

The
Cambridge & County Folk Museum
Association.



Third
ANNUAL REPORT
for the
Year Ending December 31st, 1938



THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM
2, CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE.

The Cambridge & County Folk Museum Association.

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CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1938.

THE Second Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Lecture Rooms, Mill Lane, Cambridge, on 4th March, 1938. Alderman H. Franklin (then Chairman of the County Council) again presided. The general and financial reports for the year were adopted and the officers and members of the Committees were elected. Mr. R. C. Lambeth was given the title of Assistant Curator in recognition of the value of his work in the museum.

After the meeting a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by Miss Isabella Grant, on the Highland Folk Museum. The President (Alderman E. Saville Peck) presided and the lecture was well attended and much appreciated. During the year there have been six meetings of the Executive Committee.

Museum.

The Committee wish to express their thanks to friends through whose interest 324 gifts, or loans, have been added to the collection during the year, out of this number 32 objects are on loan, most of them on permanent loan. There are now 1,901 exhibits in the Museum. No acquisitions have been purchased from Museum funds this year. A gift of covers to protect from dust the interesting carriages standing in an open shed would be much appreciated.

An important gift, which cannot at present be exhibited comes from the Old Vicarage, Mount Pleasant, Cambridge, the property of Storey's Charity. It consists of oak panelling, some of it painted, doors, mantel surrounds, fireplaces, a fine door hood and other objects. The Committee have to thank the Cambridge Antiquarian Society for their mediation in obtaining these articles and for the cost of removal.

The extension of the Museum Premises mentioned in the last Annual Report came into effect early in the year, and the Association is once more greatly indebted to the Borough Council for the necessary structural alterations. The new premises provide a suitable residence for the Assistant Curator and an office for the Honorary Curator, two rooms formerly occupied by the Assistant Curator in the Museum having thus been released for exhibition purposes. One of these rooms, on the first floor, is now furnished as a parlour; two loans add greatly to the interest of this room, one a Longman and Broderip square piano from Mr. Moore, the other a round table from Mr. Stockbridge. The other room, on the second floor, is fitted up as a hatter's shop. The majority of the exhibits in this room came from the late Mr. Rayment, of Cambridge. Another room, on the second floor, is being furnished with objects of ecclesiastical interest.

It is gratifying that it was possible to lend exhibits to the Cambridge Exhibition of Scientific Instruments arranged by the Cambridge Philosophical Society on the occasion of the British Association's visit to Cambridge. A series of historical measures was also lent to the Mayor (Alderman E. Saville Peck) for his Reception in the Old Schools, in January.

The Committee note with satisfaction that the Report on the Museums and Art Galleries of the British Isles, (other than the National Museums), published by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees in September, contains a plate with two pleasing photographs of the Cambridge Folk Museum, one of the exterior and one of the Open-hearth Fireplace. The plate is inserted as an illustration of one of the new museums.

Royal Visit.

On the 17th of August the Museum was honoured by a visit from Her Majesty Queen Mary. The Officers of the Association had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty, who was conducted round the Museum by the President and the Hon. Curator. Queen Mary showed much interest in the exhibits and congratulated the Assistant Curator on the clearness of the labels. The Committee are greatly indebted to Mr. Louis Clarke for much assistance in making arrangements in connection with the visit. Her Majesty's visit resulted in considerable public interest and a proportionate influx of visitors.

Finance.

As will be seen from the appended list of subscriptions and donations, the Museum continues largely to be dependent on private benefaction. The list of supporters by subscription includes fourteen Colleges, the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, the Cambridge Borough Teachers' Association, Lloyds Bank Limited, and a few local business firms. Membership acquired by subscription shows a decline from 176 to 169 when compared with the previous year.

	<i>New.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Life members	—	36
Ordinary members (annual) ..	7	75
Associate members (annual) ..	7	59
Total Subscribing members ..	14	170

The total number of annual paying members during the year was 133 against 140 in the previous year. In addition, welcome help was received from eight contributors of donations.

Receipts at the door amounted to rather more than £32, a sum practically identical with that for the previous year. This includes admission fees, anonymous donations placed in the box, and the sale of postcards illustrating the Museum and its contents. Receipts were stimulated for a time by the visit of Her Majesty Queen Mary, but fell after a few weeks to the normal level. Without the royal visit the income at the door would have been lower by several pounds than in 1937. The question of the free admission day has, of course, a direct bearing on finance and it was largely for this reason that the change was made halfway through the year from Saturday to Thursday. Saturday being the favourite day for journeys from the villages to the town more financial benefit was anticipated from this alteration than has in fact resulted.

The Cambridge Borough Education Committee intimated their intention to renew their grant of £10 for a further year, in return for the free admission of parties of school children, and application to the Cambridgeshire County Education Committee resulted in a grant of £10 being made for the financial year on the same conditions. It will be remembered that early applications made to national organisations for support were unsuccessful, but now that further developments have shewn that the Museum has established itself in the public esteem the Executive Committee contemplate a renewal of such efforts.

The considerable increase in the number and variety of acquisitions led to discussions on the question of the appraisal of the value of the contents of the Museum for the purpose of insurances. The matter came before the Executive Committee on several occasions and Mr. Stanley Woolston, who very kindly undertook this task has now commenced the work.

Visits.

The total number of visitors to the Museum during the year was 4,187. An analysis shows that 1,913 visitors paid for admittance, 1,204 visitors came on 51 free days, and 678 visits were paid by Members of the Association. Visits were also paid by parties of children from the Cambridge Borough Schools, from schools in the County, from the Girls' Perse School, and from the Chesterton Preparatory School. Other parties included visitors from the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society, The Band of Hope, Histon W.E.A. and Chesterton Branch of Toc H.

