

ANNUAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS.

THE Annual Meeting of Subscribers to the School was held in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, on Tuesday, October 28th, 1924, the PROVOST OF ETON in the Chair.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. V. W. YORKE, presented the following report on behalf of the Committee for the Session 1923-1924.

THE Managing Committee beg leave to present the following Report on the activities of the School for the session 1923-1924.

Although the appeal for funds towards an excavation at Sparta did not produce as good a result as had been hoped, the Committee decided to authorise the Director to begin excavations on a small scale.

This policy has fortunately been fully justified by the discoveries made, and the prospects for a second campaign, if possible on a more extensive scale, are most promising.

A brief illustrated Report is being circulated to all subscribers.

Director.—The Director left England immediately after the Annual Meeting and reached Athens on November 7th *en route* spending a few hours with Dr. Ashby at the School at Rome. He was occupied with administrative duties and other work in Athens until late in February, when he paid a hasty visit to Sparta to secure quarters for the forthcoming excavations, and make other arrangements in regard to them. He left Athens for Sparta on March 25th, and with the help of Messrs. Cuttle and Buchanan supervised the packing and transport of the bulky excavation-kit, stores, etc., left at Mycenae, which duly reached Sparta, and the work on the site began on March 31st. On April 14th he returned to Athens to attend the Byron centenary celebrations, and laid a wreath on behalf of the School on the Byron monument in Athens, proceeding later to Missolonghi for the further ceremonies there, and returned to Sparta from Corinth on April 21st. Early in May he was recalled to Athens by the tragic death of Mr. S. S. Clarke, and after a short stay

resumed the excavation at Sparta and carried it through to its termination, returning to Athens on June 3rd.

During the winter the Director gave a course of informal demonstration-lectures in the Epigraphical Museum, paying especial attention to Attic public documents of the fifth century; these were attended by most of the members of the British and American Schools. He also found time to complete for publication (in the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*) his overdue Report on his excavations at the Roman Fort of Ilkley in 1919-21 (which he had laid aside the previous session in order to give his whole time to duties in the Hostel and Library). As this Report will run to some 130 printed pages, it is not surprising that the Director found little time for other research; he managed, however, to make a preliminary examination of the collection of travel notebooks of Sir W. Gell, secured by the kindness of Dr. T. Ashby for the Library of the School.

An exceptional amount of his time was taken up in attending to matters concerning the property of the School, of which details appear below; and a further interruption occurred in January, when the roof of his house caught fire, owing to defective construction of the chimney of his study. Though the damage was slight the ensuing repairs and disorganisation were most disturbing.

In June and July, though hampered by poor health, he found time to make some preliminary studies of the results of the Sparta excavations and to prepare a short Report for circulation, to look after the Library in the absence of Mr. Heurtley, to examine in English for the Greek Ministry of National Economy, to pay (in mid-July) a short visit to Sir Arthur Evans at Knossos, to collect reports and oral information for 'Archaeology in Greece' for the *Hellenic Journal*, and for a similar summary for *The Year's Work*, and to make final arrangements for the rebuilding of the roof of his house, and its repainting and decoration, inside and out. On August 7th he finally left Athens for England.

Assistant-Director.—Mr. W. A. Heurtley reached Athens on October 31st, via Leipzig, Prague and Belgrade, where he studied the early civilisation of Central and South-eastern Europe. In the second half of December he paid a preliminary visit to the mounds which he had selected for excavation in the Vardar valley, and thence crossed Chalkidike to visit the monasteries of Mount Athos. After three months in Athens he paid a visit to Skyros, to report on the condition of the work on Rupert Brooke's grave, and spent some time exploring the N.E. coast of Euboea and examining mounds at Oreus; thence he went to Volo, and after visiting Dhimini and Zerelia returned to Athens, just before the Director left for Sparta. He joined the party which went to Missolonghi for the Byron celebrations in April, and in May made a rapid trip to Sparta, via Leonidhi, and again visited Skyros to see to the completion of the grave-monument.

On June 7th he left for Salonika, and began the excavations in the Vardar valley described below; an attack of malaria having cut short his excavations, after one mound had been thoroughly explored, he stayed in Salonika to study the finds, and returned to Athens on July 17th.

