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Vice-President: Dr. C.H.D. Clarke
Corresponding Sec: Miss Nancy Powell
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Well, despite our misgivings we did manage to come up with a new executive at our annual meeting last month. The turn out was good although not as good as some of us hoped. Perhaps some people were frightened away by my editorial on association responsibility.

Our executive for 1964 is listed above, but so that our newer members will know something about them, let me introduce you briefly to each one.

PRESIDENT: Miss Phyllis Bowland has been a member of the OAS for eleven years. She is well experienced with the chores of the executive, as she has served for two years as the Recording Secretary and two more as our President. She is a graduate of the Art and Archaeology course at The University of Toronto and now teaches public school. Phyllis must also go on record as one of our more travelled members having cast an archaeological eye on this continent at the Serpent Mounds at Peterboro, the Ault Park site near Cornwall, Cahigué, just to mention a few. Overseas she has taken a look at sites in Greece, working there in the Agora Museum, and Japan.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dr. C.H.D. Clarke is new to our executive ranks but he has been a valuable member of our society for the past ten years. Dr. Clarke is presently head of the Fish and Wildlife Division of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. He has also been a field assistant with the National Museum of Canada and later a mammalogist with the National Parks Bureau then under the Department of Mines and Resources.

TREASURER: Miss Lorna Proctor goes into her third year as our Treasurer. She has been with the OAS for the past eight years. She is a graduate of Toronto University and at present is on the staff of the Reference Department of the Toronto Public Library. She is a member of the Canadian Women's Historical Society and her archaeological experience includes work on the Ault Park site near Cornwall.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Miss Nancy Powell has only been with the Society for two years and continues in her position of last year as Corresponding Secretary. She too is a librarian at the Royal Ontario Museum Library. Also a graduate of the University of Toronto, she lived for a year in England before taking up her job at the Museum.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. C. Finnigan has also agreed to hold down her executive job for a second year. She joined the Society about three years ago. Her background includes an early childhood in Bolivia where she lived in a very remote part six hours by mule away from the nearest railway station. She has also lived in Peru and Chili where she developed her interest in archaeology by watching the progress of various excavations.

LIBRARIAN: Mrs. Mary Davie is holding down a tough job for the third year, her sixth with the OAS. She has also spent a year as our Recording Secretary and taken part in most of the Society's digs. She worked on the Miller site at Pickering as well.

PAST-PRESIDENT: Dr. Paul Karrow is now teaching geology at the University of Waterloo. He received his PhD in pleistocene geology from the University of Illinois. Before moving to Waterloo he was a geologist with the Ontario Department of Mines and he plans to continue doing field work for the Department during the summer months.

OUR NEXT MEETING

DATE: February 12
TIME: 8 p.m.
PLACE: Pottery laboratory of the Sidney
Smith Building on St. George St.
TOPIC: The Indian Temple
SPEAKER: Professor R.M. Smith

For a change of pace we switch from our usual topic of Indian archaeology to archaeology in India. We are fortunate to have secured Professor Smith as our speaker. He is an assistant professor with East Asiatic Studies Department at the University of Toronto. He has taught here for nine years and before that he was a lecturer at Cambridge. He has travelled throughout the Near and Far East. For his talk he has chosen to discuss the development of the Indian temple. This will probably include areas such as Java and Cambodia as well as India. He will be illustrating his talk with slides.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ROM Spring Lecture Series

Three free illustrated public lectures on Wednesday evenings at 8.30 p.m. in the Theatre of the Royal Ontario Museum.

- February 19 Evolution of Apes and Men
Professor Alfred Romer
Museum of Comparative Zoology
Harvard University
- March 4 From beneath the Glaciers
Dr. Walter Tovell
Curator of Geology
Royal Ontario Museum
- March 18 The Springs of Animal Behaviour
Dr. Maurice Burton, formerly of
the British Museum (Natural History);
contributor to Illustrated London News.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Reports were given by various members of the executive at our January meeting. Based on the Treasurer's report here is the financial status of our Society at the moment.

Balance as of Dec. 31, 1963 \$2,057.51

This consists of two funds. The Department of Travel and Publicity of the Ontario Government has been most appreciative of the possibilities of the Society and gave a cheque to the Society for publishing in 1963. Unfortunately we were not able to get a publication out in time to use some of this money last year. In 1962 the Society received its first grant of \$1,000 and spent \$716.58 in publishing No.7. This leaves us with a balance in this account of \$1,283.42.

During 1963 the Society had receipts of \$269.83 consisting of membership fees, sale of publications, donations and bank interest. The expenses incurred were \$155.68 leaving a balance of \$114.15 for the year.

The Society had a balance of \$659.94 at Dec. 31, 1962, so the total balance in the second fund at Dec, 31, 1963 was \$774.09.

Rufus Churcher reported on the forthcoming Publication No.8 which will soon be ready for the printer, Our constitution is at the printers and it was voted and agreed upon by the members present that a slight charge of 25¢ per copy should be made to cover the cost of producing the publication.

Mary Davie, the Librarian, reported that more work will be done on our collection of publications this year with the hopes that our members will make more use of our Library. She plans to purchase more publications from the book fund and will read a list of suggestions at our February meeting for the approval of the members.

The speaker at our last meeting was Miss Helen Devereux who led off our 1964 season with a talk on the historical Fort St. Joseph. She introduced her topic with an interesting summation of the various ways that the archaeologist can aid and supplement the knowledge of the historian. The historical archaeologist can discover items not even mentioned in documents. And often

it is discovered that the recorded plans for buildings do not correspond to the excavation reports. Museum specimens are provided for display and also comparative specimens are made available for research. Material is salvaged for possible reconstruction of a building.

For three months last summer Miss Devereux organized and led the dig which had been commissioned by the National Historic Sites Board. The excavations will be continued this summer under Dr. Emerson.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Fees for 1964 have come in quite well this year our Treasurer reports. We also have a number of new members which we will introduce to you next month. In the meantime we hope that they will be able to turn out to our February meeting and meet us all.

Of course, there are a few members who have not paid their dues yet. And there are also a number of members who have not filled in one of our registration forms. You will find one attached to Arch Notes. Please fill in and mail to your Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nancy Powell, Library, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto 5, Ont.

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