Officers.

The Committee received in October, with great regret, the resignation of the President of the Association, who had also acted as chairman of the Executive Committee. Alderman E. Saville Peck had been one of the active promoters of an Exhibition of Antiques organised by the Cambridgeshire Federation of Women's Institutes in October, 1933, and a year later read a paper to the Cambridge Rotary Club advocating the formation of a local Folk Museum. A provisional Committee under Alderman Peck's Chairmanship was then appointed and prepared the ground so well that in the following year a representative conference decided to form a Folk Museum Association. When the constitution was adopted and premises for the Museum secured, it naturally followed that Alderman Peck was invited to become the first President, and he has continued to take as keen an interest in the development of the movement as he did in its initiation. The work of succeeding Presidents must always rest upon the foundations which he has laid. It is, therefore a serious loss to the Association that Alderman Peck finds himself, in consequence of other public engagements, unable to continue to take so active a part in the administration of the Museum.

A resolution was moved in the Executive Committee "that the hearty thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Alderman

Peck, with an expression of their deep gratitude for his untiring efforts in founding and guiding the Association through the difficulties of the initial years of work." This was carried with acclamation.

Throughout the period of formation, and the various stages of development, Alderman Peck has had a valuable colleague in Dr. Frank Robinson, who first became Hon. Treasurer, and shortly afterwards added to his duties those of Hon. Secretary. At his special request, Dr. Robinson has now been relieved of the latter post, and the Committee desire to express their deep appreciation of the large amount of work he has undertaken and the expert administrative knowledge he has placed at their service. It is a source of great satisfaction that he is willing to continue to serve as Hon. Treasurer.

The Committee unanimously elected Mrs. Keynes as Chairman in succession to Alderman Peck, and Mr. Donald Missen was elected as Hon. Secretary in place of Dr. Robinson. Miss R. Hutchings has been co-opted to the Committee to represent the Cambridgeshire Branch of the National Union of Teachers.

The Committee cannot adequately express their thanks to Miss Catherine Parsons, who, as Honorary Curator, has made the Museum a first charge upon her time and devoted her expert knowledge to the classification and arrangement of the large number of exhibits entrusted to her care. This has been done in such a way as to make the Museum, even with its limited accommodation, a particularly attractive setting for the interesting collection that has accumulated so rapidly. Miss Parsons has been ably assisted by Dr. Mary Scruby, whose work on the card index of the contents of the Museum will be of great assistance to students, and to whom the Committee are indeed grateful.

They desire also to express their gratitude to Mr. Lambeth, whose industry and ability have contributed in a high degree to furthering the aims of the Association. During the absence of the Assistant Curator on holiday, Miss Shead, the Mayor's Secretary, gave valuable assistance, by taking charge of the Museum when it was open to the public.

The Committee would also like to record their warm appreciation of the kindness and hospitality extended to them by the University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology.

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1938.

EXPENDITURE.

1937.									
£	s.	d.	To/	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
32	6	0	Rent, Rates and Insurance ..	37	14	9			
23	12	5	Heat, Light, and Water ..	21	11	9			
8	10	3	Cleaning, including Cleaner's Wages	17	14	7			
							77	1	1
111	6	10	Assistant Curator's Salary and National Insurance				112	5	10
21	2	3	Printing, Postages, Stationery, Advertising and Sundry Expenses	16	0	3			
2	18	6	Purchase of Exhibits	—					
6	17	5	Clerical Assistance	3	15	5			
1	10	0	Cartage	15	0				
9	0	0	Photographic Print	8	0				
4	7	6	Expenses of Annual Meeting ..	3	0	0			
15	0		Cheque Books	1	0	0			
—			Rat-catching	1	5	0			
3	0		Framing Print	—					
							26	3	8
12	7		Repairs and Renewals				11	0	
3	7	10	Furnishing and Gas Installation				6	13	9
<u>£226</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£222</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>			

INCOME.

1937.									
£	s.	d.	By/	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
88	1	0	Ordinary Subscriptions				82	19	0
20	0	6	Associate Subscriptions				17	11	5
43	15	0	Donations				18	5	7
			Grant from Borough Education Committee	10	0	0			
			Grant from County Education Committee	10	0	0			
							20	0	0
32	7	8	Admission Fees, Sale of Post-cards, and Donations from Visitors				32	13	3
			Compensation received from Insurance Company <i>re</i> Assistant Curator's Accident	4	6	2			
			<i>Less:</i> Expenses <i>re</i> Accident ..	2	0	0			
							2	6	2
37	12	0	Proportion of Life Membership Subscriptions				40	0	0
3	7	6	Interest on Deposit Account Trustee Savings Bank				6	17	6
1	5	11	Sale of Surplus Objects in Museum				1	10	0
			Excess of Expenditure over Income for year				12	5	
<u>£226</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£222</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>			

BALANCE SHEET 31st DECEMBER, 1938.

LIABILITIES.

Accumulated Fund:

Balance 31st December, 1937	1	9	11
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for 1938		12	5

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Life Membership Subscriptions:

Balance 31st December, 1937	290	0	0
Add: Received during 1938	Nil.		

290 0 0

Less: Transferred to Revenue	40	0	0
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250 0 0

Sundry Creditors		13	14 4
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£264 11 10

ASSETS.

Cash at Bankers:

Cambridge Trustee Savings Bank—				
Deposit Account	267	13	10	
Lloyds Bank—				
Current Account	3	0	2	
Outstanding Cheque	8	11	8	

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Rates paid in advance

262 2 4
2 9 6

£264 11 10

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts from the books and vouchers, and certify the same to be correct in accordance therewith.

Norwich Union Buildings,
Downing Street,
Cambridge.

4th February, 1939.

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