During his time in Athens, in addition to his work in the Library and Hostel, he took in hand the arrangement of the large collection of specimen sherds and other antiquities in the Hostel museum, with excellent results, and supervised the domestic improvements described below.

Students.—The number of students admitted during the session was fourteen, which is unquestionably a 'record' in the history of the School, and a most gratifying start for the new Director.

The women students numbered six. Miss W. Lamb, who came for the second half of April and May, to help at the excavations at Sparta; Miss M. B. Hobling, who was present at Sparta throughout the whole of the excavations, taking charge of the work on the Sanctuary-site on the Acropolis: during the winter, in addition to making general topographical and archaeological studies, she had specialised on later Greek pottery decorated with reliefs, which she studied in Athens and various provincial museums, and in addition travelled in Northern Greece, the Peloponnese and Crete. Miss U. D. Hunt, lecturer at Bedford College for Women, travelled extensively and assisted at the excavations, both in keeping the inventory of the inscriptions and in cleaning and sorting various small finds. Miss E. Tankard, a graduate of Liverpool University, who came out with a grant from the School funds, as well as one from the Holt Education Trust, rendered most useful help at Sparta, where she made drawings of the most important bronzes and other finds. During the spring she had travelled in Thessaly and Northern Greece, and after returning from Sparta via Olympia and the Argolid, made a short tour in Crete before she left for England. Whilst at Athens she gave her attention to the study of archaic art.

Two foreign women students, Miss C. Brönsted and Miss A. Wentzel, both from Copenhagen, spent some four months in Greece and made good use of, and much appreciated, their privileges as students of the School. In addition to travelling widely on the Greek mainland, and visiting Delos and Crete, the former gave special attention to Corinthian pottery, notably that in Athens and Thebes, while Miss Wentzel specialised in epigraphy, with particular attention to documents from Epidauros.

Of the men students, Mr. S. S. Clarke, who returned at the end of December to continue his topographical studies in Epirus and Albania, made two journeys in that region, and shorter trips in the Peloponnese and Northern Greece. His untimely death in a sailing accident on May 2nd, off Salamis, has deprived the

School of a student of quite outstanding ability and great personal charm, and is a sad loss to learning.

Of the new students, Mr. W. B. C. Buchanan, holder of the Blackie Scholarship in Edinburgh University, spent seven months in Greek lands. In addition to his study of Modern Greek required by the terms of his Scholarship, Mr. Buchanan visited Chalkidike and Mount Athos, Epirus, Thessaly, a few sites in Northern Greece and the Peloponnese, and Constantinople. He was present throughout the excavations at Sparta, where he assisted the Director in taking charge of the work at the theatre and kept the inventory of marbles and coins from that site. Afterwards he went (via Constantinople) to Macedonia to assist Mr. Heurtley in his excavation of a prehistoric mound in the Vardar valley. Whilst in Athens he studied archaic art with especial reference to carved ivories.

Mr. C. W. M. Cox (Balliol College, Oxford) travelled widely, especially in Northern Greece, and while in Athens read systematically with a view to his projected journey in Central Asia Minor with Professor Calder, whom he joined early in May in Constantinople. They thence proceeded to Angora, and from there by road to Konia. After making a round south and west of Konia, through part of the Isaurian hill-country and back by Lake Beyshehr, they spent a month travelling in north and central Phrygia. Their finds of inscriptions were numerous and interesting, notably at Alisa in Isauria, in the deserted quarters of Kutaya, and at Ishekli (Eumeneia). Conditions of travel proved unexpectedly favourable.

Mr. W. L. Cuttle (Emmanuel College, Cambridge), holder of the Craven Studentship, reached Athens via Rome, where he spent several days. He chose as his subject early Spartan art, with special reference to the beginnings of Geometric pottery at Sparta. In addition to studying this subject in Athens during the winter, he travelled in the Peloponnese, accompanying the Director to Sparta in February. After visiting various other sites, he made a journey across Euboea and to Skyros with Mr. Heurtley before proceeding to Sparta, where he was present throughout the whole campaign; besides taking command during the Director's enforced absence, Mr. Cuttle was in charge of the excavation of the domestic region explored north of the Acropolis, and kept the inventory of stamped bricks and tiles found on all the sites. He returned to England in the middle of June.

