

## Secretary's Report, 1951-1953.

Since the summer of 1951, our President, Professor E. K. Tratman, has been living in Burrington, and his assistance has proved invaluable to the work of the Society. We are also indebted to him for a generous donation which has made possible the publication of this number of *Proceedings*.

### **Caving.**

**G. B. CAVE.** As a result of discussions with the Axbridge Rural District Council concerning the right of entry to the cave, a new entrance has been built by the Council and the cave is now kept locked. The Society has been made responsible for ensuring that no-one, other than members of certain recognized Societies, is allowed into the cave. Excavation of the East passage has continued steadily, and many parts of the cave have been photographed.

**EIRE.** In the summers of 1951 and 1952 members of the Society visited County Clare, Eire. The results of the work carried out there are reported in this issue.

**RHINO RIFT.** Excavation has been continued with the aid of explosives; much hard work has resulted in but little progress.

**BURRINGTON COMBE CAVES.** A new small cave system in Milliar's Quarry has been entered and awaits further excavation. Digging has been continued in Tratman's Rift, which is now dry, even during the winter.

### **Archæological Excavations.**

**SUN HOLE, CHEDDAR.** Work has recommenced at this site in the Pleistocene levels and a few further finds have been made.

**WHATLEY QUARRY, FROME.** In the autumn of 1951, members of the Society dug out a number of mammoth bones from a small rift in Whatley Quarry. These have been cleaned and identified and are now in the Society's Museum. The bones were presented to the Society by Mr. F. R. Whitney on behalf of the New Frome Quarry Co. A fuller report will appear in due course.

**BANWELL BONE CAVE.** A small amount of work has been done at Banwell Bone Cave and some material obtained for the Society's collection.

**TUMULUS T.5, BURREINGTON.** Excavation of this site has continued under the direction of Dr. H. Taylor.

#### **Field Headquarters.**

Calor gas has been installed for cooking and lighting, and the inside of the building has recently been repainted.

#### **Museum.**

In October, 1952, the Society moved from its previous premises in the University, into two larger rooms in the basement of the Geography Department. One of these rooms is used as a library and committee room, and the other is being converted into a Museum. Five new show cases have been built to replace those lost during the war, and these are now being filled with exhibits from the Society's collection. We are indebted to the University for allowing us to occupy these rooms and for redecorating them throughout.

#### **Meetings.**

Sessional meetings have been held as usual; in addition, in the autumn of 1952, a series of tutorials in geology and archæology was started and appears to have been well received.

#### **Acknowledgements.**

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*Hon. Secretary.*