or *siliquae* of the late Roman Empire. A coroner's inquest will be held at which the archæological significance of the hoard will be given.

'On behalf of the National Trust and H.M. Office of Works Mr. St. George Gray supervised the re-erection of the Caratacus Stone on Winsford Hill, Exmoor, on 14 June. This inscribed stone had been uprooted by some unknown person (or persons) in October last, and it had been preserved in a safe place during the exceptionally wet winter season.

'It is gratifying to know that nearly the whole of the money required for the purchase of Glastonbury Tor and St. Michael's Tower has been raised for its protection by the National Trust.

'The Natural History Sections of the Society have held their meetings periodically at Taunton Castle, and in the cases of the Botanical and Entomological Sections their usual expeditions. The Ornithological Section has produced a report on Somerset Birds for 1936, covering 42 pages.

'For four days at Whitsuntide the South-Western Naturalists' Union held their fifteenth annual conference at Taunton, making their headquarters at Taunton Castle and the Wyndham Hall. The meetings were well attended and excursions were made to Exmoor and to other parts of West Somerset.

'Taunton Castle was visited during 1936 by 10,127 persons, including 1,623 attendances from members, as against 8,780 persons (1,730 members) in 1935. This is the first time ten thousand has been reached.'

On the proposition of Mr. F. C. Eeles, seconded by Mr. Philip Sturdy, the adoption of the Report was carried unanimously.

Finances

Mr. A. E. Eastwood, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Accounts of the Society for 1936, and they were formally adopted. They had already been printed in *Proceedings*, vol. lxxxii.

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GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1937

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 31.12.1936		20 5 11
„ Members' Subscriptions—1936 ...	12 16 6	
„ „ 1937 ...	833 3 6	
„ „ 1938 ...	9 19 6	
		855 19 6
„ Museum Receipts		172 14 0
„ Somerset County Council—Educational Grant		300 0 0
„ Publications	14 10 0	
Less Payments on account of same	3 1 11	
		11 8 1
„ Rents		65 5 0
„ Profit on Excursions		41 8 10
„ Investment Income (Endowment Fund) ...		15 6 8
„ Miscellaneous		17 0
„ Anonymous for Index (Contra) ...		25 17 6
„ Donation for Show Cases (see Contra)—Carnegie Trust		100 0 0
„ Bank Deposit Interest		7 19 9
		£1,617 2 3

PAYMENTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By General Printing and Stationery ...		9 7 11
„ Fuel and Light		87 2 2
„ "Proceedings," Volume 82	263 8 1	
Less Sundry Receipts towards cost of Volumes 82 and 83	10 15 4	
Reserved, 1936	200 0 0	
	210 15 4	
	52 12 9	
Add Reserve	200 0 0	
		252 12 9
„ Repairs to Buildings (including repaving entrance way)		55 9 1
„ Repairs and Renewals of Furnishings ...		6 2 5
„ Extensions of Furnishings		31 19 6
„ Curator's Salary		350 0 0
„ Wages of Staff (including Assistant Curator)		458 1 11
„ General Postages		10 15 10
„ Subscriptions to Societies		8 7 0
„ Insurances		39 4 5
„ Rates and Taxes		14 11 11
„ Telephone		7 18 7
„ Accountancy Charges		10 10 0
„ Petty Expenses		16 4 0
„ Premium Assistant Curator's Insurance Scheme		12 0 0
„ Pensions Fund Transfer		46 10 0
„ Proceedings Index, Volumes 1–80 (see Contra)		25 17 6
„ Transfer, Wyndham Galleries Show Cases Reserve		100 0 0
„ Transfer to Repairs Reserve		60 0 0
„ Balance as at 31 December 1937		14 7 3
		£1,617 2 3

COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR SPECIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1937

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 31.12.1936		864 6 1
,, Dividends received—		
3½% War Stock	3 10 0	
4% New Zealand Stock ...	4 6 0	
3% Local Loans	68 13 0	
Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway Debenture Stock ...	7 10 0	
		83 19 0
,, Donation - Development Fund		6 6 0
,, Bank Deposit Interest		6 14 1
,, Wyndham Hall Lettings		22 9 9
,, Museum Box Collection		5 6
,, New Members' Entrance Fees		25 14 6
,, Pensions Fund—Transfer from General Account		46 10 0
,, Gift of Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway Debenture Stock (valued as at 31 December, 1937)—Dr. R. L. Meade-King ...		382 10 0
		£1,438 14 11

PAYMENTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Wyndham Hall—Heat and Light ...	3 12 0	
Wages	2 1 0	
Repairs to Lantern ...	1 9 0	
New Lantern purchased—less allowance on old ...	17 15 0	
		24 17 0
,, Museum Specimens		11 6 6
,, Revolving Frame for Botanical Exhibits ...		20 0 0
,, Library Fittings, Books and Bookbinding ...		29 9 7
,, Binding Microscopical Books		12 0
,, National Savings Certificates purchased (Pensions Fund)		54 0 0
,, 3% Local Loans purchased (Endowment Fund)		100 0 0
,, Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway Debenture Stock Transferred (Meade-King Fund)		382 10 0
,, Balance, being excess of Receipts over Payments as at 31 December, 1937 ...		815 19 10
		£1,438 14 11

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1937

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT

PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 31 December, 1937—			By Balance as at 31 December, 1936	460 16 3
3½% War Loan at cost (Nom. Value £234 9 8) ...	216 4 8		„ New Members' Entrance Fees for year	25 14 6
3% Local Loans at cost (Nom. Value £264 8 9) ...	241 17 4			
„ Cash at Bank	28 8 9			
		486 10 9		
		£486 10 9		£486 10 9

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS.	£ s d.
To Balance as at 31 December 1937	23 11 6	By Balance as at 31 December, 1936	17 5 6
		„ Donation	6 6 0
	£23 11 6		£23 11 6

PENSIONS FUND

PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 31 December, 1937	241 12 6	By Balance as at 31 December, 1936	195 2 6
		„ Transfer from General Receipts and Payments Account ...	46 10 0
	£241 12 6		£241 12 6

MUSEUM FUND

PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 31 December, 1937	102 18 11	By Balance as at 31 December, 1936	101 18 6
		„ Interest on Deposit Account	1 0 5
	£102 18 11		£102 18 11

R. W. PAUL BEQUEST

PAYMENTS.	£ . d.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 31 December, 1937	228 19 3	By Balance as at 31 December, 1936	226 13 9
		„ Interest on Deposit Account	2 5 6
	£228 19 3		£228 19 3

MEADE-KING FUND

PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 31 December, 1937	390 0 0	By Gift of Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway Debentures (valued as at 31 December, 1937)	382 10 0
		„ Half-year's Interest received thereon	7 10 0
	£390 0 0		£390 0 0

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1937

	Wyndham Lecture Hall Fund	Specimens Fund	Botany Fund	Meare Lake Village Cases Fund	Book Fund	Wiglesworth Fund	Microscopical Fund	Tite Bequest
Balances brought forward from 1936	£134 7 10	£186 2 1	£23 16 0	£22 19 8	£187 1 1	£15 14 9	£2 15 0	£2000 0 0
Hall Lettings	22 9 9							
War Loan Interest		3 10 0						
Museum Box Collection		5 6						
New Zealand 4% Stock Interest					4 6 0			
Interest on 3% Local Loans								68 13 0
Interest on Deposit Account	1 6 10	0 16 0	0 3 0	0 4 8	0 14 0	0 3 2	0 0 6	
Transfer—Interest on Tite Bequest		34 6 6			34 6 6			
	£158 4 5	225 0 1	23 19 0	23 4 4	226 7 7	15 17 11	2 15 6	2068 13 0
Less Heat and Light £3 12 0								
Wages 2 1 0								
Repairs to Lantern 1 9 0								
New Lantern purchased less allowance on old 17 15 0								
	24 17 0							
Museum Specimens		11 6 6						
Revolving Frames for Exhibits			20 0 0					
Library Fittings, Books and Bookbinding					29 9 7			
Binding Books							0 12 0	
Transfer to Specimens Fund and Book Fund—Interest on Tite Bequest								68 13 0
Balances as at 31-12-1937	£133 7 5	213 13 7	3 19 0	23 4 4	196 18 0	15 17 11	2 3 6	2000 0 0

GENERAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1937

To Balances at Westminster Bank Ltd:	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Deposit Accounts	1441 17 9	
Less Overdrawn on Current Account ...	84 10 8	
		1357 7 1
„ Investments:		
New Zealand 4% Stock at cost (Book Fund)		107 11 4
3½% War Stock at cost (£334 9s. 8d.) ...		319 18 2
3% Local Loans at cost (£2,553 3s. 10d.)		2241 17 4
National Savings Certificates at cost (Pensions Fund)		195 0 0
Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway Debenture Stock (£500) at market value 31-12-37 (Meade-King Fund)		382 10 0
		£4,604 3 11