Mr. C. Hignett (Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford) stayed in Greece from late November to early April, and devoted his time partly to travel, with a view to obtaining an adequate background for his study and teaching of Greek History, and partly to studying the rudiments of Greek Archaeology, particularly sculpture and epigraphy; he visited the principal sites and museums on the Greek mainland, and also Crete and Constantinople.

Mr. H. H. Keen (Balliol College, Oxford), who was reading for the University Diploma in classical Archaeology, stayed in Greece from January 13th to April 20th, and studied in particular prehistoric archaeology, and the pottery of the Geometric and Orientalising periods, as well as white Attic lekythoi. He travelled extensively also, visiting practically all the ancient sites in Attica, the Argolid, Delphi, Thebes, Chaeronea, Olympia, Sparta and Crete.

Mr. M. D. C. Tait (Balliol College, Oxford), after a stay in Rome, spent two months in Greek lands and devoted his attention primarily to travel, with a view to gaining a general knowledge of Greek topography to strengthen his qualifications as a teacher of the Classics. He visited many of the same sites as Mr. Keen.

Professor W. H. Alexander, of the University of Alberta, Canada, was also admitted as a student and stayed some six weeks in all; in addition to studying in Athens he travelled to Crete, the Northern Peloponnese and Delphi.

It is a matter for no small satisfaction that of the above-named students at least three will be resident at Athens in the coming session, Miss Hobling having been appointed to the 'Mary Ewart' travelling Scholarship, Mr. Cox to the Craven Fellowship, and Mr. Cuttle to the School Studentship, as the Cambridge nominee for this session.

Visitors.—The Easter Vacation brought numerous visitors from England—more, in fact, than had visited the School since before the war. We were glad to welcome the Hon. Treasurer, who accompanied by his son, Mr. G. J. Yorke, of Trinity College, Cambridge, stayed in the Hostel and paid a visit to the excavations at Sparta. Accommodation in the Hostel, while most of the students were at Sparta, was also provided for Mr. R. C. Trevelyan, Messrs. R. Gardner and L. H. Greenwood, Fellows of Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Mr. H. Quinnell, of Balliol, as well as for Miss M. V. Clarke and Miss Macaulay, of Somerville College, Oxford, and Mrs. Walden, who also travelled in Thessaly and the Peloponnese. Other visitors who made use of the Library included Mr. C. F. Taylor, of Clifton College, Captain Roger Chance, Professor Angus, of St. Andrew's College, Sydney, Mr. R. S. Brinton, and Messrs. H. C. Gaunt and E. Hamer of King's College, Cambridge.

Mr. William Miller, Associate of the School, spent the winter and much of the summer in Athens, making an exhaustive study of the diaries and correspondence of George Finlay; and for a few days in the height of summer enjoyed the privilege of accommodation in the Hostel. Others who also stayed at the Hostel were Messrs. Austen Harrison, R. W. Hutchinson (who assisted at Mr. Heurtley's excavation) and J. M. Dawkins.

Some members of the mission from England, on the occasion of the Byron

celebrations, also found time to call at the School, namely, Lord Ernle, Viscount and Viscountess Burnham, Mr. John Drinkwater and Mr. Harold Spender.

The Hostel.—One of the two large rooms over the Library has been furnished as a sitting-room for the Assistant-Director and Mrs. Heurtley, under whose auspices the housekeeping and administration have given universal satisfaction. Two new enamelled baths and a new geyser have been installed, and new covers have been made for the chairs in the common-room. Some further white-washing and repairs to plaster upstairs will have been completed before next session. Mention must also be made of the entire re-arrangement and systematic cataloguing of the extensive collection of pottery in the Hostel, which now makes a most valuable reference-museum, especially of prehistoric fragments, and will prove of the utmost value to students. Mr. Heurtley and the students who helped him in this laborious task deserve the warmest commendation.

