



# THE BULLETIN OF THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1962-1963

The Council has pleasure in presenting its Report on the affairs of the Society for the period 1st January 1962, to 30th April, 1963. The reason for this period instead of the calendar year is the result of the Council's decision to alter the financial year to 1st May to 30th April, so as to present a more accurate picture of the Society's finances. Hitherto, it had been necessary at the end of each calendar year to carry forward a balance to cover the Society's expenditure from 1st January to 30th April until the Government Grant was received.

### COUNCIL

As the result of the resignation of E. M. Shilstone Esq., O.B.E., M.A., President of the Society, Hon. G. B. Evelyn, Esq., C.B.E., Vice-President and Hon. Sir John Saint, Kt., C.M.G.,

O.B.E., M.Sc., Ph.D., Member of the Council, Hon. Sir John Chandler, Kt., Vice-President became President. W. A. Yearwood Esq., and Hon. (now Sir) Frank C. Hutson C.B.E., became Vice-Presidents. E M Shilstone Esq, O.B.E., M.A, agreed to continue as a member of the Council and the two vacancies were filled by Hon J. E. T. Brancker, Q.C., M.C.P Speaker of the House of Assembly and R. S. Jordan Esq., M.A., Chief Education Officer.

### MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of 1962, there were 427 members on the roll of the Society and on 30th April, 1963, there were 416, comprising Founder Members 2, Honorary Members 2, Life Members 39, Annual Members 251, Firm & Company Members 12 and Associate Members 110. The Council is anxious to increase the Membership of the Society to at least 500 and Members are asked to encourage their friends to join.

The following were admitted to Membership of the Society during the year:

### LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. Robert B. Fiske

Wolf Mankowitz Esq.

### ANNUAL MEMBERS

Miss M. van Allen  
A. Clifford Archer Esq.  
Maurice H. S. Barker Esq.  
Mr. V. C. Barringer  
John Blondin Esq.  
Mrs. Gwen Browne  
Frank de Buono Esq.  
L. D. Cleare Esq.

G. D. Clarke Esq.  
V. E. Cobham Esq.  
Mrs. C. B. Crowe  
Mrs. K. S. Hochschild  
Sir Frank Holder, Kt., C.M.G., Q.C.  
Miss M. K. Laurie  
Dr. John B. Lewis  
Grafton P. O'Neal Esq.

### FIRM & COMPANY MEMBERS

Coral Reef Club Ltd.

Royal Caribbee Hotel Ltd.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

A. de C. Gibbs  
Mrs. Ralph Greenidge

Mrs. Ralph Jacoby  
Leslie W. Slater Esq.

### TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

From Annual to Life Member  
Rev. D. A. L. Maclean

### From Annual to Associate Members

Mrs. K. W. Jenkins  
Miss Nell Manning, O.B.E.

Mrs. M. Skinner  
Miss B. Young

## LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council deeply regrets to record the deaths of S. St.C. Hunte, Esq., a Life Member, of John Blondin Esq., Capt. H. G. Briggs, D.S.O., RN, Mrs. H. Challenor, Lady Clarke, V. E. Cobham Esq., Sir Edward Cunard, Bart., Sir E. Allan Collymore, Kt., Q.C., Mrs. J. M. Forster, J. A. Massett Esq., and E. A. Reece, Annual Members; and of Miss M. Laborde and Mrs. M. Yearwood, Associate Members.

## EXHIBITIONS & LECTURES

The Hon. Premier, Errol W. Barrow Esq., B.Sc., M.C.P., paid a visit to the Society's Headquarters and presented a miniature replica of a jar containing one of the Dead Sea Scrolls and a replica of the American Constitution. The Hon. Minister of Education, J. Cameron Tudor Esq., M.A., M.C.P., visited the Museum and also opened the exhibition of photographs by Mortimer Hays.

The following exhibitions were held: Contemporary Art 1962, Contemporary Art, 1963, Cunard Collection of West Indian Prints; Worcester China; Annual Exhibition of Schoolchildren's Art and Handicrafts; Flower Arrangements; The British Council's "Ballet Designs"; "Africa Today" — photographs by Mortimer Hays, in conjunction with Bottlers, (Barbados) Ltd.; Fiehl Reproductions, in conjunction with Wm. Fogarty & Co. Ltd.; Schoolchildren's Posters by arrangement with the Canadian Women's Club; Schoolchildren's Christmas Cards and "Paris — Ville d'Art" staged by the Alliance Francaise.

The Horticultural Society held an exhibition of Flower Arrangements and has paid one-half of the wages of a gardener to look after the garden to the north of the Jubilee Gallery, for which the Council is deeply grateful.

