

**OBITUARY**  
**ALBION HARMAN**

The death of Albion Harman early in 1968 bereft the Society of its second President and, more deeply felt, of a very good friend. He succeeded his father, Martin Coles Harman, in 1954, no easy task, and thenceforward for fourteen years he was intimately interested and concerned for our welfare. At the time of his inauguration few would have predicted the storms which were soon to threaten us; the Society's resources, although never deep, were in good order and with devoted wardens and a flourishing membership we held our heads high in the confidence of doing good work and contributing not only to scientific knowledge but also something worth while to the island community. Alas, this happy state was transient and we began to fall into increasing difficulties both financial and in the maintenance of the standards of our work. It was then that we were to appreciate to the full the warmth of Albion's support. He was experiencing his own difficulties, preoccupation with his business affairs in Africa, and above all the continuing and growing need to expend time and money on maintaining and improving conditions on Lundy. But we were always assured that he would listen to our own problems and that advice would be forthcoming towards their solution. It is in no small measure his achievement that we, after long buffeting by storms, are now coming into calm waters and able to look forward with confidence to the future. To our sense of loss there is therefore added the sorrow that he is not with us now to watch and encourage our new acquisition of strength.

L. A. HARVEY.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT 1968**

The sudden death in June of Albion Harman came as a great blow to us all and to the Society at a time when we were already undergoing a period of great change.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family in their great loss and we shall miss his support and counsel greatly.

We are very pleased and honoured to welcome as our new President, John A. Harman, who continues the association established by his father and grandfather.

In 1968 the Committee decided that due to the financial state of the Society, it would be impossible to appoint a resident Warden to succeed Cliff Waller who retired at the end of the 1967 season. This decision was endorsed by the Annual General Meeting as was the decision of the Committee to relinquish our tenancy of the Old Light.

These twin decisions were taken most reluctantly but the Treasurer's Report and the contents of this Annual Report show that the Society is now in a stronger position than at this time last year.

An agreement has been reached whereby the island authority continues to run the Old Light as a Hostel-type of accommodation suitable for parties of visitors, and the Society has been able to negotiate the sale of all our non-scientific material in the building to the island authority. We must record our grateful thanks to Mr. Gade for his help in this, and for the generous terms we have received.

We have further been given the use of the loft above the Hotel Bar as a store for our scientific material and papers. This is dry, warm and secure and the key to this room is kept on the island by Mr. Gade and is available to all bona fide visiting members.

An appeal seeking field workers has been made to all members who visit Lundy and the response in 1968 has been very good. We hope for even more field workers in 1969.

The Committee have decided to institute a new form of membership for Groups and has also decided to seek recognition as a Charity by the Charity Commissioners.

We have decided also to keep a Visitors Log Book on Lundy so that any sightings or observations made by visitors to the island may be recorded.

A. F. LANGHAM