The Director's House.—A systematic examination of the structure of the house, undertaken at the Director's request by Mr. P. de Jong, showed at once that the roof was in a very dangerous condition, owing to advanced dry rot in many of the principal beams and joists. Owing, moreover, to the fundamentally unsound method of its original construction, no replacement of the decayed elements was found possible, and the Committee, on receiving the report of its condition, agreed to the proposal of Mr. de Jong, endorsed by Mr. W. S. Thompson, architect to the Gennadeion, that the existing roof should be stripped and replaced with a flat terrace-roof in concrete. This was finally put in hand before the Director left for England, and it is hoped that the house will be ready again for occupation by the beginning of next session. These repairs are to be followed by complete overhauling of the outside plaster and repainting of all woodwork within and without. The latter is indeed long overdue, and its neglect has proved a false economy, as the woodwork in places is getting into a bad condition for lack of paint.

Another revelation of the need for repairs of the house was afforded by the fire, already mentioned, due to the proximity of the study flue to the roof and ceiling timbers. Sparks had passed through a hole in the flue and lodged on the adjacent joist, which after long smouldering, unobserved, burst into flame on January 13th. The fire was quickly subdued, but not before the local fire-brigade, promptly on the scene, had flooded the room with water, and amateur efforts (thanks to a mason kindly lent by the Gennadeion architect) finally cut out the still burning joist after the brigade had gone. The loss, covered by insurance, was confined to the structure, and a satisfactory temporary repair was carried out as quickly as the blizzard, following two days later, permitted.

Another long-due improvement was also carried out, namely, the laying of a new water-pipe to bring water from the aqueduct to the School premises,

to replace the old one, which had in many places rusted through and was much choked up; new pipes were also laid from this pipe to the Director's house; and, in view of a threatened shortage of water due to the serious over-population of Athens, a new concrete-lined storage-tank was designed and carried out by Mr. W. S. Thompson, in the upper corner of the new plot acquired across the road.

The progress of the Gennadeion, and the enclosure of its *temenos* with a massive stone wall gave an opportunity of which the Committee gladly made use, for the new plot to be enclosed in the same wall, Mr. Thompson charging only for labour and raw material. He deserves their warmest thanks for thus enabling them to enclose and thereby improve their property at the smallest possible expense. At the same time the School has benefited, at a small outlay, by the draining and proper grading and surfacing of the upper road, along which a row of pepper-trees has now been planted. Though the property has thus been walled round, the final formalities of taking possession and of partition of the new plot with the American School were unexpectedly delayed, and had not been carried out when the Director left for England.

The Garden.—There is little to report, beyond the fact that the exceptional frosts in January did serious damage to some of the tenderer trees, the lemons suffering in particular and the orange crop being very poor. The tennis-court is now well looked after by an arrangement with the American School's gardener, but few of the students used it this season.

Open Meeting.—At an open meeting held on March 17th in the Penrose Library, Sir Arthur Evans, who was staying in Athens on his way to Crete, described his recent discoveries at Knossos, and in particular the latest finds of frescoes, of which he exhibited coloured drawings and reconstructions by M. E. Gilliéron *fils*. There was a large, and most appreciative audience, more, in fact, than could adequately be accommodated in the Library.

School Architect.—Mr. Piet de Jong, formerly a student of the British School at Rome, and now residing in Athens, has been officially appointed Architect to the School, and it is hoped that for many years to come the School will continue to have the benefit of his gifted services for its excavations. The merit of Mr. de Jong's work at Mycenae and at Knossos is already well known, and his help at Sparta, in planning the site of the theatre, proved invaluable.

Director's Secretary.—The urgent problem of securing competent secretarial assistance for the Director in dealing with routine correspondence and reports has been happily solved by the appointment of Miss F. Chapman, who has resided for some years in Athens. Besides helping the Director, Miss Chapman has done most useful work in the Library for Mr. Heurtley, in connection with cataloguing and in extending and checking the topographical index.

The Excavations : Sparta.—The circulation of the brief illustrated Report makes it unnecessary to repeat here the details of the work and the important discoveries made. They have fully justified the choice of the Committee in deciding to resume work at Sparta, and the prospects for a second campaign, both at the theatre and on the Acropolis, if possible on a more extensive scale than this year, are most promising. That the Director will again have the services of Mr. de Jong as architect, and of Miss Hobling and Mr. Cuttle as assistants in the excavation, is most gratifying.

