on a tour where we saw the imposing castle ruins of the second and third castles built on the spot. The crypt is entered by a trap-door on the terrace. The stairs down to the Water Gate were discovered and made usable in 1954. King John died in a tower room in October 1216. During the Civil War it played a large part in the Royal defence on the town. A mint was set up for striking siege pieces from domestic silver and plate given for the purpose.

The cobbled Market Square is flanked by buildings of quality and distinction: the Governor's house at the end of Stodman Street is a Tudor, half-timbered building; the Town Hall, the Clinton Arms Hotel and the Moot Hall are all handsome Georgian structures; the *Queen's Head* is possibly Elizabethan; *The White Hart*, with an unusually decorated frontage, is the oldest building, with its ancient pump and its bear-baiting post. A paved path leads from it to the south porch of the church, which has a parvise housing the extensive parish library of 1,200 books and manuscripts. Near the church is the Magnus Grammar School, built and endowed by Thomas Magnus in 1529, with a Tudor hall in its original state. Adjoining it is the town museum for local exhibits, representing the life of local people from pre-historic times until now, including local crafts and industries now lost, such as smock making, for which there are sets of patterns, clock making and printing. A unique possession is the stool on which the town clerk stands in the Market Place to proclaim the accession of a new king or queen.

6. 29 August. Evening trip led by Canon Hopkins and Mr. Copson and Mr. Brownlow to one of Rutland's most charming villages, Exton, with its superb monuments. The oldest tomb, of stone surmounted by an alabaster slab, has an inscription in Norman-French carved round the edges, which tells how Nicholas Green, who died in 1378, married his childhood sweetheart, Joan. Exton was for long the home of the Harringtons and they have left behind a fine series of tombs. The last Harrington, who took charge of the Princess Elizabeth and saved her from the Gunpowder Plot conspirators, gave her so much money when she became Queen of Bohemia, that he was forced to sell Exton to a rich Cheapside merchant, Sir Baptist Hicks. Juliana Hicks married Andrew Noel of Brooke, and so brought the Exton property into the Noel family and many Noel monuments into the church, like that of 1683 to Baptist Noel, third Viscount Campden, life-size with his fourth wife and their nine children, with the third wife and her six children, with the children of the first two in smaller medallions on the pillars at either side. It is one of the few exercises in stone by Grindling Gibbons. There are also two sumptuous memorials by Nollekens. From the churchyard can be seen the pathetic shell of the Old Hall, burnt down in 1810. The evening finished with a successful dinner at the Crown Hotel in Oakham, a fitting end to an enjoyable season of excursions.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET — 30 April 1969

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds						
Excursion Secretary's Account			8 16 4			
The S. H. Skillington Memorial Fund			806 9 5			
Library Fund			170 10 7			
General Account:						
Balance at 1 May 1968			223 14 10			
Less excess of Expenditure over Income for the year			89 5 11			
Provision for the net cost of printing and issue of <i>Transactions</i>			134 8 11			
Vol. XLIV			500 0 0			
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors			171 6 11			
Sundry Creditors—Excursion Account			3 17 9			
Subscriptions paid in advance			187 13 6			
			362 18 2			
			£1,983 3 5			
Investments						
£101 5s. 4d. Leicester Corporation						3 %
Mortgage Loan (Value £101)						101 5 4
£150 3½% Conversion Stock 1961 (Value £58)						121 4 9
Current Assets						
Sundry Debtors						154 9 7
Leicester Trustee Savings Bank						1,045 1 1
Cash at Bank						531 3 8
Ditto Excursion Account						12 14 1
Ditto Melton Mowbray Branch						2 4 11
Cash in hand						15 0 0
						1,760 13 4
						£1,983 3 5

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REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITOR

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THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL RESEARCH FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 30 April 1969

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Net Income for the year	104	1	4	Income from Investments:			
				Interest on £1,750 3½% War Loan (gross)	61	5	0
				Interest on £284 19s. 9d. 4% Consols (gross)	11	7	10
				Interest on Bank Deposit Account			
	<u>104</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		72	12	10
					31	8	6
					<u>£104</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

BALANCE SHEET — 30 April 1969

Capital Account							
Balance at 1 May 1968	1,314	19	4	Investment on Capital Account			
Income Account				£1,029 4s. 8d. 3½% War Loan (Value £401)	1,064	19	4
Balance at 1 May 1968	1,512	13	5	£284 19s. 9d. 4% Consolidated Stock (Value £129)	250	0	0
Add Net Income for the year	104	1	4				
	<u>1,616</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	Investment on Income Account			
				£720 15s. 4d. 3½% War Loan (Value £281)	752	9	1
				Balance at Bank:			
				Deposit Account	596	10	4
				Current Account	251	15	4
				Due from the Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society	16	0	0
					<u>£2,931</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>

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