

Bath and District Branch.

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DURING 1913 there have been six excursions. The attendances were well above the average, and fortunately the weather was on all occasions favourable. The majority of the clergy welcomed the members and gave an account of their church; others who were absent provided a substitute. The first excursion on April 23rd included the Churches of St. Lawrence, Stanton Prior; St. Luke's, Priston; and Inglescombe (dedication unknown); part of the Wansdyke to the west of Inglescombe and the Tith Barn were also inspected. On May 19th St. Michael's Church, Buckland Dinham, was visited in the morning; this was followed by a drive through Orchardleigh Park, by permission of the Rev. W. A. Duckworth, to the Murtry Hill Stones; thence to the Churches of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Orchardleigh; All Saints, Lullington; and SS. Philip and James, Norton St. Philip; tea was partaken of at that noted hostelry, the George Inn. On June 16th the classical gardens at Iford Manor were seen under the guidance of Mr. H. A. Peto; later in the day Farleigh Hungerford Castle and St. John Baptist Church, Hinton Charterhouse, were visited. On July 11th the Churches of St. Michael and All Angels, Urchfont, and St. Mary the Assumption, Market Lavington, were visited; thence to Stonehenge and the Minster Church, St. Denys, Warminster. On September 16th Gurney and Tilley Manors, Parsonage Farm, and St. Mary the Virgin Church, West Harptree, were viewed in the morning; and in the afternoon the Churches of St. Lawrence, East Harptree, and

SS. Nicholas and Mary, Stowey ; at Sutton Court, the visitors were received and shown over the house by Lord Strachie (a Vice-President of the Branch). The last excursion was by rail to Devizes ; the Churches of St. Mary the Virgin and St. John Baptist were described by Mr. Kite ; and the interesting Museum by Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Cunnington, Hon. Curators, who have done such excellent work in barrow and camp excavation in Wiltshire.

The Branch has again financially assisted in explorations on Lansdown, the work being carried out under the supervision of four of its members.

Glastonbury Abbey Excavations.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SOMERSETSHIRE
ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, 1913.

SINCE the last report was published an Appeal has been circulated to raise money to carry on the excavation work at the Abbey. Towards this Fund the acting Trustees of the Abbey generously contributed the sum of £25.

Your Committee is sorry to report that the response made to the Appeal has not been so liberal as was anticipated, but it is hoped that more liberal support will be forthcoming next year to enable the work to proceed with greater rapidity.

The total amount received was £122 13s. 9d., the amount expended being £85 3s. 4d. (see statement following). There are, however, other liabilities.

The Committee has had five meetings during the year, the majority being held at Glastonbury.

Mr. Bligh Bond's report for this year deals chiefly with St. Dunstan's Chapel, and is published in Part II of this volume.

One heavy item of expenditure has been the removal of over a thousand loads of earth—an accumulation from the work of previous years. There are still about two thousand loads more awaiting removal.

The excavation work for next season will be the continuation of that which was begun this year. Owing to the limited amount of subscriptions, Mr. Bond was unable to employ as much manual labour during the season as desired.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Bligh Bond for

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT,

Glastonbury Abbey Excavation Fund,

JAN. 1st, 1913, to JAN. 9th, 1914.

1913.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
June 23.	Labour, Nov., 1912—Jan., 1913 (J. Mills) ...	...	9	0 0
—	Labour, June 16 to Dec. 5, 1913 ...	...	52	14 4
Aug. 22.	Hauling Earth from the Excavations ...	...	10	0 0
June 24.	Hire of Town Hall ...	...	0	7 6
July 4. } Oct. 9. } Nov. 4. }	Printing Appeals and Notices, and Envelopes ...	...	7	3 9
July 5.		Receipt Books ...	...	0 9 6
Oct. 8.		Cheque Books ...	...	0 2 8
Jan. 10 } to } Nov. 8. }	Postage of Appeals, etc.	4	5 1
Apr. 17, 21.		Telegrams	0 1 0
June 11.		Two Blocks for Appeal	0 19 6
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			£85	3 4
	Balance in hand (Jan. 9, 1914)		37	10 5
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	Total Receipts		£122	13 9
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H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, *Hon. Treasurer.*

1. There are other liabilities which will absorb most of the balance.