Lecturers were given at Meetings of the Society by W. J. Badcock Esq., on "Recent Geological Survey Investigations on the Scotland Area" and by T. H. H. Wilkinson Esq., on "Wilkinson & Gaviller Ltd., and its Association with Barbados." A joint meeting was held at Harrison College Hall in association with the Barbados National Trust, when Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H., and Hon. J. Cameron Tudor, M.A., M.C.P., Minister of Education, spoke on "The National Heritage"

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Antiques Circle of the Society held four meetings. The Barbados Arts Council, the Barbados Horticultural Society, the Orchid Circle, the Cactus Circle, the Barbados National Trust and the Women's Civic Circle all used the Society's premises for holding meetings.

## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The 8 dioramas illustrating scenes from Barbadian History in the Children's Gallery are nearly completed. Work on these was suspended at the beginning of March when the Director went away on long leave. The Council is deeply grateful to Miss V. Spencer, who generously undertook to dress the 12 figures in the diorama depicting "The Signing of the Charter of Barbados," and to Wm. H. Foxill Esq., who made the guns for the diorama depicting Charles Fort.

The Council is grateful to the following who donated or contributed to the cost of the dioramas as follows:

- 1 An Amerindian Settlement about 1500— Lt. Col. Eric Hervie, Q.C.
2. A Settler's Homestead, about 1630 —Mr. & Mrs. Eric Gates.
3. The Signing of the Charter of Barbados 1652 — Hon. Sir John Chandler, Kt.
4. Eggington's Green & Broad Street, about 1700 — Bottlers (Barbados) Ltd.
6. A Plantation Cropover, about 1800 — Edgecumbe Ltd. Alan Godsal Esq., J. A. Haynes Esq., B.A., W. Haynes Esq., Capt. Hon. Gerald Lascelles, Hon. J. A. Mahon, Anthony Murray Esq, Nicholas Abbey, Lyall Sealy Esq., and to W. A. Yearwood, Esq., who also made this collection.
8. The Arrival of H.R.H. Prince Alfred at Speightstown, 1861 — Accra Beach Club Ltd., Miss S. Agard, Miss Meta Armstrong, Mrs. E. Kellman, Mrs. E. deC. Parris, A. T. Skeete et al, Mrs. Bruce Skeete, Mrs. E. B. Skeete, Mrs. Alan Skinner, J. E. Warmington Esq., and to Mrs. H. W. Ince, who made this collection

Dioramas No. 5 Charles Fort, Needham's Point, about 1740, and, No. 7 Public Market, Bridgetown, about 1820 are still available for presentation to donors of \$100.00.

The Council also wishes to thank Mrs. H. W. Ince for the gift of her dolls house, about 1920, which is likely to be a great draw in the Children's Gallery. The Gallery is to be opened later this year.

Twelve schools sent groups to classes held each term in the Children's Museum. Talks illustrated by an epidiascope and Museum specimens were given on "The Geology of Barbados," "Maps" "The Caribs of Dominica," and "Volcanoes." The total attendance was 1,285 children. Art classes for schoolchildren were held at Harrison College each term by kind permission of the Headmaster. The total attendance was 971.

The Annual Exhibition of Schoolchildren's Art and Handicrafts was held in November. The number of exhibits in both sections has greatly increased and the arrangement of the exhibition severely taxed the Society's small staff and its helpers. \$150.00 was awarded in prizes.

## ART DEPARTMENT

The Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art organised by this Department was held during February—March in 1962 and 1963. There was severe decline in the sale of paintings owing to much competition elsewhere.

## SOCIETY'S HEADQUARTERS

The Council records its appreciation to Government for funds provided so that the Public Works Department was able to carry out repairs at the Society's Headquarters. These consisted of painting part of the roof of the storeroom and Curator's Quarters, painting the roof of the Art Gallery, laying a cement floor and replastering two rooms in the Curator's Quarters, redecorating the Art Gallery and Coronation Gallery.

As the result of an application by the Council, Government generously increased the annual grant made to the Society to enable increases to be made in the salaries of all members of its staff. The Council wishes to express its gratitude to Government for this annual increase and for a non-recurrent grant to enable the lighting of the Children's Gallery and Harewood Gallery to be greatly improved by new installations and for the purchase of 50 chairs for use at talks to schoolchildren and meetings, office equipment and showcases.

#### MUSEUM & LIBRARY

During the year many gifts were made to the Museum and Library. Mr. George Ingham added to the gifts he had previously made a number of interesting specimens. The most outstanding were, a paperweight commemorating the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, 1955, made by the Baccarat Co. for the American Paperweight Association, and a fine pair of silver tapersticks and snuffers made by Edward Jay, London, in 1792.

The bequest by Sir Edward Cunard, Bart., of his collection of 65 colour prints of the West Indies is the most outstanding bequest so far made to the Society. With the possible exception of the collection of West Indian prints at the Institute of Jamaica, the Cunard Collection is unique. Provision will have to be made however, by the Society for the hanging and preservation of the Collection. To open a fund for this purpose, Mrs. Eric Way kindly organised an exhibition of floral arrangements which resulted in \$105.92. Bequests were also received from the estates of Mrs. H. Challenor and of J. D. A. Massett Esq.