Macedonia.—Mr. W. A. Heurtley, Assistant-Director, undertook a systematic examination of the prehistoric 'Toumba' in the Vardar valley a few miles south of Karasouli; operations, delayed at the start, by the difficulty of finding workmen, lasted from June 17th to 29th. On this mound, which is the most northerly of those (in Greece) along the E. bank of the Vardar, the successive strata proved to be: (1) on top, Hellenic period, with stone foundation-walls built on the debris of (2) a thick burnt layer, which yielded *inter alia* part of a large sub-Mycenaean bowl; (3) below this, a stratum *ca.* 2.50 m. thick, in which two settlements were recognised. In the upper settlement were found stone foundations resting on clay floors, and traces of burnt beams, accompanied by various finds, including a bronze fibula, several bone pins, a schist mould, and much L.H. III. pottery (fragments). In the lower, clay floors and the foundations of an apsidal house, with pithoi *in situ*. The pottery of this lower settlement is also L.H. III., but of an earlier type, and with it were two sherds possibly L.H. II. Nearly all seem to be of local fabric; the coarse pottery of this level included numerous fragments of bowls with the typical Macedonian triangular handle, and some incised ware. From this settlement came also a bronze spearhead.

Separated from this by an interval of about half a metre, containing very few sherds, is the lowest stratum (4) which is about 1.50 m. thick and rests on virgin soil. It is characterised by very dark earth and quite distinctive pottery, in which no Mycenaean is found, the typical ware being a fine highly-polished black (often firing to red), with white matt-painted ornament (parallel vertical lines or broad flowing bands and loops). Not many shapes can be identified, but large high bowls with strap-handles, and small cups with curving profile and flat bases seem typical. This ware continues throughout the stratum, uninterrupted. Other classes represented in this level, but in thin layers only, are a rather coarse but well-polished grey ware (mostly wide bowls with incurving rims, painted with dull white lines), and fine, but unpolished and roughly-incised red ware (whose shapes resemble those of 'Thessalian A 1'); the presence of the latter (not directly on virgin soil), the resemblance of the black ware (which begins earlier than the red) to 'Thessalian Γ 1 α 1', the presence of sherds similar to other Thessalian styles (of classes 'A' and ' Γ '), also the discovery of a few pieces of the 'Dikili-tash' ware, with graphite technique, and of typical Macedonian incised and white-filled, and, moreover, of the head of a clay

figurine of early Thessalian type, raise many interesting problems, which it is hoped that the excavation of the big mound at Vardarovči next year will help to solve.

Publications.—Good progress has been made with the printing of Mr. Wace's exhaustive Report on his important discoveries at Mycenae, which is to appear as Vol. XXV. of the *Annual*, and as the remainder of the Palaikastro finds will appear in the *Supplement*, to be published in 1925, this brings to the front again the question of a definite publication of the results of the Sparta excavations of 1906-10. The desirability of combining with this publication that of the results of the new campaigns is self-evident, but a start might be made with advantage with a separate volume on the Orthia Sanctuary, pending the preparation of one or more subsequent volumes or instalments dealing with other regions of the site, when they have been fully explored.

The Library.—The past session has been one of uneventful progress. No extensive rearrangement was found possible, but useful work was done in many directions by the Librarian, notably in bringing up to date the topographical index, of which it is impossible to exaggerate the usefulness, and in checking, arranging and, where needed, mounting on linen the map-collection. Fewer volumes were bound than in the previous session, from which practically no arrears of binding had been left over.

The total accessions numbered nearly 350 volumes, of which 90 were pamphlets and 51 bound volumes of periodicals. The most important include a group of travel note-books and sketches of Sir William Gell (secured through the promptness of Dr. Thomas Ashby), which contain, in one volume, most of the original notes of his itineraries in Attica and Northern Greece, and in another apparently unpublished notes and sketches from a short tour in Western Asia Minor. A sketch-book of Keppel Craven was also secured through the same channel. Of recent publications we may note the album of plates, from the recent photographs of Professor Hamann of Marburg, for the new publication of the Olympia sculptures, Vols. II. and III. of the Austrian *Forschungen in Ephesos*, the new edition, complete, of Beloch's *Griechische Geschichte*, and Toebelmann's *Roemische Gebaelke*.