By Balances:	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Endowment Fund	486 10 9		
Development Fund	23 11 6		
Wyndham Lecture Hall Fund	133 7 5		
Specimens Fund	213 13 7		
Botany Fund	3 19 0		
Meare Lake Village Cases Fund	23 4 4		
Book Fund	196 18 0		
Wiglesworth Fund	15 17 11		
Microscopical Fund	2 3 6		
Tite Bequest	2000 0 0		
Pensions Fund	241 12 6		
Museum Fund	102 18 11		
Paul Bequest	228 19 3		
Meade-King Fund	390 0 0		
		4062 16 8	
By "Proceedings" Reserve		200 0 0	
„ Repairs Reserve as at 31.12.1936	80 0 0		
Add Transfer from Receipts & Payments Account	60 0 0		
		140 0 0	
„ Wyndham Show Cases—Reserve as at 31.12.36	236 10 0		
Less Expended	224 10 0		
	12 0 0		
Add Transfer from Receipts & Payments A/c	100 0 0		
		112 0 0	
„ Suspense *re* County Council Grant (Amount received applicable to 1938)		75 0 0	
„ General Receipts and Payments Account—Balance		14 7 3	
		£4,604 3 11	

STAFFORD HOUSE, TAUNTON,
21 *January* 1938.

I have examined the above Accounts with the Books, Vouchers and Bankers' Certificate relating thereto and certify the same to be correct. I have ascertained that the Inscribed Stocks are duly registered in the name of the trustees.

EDGAR D. MOLE, *Chartered Accountant, of the firm of A. C. Mole, Sons & Browne.*

F. L. ENGLAND, *Hon. Treasurer.*

MEARE LAKE VILLAGE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1937

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Somerset Savings Bank, 1 Jan., 1937	19	8	6
„ General Donations	21	15	6
„ Gate Money	12	17	10
„ Grant, Bath Branch S.A.& N.H. Society ...	4	4	0
„ „ Northern Branch ditto	4	4	0
„ „ Taunton Field Club	2	2	0
„ Devon Archæological Exploration Society (visit)	1	8	0
„ Miss T. M. I. Newbould and Mr. E. P. Lewis, £5 5s. each	10	10	0
„ Miss M. E. Haviland	5	0	0
„ Messrs. W. Wyndham and R. Griffin (£4 each)	8	0	0
„ Mr J. M. de Navarro	2	10	0
„ Mrs E S. Fulford	2	2	0
„ Miss Vera P. Wills and Mr. R. S. Newall, £2 each	4	0	0
„ On sales of "Wookey Hole" given by Mr. Balch	1	17	6
„ Sale of Paper Knives made of Lake Village oak	4	14	6
„ Museum Box	0	10	4
„ Commission on Sales	0	16	0
„ Interest at Bank	0	10	4
	£106	10	6

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d
By Allowances and Wages, and Insurances of Workmen	72	17	0
„ Employers' Liability Insurance and Insurance of Office-Shed	1	12	6
„ Travelling Expenses and Transport of Specimens	18	9	2
„ Ronald Baker. Rent and Compensation ...	6	0	0
„ Photographs and Slides	1	6	0
„ Sundries, Stationery and Postages	0	11	3
„ Supply of Paper Knives for sale	2	1	8
„ Balance at Somerset Savings Bank, 3 Jan., 1938	3	12	11
	£106	10	6

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, *Joint Director and Secretary.*
ROGER CLARK, *Hon. Treasurer.*

CAMERTON SEVEN ACRES EXCAVATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1937

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Bath Branch, S.A.S.	5	5	0
„ Northern Branch, S.A.S.	5	5	0
„ Mr. J. M. de Navarro	3	3	0
„ Madame de Navarro	1	10	0
„ Mr. J. O. Lewis	2	2	0
„ Various small amounts	2	10	0
„ Obtained from Lectures	4	15	2
	£24	10	2

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Wages and Insurance	22	7	1
„ Car Hire for Director	1	7	4
„ Carriage of Shed	0	12	0
„ Sundry Expenses	0	3	9
	£24	10	2

ETHELBERT HORNE,
Hon. Treasurer and Director.

