

THE
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM
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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE
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THE Sixth Annual Meeting was held on the 20th February, 1942 in the Archeological Museum, Downing Street, by kind permission of the Curator. The President took the chair, supported by the Patron, the Lord Lieutenant, who moved the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year 1941. He found, he said, the Report eminently satisfactory and rejoiced at the continued usefulness and success of the Museum. The officers and General Committee were re-elected. Dr. Margaret Murray, F.S.A. (Scot.), F.R.A.I., gave an illustrated lecture on "Some Beginnings of Things", in which she traced the evolution of simple tools and furniture from the earliest times.

The Association suffered a grievous loss by the sudden death of Dr. Robinson, its Honorary Treasurer. He was a founder member and a true friend of the Museum. For the first years he acted both as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, and held the latter office throughout his connection with the Association. He gave unstinted devotion to our interests and died in harness. The Honorary Secretary took over the duties of Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

During the year the Museum received some interesting trade tools and the like, from the firm of Messrs. H. E. Greef of King's Parade; they were presented by Mr. Greef and Alderman E. Saville Peck. Later after Mr. Greef's death, his niece, Miss Fuller, handed over to the Museum many more items, including old trade tools for graining, painting, plumbing, and lead-working; a number of wooden moulds from which ornamental pumps and cistern heads were cast in lead; and some fine ginger-bread and biscuit moulds. One does not associate ginger-bread with lead-working, glazing, and painting, but it was the custom for the gilding of the ginger-bread to be done by a decorator or plumber, as this was accomplished by the laying on of real gold leaf. Mr. Greef was also for many years Captain of the Cambridge Volunteer Fire Brigade and Miss Fuller has given us two uniforms with silver helmets which had been worn by him in that office. Other gifts from this source are two of the original copper plates from which the bank notes of the Cambridge Bank (Messrs. Jones Loyd & Co. for F. D. Barker & J. Eaden) were printed. These date from the eighteen-twenties and are of the denominations of £1 and £20. It is interesting to note that they have never been cancelled.

Other gifts are a composing-stick, a printer's warehouseman's folder and a brass plate from the press on which the first edition of "Tom Brown's School Days" was printed. This classic was printed in Cambridge at the press of Palmer. The plate reads "Columbian Press, Clymer & Nixon, Manufacturers, 1834." For all these the Museum is indebted to Mr. P. A. Parfitt, the proprietor of the firm of R. I. Severs, Printers.

A gift of an 18th century percussion duck gun comes from Major Gordon Fowler, Mr. W. E. G. Beattie gave a fine fan-light, recovered from premises damaged by bombs at No. 3, Jesus Lane. The total number of gifts is no less than 55.

The Committee records with satisfaction that the Museum has been used regularly for research by parties of students from the Training Colleges evacuated to Cambridge. It is encouraged by this further evidence of the usefulness of the Museum for educational purposes.

Enquiries, including one from the Board of Education, ranged over the whole field of local industries—thatching, draining, hurdle-making, basket-making, fishing. Permission was asked to study the details of Dutch dolls in the Museum, with a view to reproducing them. On several occasions exhibits have been lent to local schools to illustrate lessons.

The accounts show that the museum stood on its own feet during 1942 without recourse to drawing on the Life Membership fund or to special donations to cover a working deficit. It is worth recording that all who subscribed in 1941 renewed their subscriptions in 1942, though not all were able to give the same amount as before. The expenses were kept as low as possible, being rather less than in the previous year. The money taken at the Museum is within a few shillings of the amount taken last year. 3,988 persons visited the Museum, of whom 1,851 paid their three pence for admission and 2,142 came on free days. Among the latter were some school children in parties with their teachers. The Association is again grateful to the County and Borough Education Authorities for continuing their annual grants and to the Thomas Wall Trust for a further grant on educational grounds.

The Committee regards the position in this the fourth year of war, as not only satisfactory but hopeful. It is clear that the Museum does serve a useful purpose in war time, and with the continued support of the members will be in a position to go forward in the happier times to come.

The Committee would remind members that the Museum is open on Sundays from 2.30-4.30, and on weekdays, except Monday, from 2 o'clock to 4.30 p.m.

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