Among the numerous and valuable gifts received, our gratitude is especially due to Messrs. Macmillan for Sir J. G. Frazer's *Folklore in the Old Testament*, for the new edition of Bury's *Later Roman Empire*, and for the one-volume edition of the *Golden Bough*; to the Cambridge University Press for Vol. I. of the *Catalogue of the McClean Coin Collection*; to Dr. D. G. Hogarth for Rostowzew's *Iranians and Greeks in S. Russia*; to Dr. W. Miller for Schlumberger's *L'Épopée Byzantine* (3 vols.), and *Sigillographie*; to Lady Sandys for an edition of Pindar with MSS. notes by the late Sir John Sandys; to Miss Hutton for five volumes

on Greek Terra-cottas, and for Ihne's *History of Rome*; to Mr. Shirley Atchley for a large collection of British and foreign illustrated catalogues of Greek Coin sales; and to Miss J. M. Pybus for Dr. Hoppin's *Handbook of Attic B. F. Vases*. Besides the above works, we are indebted to the following bodies for gifts of books: The Trustees of the British Museum, the Hellenic Society, the Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Government of India, La Société Archéologique d'Alexandrie, the American Academy in Rome, L'Académie Roumaine and the publishers of *Κυπριακά Χρονικά*. The following authors have also presented copies of their works: Professors A. Andreadis, L. Curtius, A. Mahr, E. A. Sonnenschein, M. Tierney, Messrs. K. Amantos, A. Boethius, E. Buschor, S. Casson, M. Deffner, R. Ganszyniec, J. P. Harland, D. G. Kambouroglou, E. Kjellberg, P. M. Kontogiannis, J. Sundwall, R. C. Trevelyan, M. Volonakis, R. J. Walker, O. Walter, H. S. Washington, and the Director.

Miscellaneous gifts of books, pamphlets and maps are thankfully acknowledged from Messrs. F. E. Adcock, Shirley Atchley, S. Casson, B. L. Hallward, Mrs. Hasluck, Messrs. W. A. Heurtley, D. G. Hogarth, W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Milne, Mr. D. Petrochino, Mme. A. I. Svoronos, Messrs. A. J. B. Wace, F. B. Welch, and V. W. Yorke. To Mr. S. Casson we are indebted for the gift of five engravings of Greece from drawings by W. Haygarth.

Our exchanges with other current periodicals, which now number upwards of seventy, are all running smoothly, and a few of our *lacunae* have been filled up, but other—not numerous—gaps remain, in one case owing to the necessary volumes being out of print. Exchanges have been started with the *Mitteilungen der Anthropologischen Gesellschaft in Wien* (including many back volumes), and the *Bulletin de l'Institut Archéologique Bulgare* at Sofia (as from 1911).

Library Expenses.—Owing to the increased cost of upkeep, and the high—and often exorbitant—cost of German books, it is clear that, if it is not to fall hopelessly behindhand as regards English publications, the Library cannot subsist satisfactorily on an income of less than £100 per annum, and then only if friends of the School at home are even more generous than at present in their donations to it of important publications. It must be remembered that it obtains no works for review.

The Byron Centenary.—The participation of the School in these celebrations, which occupied most of the week ending April 19th, was a matter of general satisfaction. Mr. V. W. Yorke, as representing the Committee, and the Director, who returned expressly from Sparta, were present at the principal functions in Athens, as well as at the actual commemorative addresses and services at Missolonghi on the anniversary of Byron's death. On the Thursday, the Director on behalf of the School laid a laurel wreath at the base

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of the Byron monument in the Zappeion garden. In the exhibition of Byron relics in the Museum of the Historical Society, the autograph letter of the poet lent by the British School formed one of the most attractive exhibits.