HAM HILL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1937

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 31 December 1936:	11	13	4	By Balance at Bank, 31 December 1937:			
„ Donations	2	2	0	Deposit Account	7	16	8
„ Interest on Deposit Account	0	1	4	Current Account	6	0	0
	£13	16	8	H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, *Director.*	£13	6	8

GLASTONBURY ABBEY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1937

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 31 December, 1936	77	10	1	By Wages and Insurance of Workmen	92	4	6
„ Grant from the Administrative Trustees, Glastonbury Abbey	75	0	0	„ Sub-Director	21	0	0
„ Box Collections during the year at Glastonbury Abbey	38	9	0	„ Travelling Expenses of Director	1	10	6
„ Interest on Deposit Account	0	10	11	„ „ „ Secretary	1	14	0
				„ Postages	0	2	2
				„ Balance at Bank, 31 December, 1937:			
				Deposit Account £50 1 0			
				Current Account £24 17 10			
					74	18	10
	£191	10	0	H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, *Hon. Treasurer.*	£191	10	0

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

TO THE SOCIETY'S

Publication and Illustration Fund

FROM 1 MARCH 1937 TO 1 MARCH 1938

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous . .	1	19	6
Connor A. B. (Sale of reprints)		17	10
Fearnsides, J. W. .		10	0
Field, Rev. H. E. .	2	2	0
Godwin, Dr. H. . .		5	0
Vivian-Neal, A. W. .	3	17	6
	£9	11	10

Election of Officers

The vacancies in the list of Vice-Presidents were filled by the re-election of Dr. A. Bulleid and Sir Henry C. Maxwell Lyte.

Dr. R. Liddon Meade-King, Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. W. Vivian-Neal, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Editor, and Mr. F. L. England, Honorary Treasurer, were re-elected.

In the Council of fifteen there were six vacancies. The following were re-elected : Mr. H. D. Badcock, the Very Rev. Prior E. Horne, and Mr. H. S. Howard. Major J. A. Garton, Mr. E. E. Trotman, and the Rev. C. Woodforde were also added to the Council.

The proposal was formally made by Mr. Hugh Way, seconded by Miss M. P. Perry.

Somerset Record Society

The Rev. Preb. T. F. PALMER, Hon. Secretary, stated that Miss Bates Harbin had during the past year continued her work upon the *Somerset Enrolled Deeds* at Taunton, and these had been published recently as vol. li. The publication had been rendered possible by a grant from the Somerset County Council, in whose custody the deeds are preserved.

For the year 1937, Sir Henry Maxwell Lyte had promised more *Episcopal Registers*, viz. those of Bishop Bekynton's successor, Robert Stillington (1466–92), and of Bishop Richard

Fox (1492–94), forming vol. lii of the series. It was hoped that that volume would be issued quite early in 1938.

For the year 1938, Mr. T. Bruce Dilks was providing a second volume of *Bridgwater Corporation Archives*, which would carry on the history of that interesting borough from vol. xlviii. The Mayor and Corporation of Bridgwater had guaranteed a monetary supplement towards the cost of publication.

The Presidential Address

The Hon. T. H. Watson then delivered his presidential address on ' The Development of Local Government in Somerset '. The subject was particularly appropriate in view of the practical recognition of the work of the Society recently made by the County Council. From 1934 to 1937, Mr. Watson had been Chairman of the County Council and is Chairman of Quarter Sessions ; he was able therefore to speak with intimate knowledge of the working of local administration. He showed how the county had been governed by the magistrates in Quarter Sessions in all matters of local government from the middle ages until the nineteenth century. With the establishment of Boards of Guardians and Turnpike Trusts came the first delegation of their authority, but it was not until the Local Goverment Act of 1888 that the principle of popular representation was introduced in local government. The Act of 1888 left Quarter Sessions in existence and created two new bodies—Standing Joint Committees and County Councils. Mr. Watson concluded his address with a most interesting review of the work of the Somerset County Council and its various committees.

The President was thanked for his address on the motion of Lt.-Colonel E. G. Troyte-Bullock, seconded by Mr. A. W. Vivian-Neal.

Poundisford Park

Soon after 4 o'clock the members left for Poundisford Park where they were entertained to Tea by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vivian-Neal. They were cordially thanked