

Although only recently uncovered, the existence of the Boxford painting was not entirely unknown. Mr. H. Munro Cautley noted in his *Suffolk Churches* (1937) ' . . . slight remains of a Doom over chancel arch '. This conjecture was a reasonable one in view of the position of the painting. This painting originally formed only a part of a much larger artistic conception. When it was executed there stood immediately beneath it the carved rood screen, painted and gilded, with the rood itself beneath the centre of the chancel arch.

F. A. GIRLING, F.S.A.

*Hatchments.* With reference to the article on Funeral Hatchments (*Proceedings*, vol. xxvi, p. 208), Mr. George Ludovici asks us to state that in February 1947 he wrote a letter to the *Sunday Times*, asking for instances of the use of hatchments within living memory. He received over 80 replies from all over the country, which give interesting information. These letters he has deposited at the East Suffolk Record Office (Acc. 450).

EDITOR.

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## REPORT FOR 1955

In 1955 the Institute elected 41 Ordinary and 13 Associate Members. We lost through death and resignation 48 Members, including 7 Life Members. Our total membership on 31 December 1955 was:—

Annual Members	424
Associate Members	99
Life Members	49
Honorary Members	4
	576

This total shows a net increase of 6 over that of 1954.

*Excursions and Lectures.*—Four excursions were held in 1955:—

May	7	Lindsey, St. James' Chapel; Kersey Church and Village; Hadleigh Church, Row Chapel, and some houses in town.
June	9	Aldham Church; Burstall Church; Somersham Church; Nettlestead High Hall; Gt. Blakenham Church; and Sproughton Church.
July	21	Leiston Abbey; Butley Priory; Staverton Wood and Orford.
Sept.	8	Thurlow Hall, Great Thurlow Church; Little Thurlow Church and Park; Little Bradley Church; Badmondsfield Hall, Wickhambrook.

The following lectures were given at Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds during the year. Those at Ipswich were held in conjunction with the Ipswich Historical Society:—

Jan.	8	'Arthur Young' by Mr. J. Saltmarsh, M.A., at Bury St. Edmunds.
Jan.	21	'A New Historical Survey of England' by Prof. J. Simmons, M.A., at Ipswich.
Mar.	16	'The English House in Norman Times', by Mrs. M. A. Wood, D.LITT., F.S.A., at Ipswich.
April	14	'The Early Bankers of Suffolk' by Mr. A. G. E. Jones, B.S.C., at Ipswich.
Nov.	5	'Suffolk Windmills' by Mr. Rex Wailes, F.S.A., M.I.MECH. E., at Bury St. Edmunds.
Dec.	3	'Heraldry of a Suffolk Manor' by Mr. H. Hawes, at Bury St. Edmunds.

*Officers.*—In the Report for 1954 it is incorrectly stated that Miss Lilian Redstone died in 1954; actually her death occurred on 4 February, 1955.

*Finance.*—The Hon. Financial Secretary reports:—

The audited accounts shew that we had a deficit on the year's working of £47 13s. 3d. This is somewhat misleading as there was one item of extraordinary expenditure which was intended to come out of reserves, viz. the item of £50 paid to the English Place-name Society which was a special grant. If this item is excluded, it will be seen that income and expenditure just about balanced themselves. As regards income, the receipts from subscriptions rose from £305 in 1953

to £354, with the increasing membership, but there was a decline of £25 from those for sales of publications and excursions. Expenses however have been heavy. This was an index year, i.e. one in which the triennial index has to be prepared and printed. Unfortunately our printers furnished no details as to how much was due for printing the *Proceedings* and how much for preparing and printing the index. But the two together cost us no less than £397 14s. 11d. compared with £276 in 1953, when there was no index. Roughly the division may be taken to be £340 and £57 14s. 11d. With the indexing fee included the total cost was £408 4s. 11d. This includes cost of despatch and postage. Meanwhile, the cost of printing has risen another 15 per cent (following an increase of 19 per cent three years ago) and the cost of excursion and lecture circulars rose from £38 10s. 0d. in 1953 to £58 10s. 0d., and that of general stationery and postage from £14 12s. 6d. to £33 7s. 1d. Under the head 'Misc.' there was also a rise, from £9 16s. 6d. to £14 19s. 6d. The cost of stationery seems, like that of printing, to be steadily rising; and with it purchase tax also. The end is not foreseeable.

As the *Proceedings* are printed towards the end of the year, there is always great delay in the submission of the final account. This year it was unusually late; and we failed to pass through the accounts the approximate prepayment that we usually make on this account. On the 31 December 1955, the balance in the bank had piled up to no less than £498. The result of this will be seen from the Balance Sheet, where the figure finds a place, but has to be off-set against the entry on the liability side of £408 4s. 11d., leaving a net balance of only £89 15s. 7d. And out of this must come, of course, the deficit on the year's working of £47 13s. 3d., leaving a net balance of only £42 2s. 4d. To this however may be added £12 7s. 6d., the interest on our Trustee Savings Bank account which I did not draw this year to add to current account as I usually do. In the result, we end up the year with a credit balance of £54 9s. 10d.

Now it is true that the accounts look worse than they are, largely owing to the expense of the index. On the last occasion, we opened a suspense account and spread this cost over three years. Similar action this year would cut the year's expenditure by about £40, so increasing the reserve. But the Honorary Auditor refused to employ this device on this occasion; though we have the consolation that we shall benefit in the following years. Now our *Proceedings* are back to normal after two years of enforced economy; and no one I am sure wants them to be curtailed. But a rough calculation shews that whereas each copy cost us 10/- in 1953, it cost us 12s. 0d. in 1955 (over 13s. 0d. if the index is included). The vast majority of our members pay a subscription of only 15/-; and with the *Proceedings* likely henceforward to cost so much, it is my opinion that the range of subscriptions should now be reconsidered.

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### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE

	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Printing & Stationery:—							
General (including Telephone, Postages, etc.)	....	33	7	3			
Indexing Fee, vol. xxvi	... ..	10	10	0			
<i>Proceedings</i> , vol. xxvi, part 3	... ..	397	14	11			
Winter Programmes	... ..	10	0	0			
Excursion Letters	... ..	36	1	6			
					487	13	8
„ Honorary Editor's Expenses	... ..	10	0	0			
„ Honorary Financial Secretary's Expenses	... ..	2	14	9			
„ Honorarium to Librarian	... ..	10	0	0			
„ Bank Charges, Cheque Book	... ..	10	0	0			
„ Insurance	... ..	2	0	6			
„ Subscriptions to Various Societies	... ..	12	9	0			
„ Sundry Purchases for Library and Binding	... ..	2	14	6			
„ Lecture Expenses	... ..	13	7	3			
„ Grant—English Place-name Society	... ..	50	0	0			
„ Wreaths	... ..	2	10	0			
					£593	19	8

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT

	LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	... ..	408	4	11			
Capital Account:—							
Balance at 31 December 1954	... ..	1479	7	3			
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts	... ..	47	13	3			
					1431	14	0

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Norwich Public Libraries, Central Library, St. Andrew St., Norwich.  
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