A gift of much interest was a bound volume of transcripts from a letter book in the possession of Messrs. Wilkinson & Gaviller Ltd., London, dating from September 1743 to February 1743/44, which was presented on behalf of the company by Mr. R. A. N. Reynolds at a Meeting of the Society.

The Council is again indebted to Dr. E. M. McConney, who has completed indices to Volumes XI—XIV of the Society's Journals and supplied copies to the Library. The value of this work is immense.

#### MUSEUM COLLECTIONS FUND

The Museum Collections Fund made a number of purchases during the year of furniture, china, silver and glass. The Council wishes to thank Mr. Ian Gale, Editor of the **Barbados Advocate**, for his good offices in including a Ball at Sam Lord's Castle in the **Advocate** Week of Water Sports; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Coombs, of Sam Lord's Castle for their help and co-operation with the Ball Mrs. Olga Ramsay, her committee and many helpers who were responsible for the success of the Ball. The Fund received \$1,729.60 from the Ball. The Council would like to pay a special tribute to Mrs. Olga Ramsay who has for many years been an active organiser of balls for the benefit of the fund. It is not sufficiently appreciated that the Museum's collection of furniture, china, silver and glass would not be the attraction it is today had not Mrs. Ramsay's drive and willing help made funds available. The Council is indebted to Mr. Ronald Tree and to Mr. J. A. Taylor for donations to this fund.

The number of acquisitions to the Museum & Library amounted to 411. Of these 142 were acquired by purchase and 269 by gift:

	Glass	China	Silver	Furniture
BY PURCHASE	55	55	8	5
BY GIFTS	22	23	18	5
	77	78	26	10

  

	Books, Maps, Prints, etc.	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
BY PURCHASE	8	11	142
BY GIFT ...	140	61	269
	148	72	411

The November 1962 issue of the Journal is the latest to be published. This is in accordance with the decision of Council that instead of the Journal being published quarterly it would only be possible to publish it twice yearly. The Council regrets that owing to greatly increased printing costs it had no other alternative. Even now, the publication of two issues yearly would not be possible without the support of advertisers to whom the Council is deeply grateful.

#### DONATIONS

The Council would like to thank the following for donations towards the work of the Society:

Miss V. Law  
 Barbados Light & Power Co., Ltd.  
 C. C. Shepherd Esq.  
 Mount Gay Distilleries Ltd.  
 Capt. H. A. Thorne  
 West India Rum Refinery Ltd.

The Society received a bequest of \$500.00 from the late C. Howell Clarke Esq. This sum has been invested in Barbados Government Loan 1978—83 at 6¾% together with \$450.00 from the Life Members Account.

#### ATTENDANCE

During the period 1st January 1962 to 30th April 1963 17,090 persons visited the Museum. These figures show an increase of 1,342 persons over the corresponding period 1961—62.

#### AUDITORS

The Council wishes to record its grateful thanks to Messrs. Fitzpatrick Graham & Co., the Society's Honorary Auditors.

#### VOLUNTARY HELP

The Council is grateful for voluntary help in connection with the Journal to Mrs. H. W. Ince in connection with exhibitions to Miss M. Bayley, Mrs. D. A. Clarke, Miss K. Hollinsed, Mrs. H. W. Ince, Mrs. J. Walcott and Mr. H. C. Connell; to Mrs. Evelyn Robinson for drawing specimens for catalogue purposes, to Mrs. H. W. Ince who continues to write labels for specimens which are much admired by visitors; to Mr. J. E. Warming-ton who continues to give much assistance with the Antiques Circle.

J. D. CHANDLER,  
 President,

8th July, 1963.

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**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 1ST  
1962 TO APRIL 30TH, 1963.**

1961

\$ 9,206	Opening Balance 1st January, 1962	...	...	...	...	...	\$4,851.58
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>							
583	Art Department	...	...	...	...	\$ 263.20	
560	Museum Collections Fund	...	...	...	...	—	263.20
<u>\$10,349</u>							<u>5,114.78</u>
<b>LESS</b>							
<b>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</b>							
129	B'dos Museum & Historical Society	...	...	...	...	\$ 166.00	
—	Museum Collections Fund	...	...	...	...	343.97	
5,369	Children's Museum	...	...	...	...	59.46	569.43
<u>\$ 4,851</u>							<u>\$ 4,545.35</u>
<b>CLOSING BALANCES AT 30TH APRIL, 1963</b>							
\$ 324	Barclays Bank D.C.O. — Current Account	...	...	...	...	\$ 713.67	
568	Barclays Bank D.C.O. — Savings Account	...	...	...	...	197.64	
3,750	The B'dos. Government Savings Bank	...	...	...	...	3,208.63	
209	Cash in Hand	...	...	...	...	425.41	
<u>\$ 4,851</u>							<u>\$4,545.35</u>

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

We hereby certify that we have prepared the above Summary of Receipts and Payments from the books and records furnished us, and certify it to be correctly drawn up in accordance therewith.

FITZPATRICK GRAHAM & CO.

HON. AUDITORS.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

24th June, 1963.



