

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 1967

Membership of the Society now stands at 293.

The Committee has met twice during 1967 to explore possible means of remedying the serious financial position of the Society and it hopes to make recommendations for the Annual General Meeting to be held in March 1968. It is regretted that to date no application made to National bodies for grants has been successful.

The Jonathan Sparrow memorial bookcase was purchased and installed at the Old Light in May.

The Society has become affiliated to the Council for British Archaeology so that our Archaeological work will be brought to the notice of a wider public.

Mr. K. S. Gardner organised a most successful four week Archaeological course, a report of which is contained herewith. The proposed courses on bird watching and bird ringing were abandoned through lack of support.

We are grateful to Commander Pollock for his kind presentation of a Visitors Book to the Society for use in the Old Light; and to Mr. R. Britton who most generously gave some carvings to be sold to help funds.

Mr. K. Gardner has kindly undertaken responsibility for press and public relations.

The publication of the delayed 1965/66 Annual Report, and of this Report, has been made possible through the outstanding effort made by Mr. A. J. Vickery in organising a Grand Draw, and the response of our members which made it such a success.

Advice has been obtained on the possibility of seeking Charitable status for the Society but opinion was given that such an application would be unlikely to succeed, or to benefit the Society as much as had been hoped.

Mr. Waller has completed two very successful seasons as Warden and we are sorry to be losing him; he has worked with enthusiasm and diligence, as his results well show, and we are grateful to him for his work on behalf of the Society.

My personal thanks again go to our Chairman for his advice and guidance and to Mr. A. J. Vickery for the unstinting help he has given me as Assistant Secretary and Accommodation Officer.

A. F. LANGHAM.

## OBITUARY

### MR. ALFRED E. BLACKWELL

With the death on December 1st 1967 of Mr. A. E. Blackwell at the age of 83 the Lundy Field Society lost a great friend and member from our earliest days.

Mr. Blackwell's association with Lundy dates from 1922, and on his retirement in 1936 he chose to settle in Instow to be within easy reach and daily view of the island he loved so deeply. He sustained a great interest in the History of Lundy and kept a careful and scholarly record of his work. In 1948 he published "The Charm and History of Instow, with Lundy Island" and in 1956 contributed a full and useful "Lundy Bibliography" to the Devonshire Association, followed by "Lundy's Ecclesiastical History" in 1960. He was also a regular contributor to Press and Radio on many subjects.

Mr. Blackwell will be sadly missed by many friends and we extend our condolences to Mrs. Blackwell and her son.

A.F.L.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were formally admitted at the 1967 Annual General Meeting:-

Miss E. Billig; Miss A. Bowkett; Miss P. Dyer; D. J. Edkins; Miss C. E. Ford; Miss E. Gale; Miss P. Gale; G. E. Gaskell; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. G. Green; Miss M. Hewitt; R. A. Horne; C. R. Jeans; Mrs. S. C. Lawrence; J. Parkhouse; A. N. Peacock; Miss K. Pedrick; C. J. Pruett; N. Quinnell;