The award of the Gold Cross of the Order of the Redeemer on this occasion to Mr. Yorke and to the Director, and of the Silver Cross to the Assistant-Director, is a gratifying token of the Greek Government's appreciation of the part taken by the School in these proceedings, which were marked throughout by many striking manifestations of Anglo-Hellenic friendship and regard.

Acknowledgments.—The continued cordiality and courtesy of all the officials of the Greek Archaeological Service, in whose positions there has been no change since the previous Report, made easy the path of the new Director and enhance the pleasure of all who work in the Museums under their charge. The Director had also the privilege of handing to Dr. K. Kourouniotis, Director of the National Museum, his Diploma of Honorary Membership of the Hellenic Society.

With our friends and neighbours of the American School our entente continues to flourish. Dr. Hill's administrative experience has always been at the disposal of Mr. Woodward, and it is a pleasure to record the ready help given by Mr. W. S. Thompson, architect to the Gennadeion, in our problems of building and water-supply. Dr. Blegen's lectures on prehistoric pottery in the Athens and Corinth Museums have proved another bond of union between students of the two Schools. Dr. Buschor, Director of the German School, has again given us the benefit of his learning in two lectures on white Attic lekythoi and one on his newest studies in the early art and architecture of the Acropolis. A good friend of the British School is unfortunately leaving Athens in the person of M. L. Renaudin, the Secretary of the French School.

At the British Legation, after a long interregnum filled by Mr. C. H. Bentinck, as Chargé d'Affaires, the new Minister, Sir J. Milne Cheetham, took up his duties in the spring. As he was actually a student of the School for a short period before entering the Diplomatic Service there is an additional reason for welcoming his appointment. In acknowledging the many kindnesses rendered by the staff of H.M. Legation, we would especially wish to record our sympathy with Mr. Shirley Atchley on the death of his son-in-law, Mr. Michael Melas. The consular officers, both in Athens and the Provinces, have all been more than willing to help members of the School in various ways, and Mr. F. B. Welch has again earned the gratitude of all; and it is with no small satisfaction that we learn that an old friend of the School, Mr. J. M. Dawkins, on leaving Canea has been posted to Constantinople.

Finance.—The Revenue Account for the year shows a debit balance of £45 1s. 7d. as compared with a credit balance of £317 8s. 8d. for the preceding

year. This result is arrived at after taking credit for the whole of the special donations to the Sparta Fund £1,174. and only charging the actual expenditure on the Sparta Excavations £620, the account having benefited thereby to the extent of the difference, namely £554. The net deficiency on Revenue Account is therefore just £600. The chief reason for this extremely unsatisfactory result is the heavy expenditure on Renewals and Repairs to the Director's House, the necessity for which is explained earlier in the Report. Unfortunately there will be a charge of about the same amount in the Accounts of the current year, as a further expenditure of at least £500 will be required to complete the work.

Capital Account also shows a heavy deficiency, incurred during the year, of £395, which has been occasioned by large expenditure on various improvements to the School's property also mentioned earlier in the Report.

The financial position of the School will thus be seen to be most unsatisfactory and such as to cause grave anxiety for the future. Though subscriptions have been maintained at the figure of the previous year, they are substantially lower than they were in 1913, while expenses are of necessity very much higher than then. It is indeed difficult to see how the School will be able to continue to carry on the useful work which it is doing for even another year without making inroads on its invested Funds. It will be deplorable if the sacrifice of the modest savings of many years becomes necessary, and all friends of the School are urged to rally to its support both by increasing if possible their subscriptions, and by inducing others to subscribe.

The PROVOST OF ETON then moved the adoption of the Annual Report which was seconded by Mr. J. Penoyre and having been put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

SIR CHARLES WALSTON moved the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. D. ROBERTSON and carried unanimously :—

“ That SIR ARTHUR EVANS, SIR CECIL HARCOURT-SMITH and DR. D. G. HOGARTH be re-elected members of the Managing Committee, that MR. V. W. YORKE be re-elected Hon. Treasurer and that MR. M. S. THOMPSON be re-elected Secretary.

MR. A. M. WOODWARD, the Director, then gave an account, illustrated by lantern slides, of the excavations of the School at Sparta.

A vote of thanks to the PROVOST OF ETON was moved by Mr. V. W. YORKE and carried with applause.