

## Report for the twelve months ending December, 1925.

During the past year the activities of the Society have continued to produce good results. The usual camps at Burrington and the Wye Valley, and the Sessional Meetings have all been well attended.

No report is being published this year on the excavation of Aveline's Hole; thirty tons of material have been removed from the disturbed area of the Old Spoil Heap inside the cave, and a further five tons from outside the cave, but the finds do not merit any special description; at the time of writing, however, more important remains are coming to light. Partly in view of the dangerous nature of the excavated area in the cave, and partly to protect the excavations from disturbance by persons passing on the main road, it was considered essential to have a strong gate placed on the cave; the necessary permits were obtained, and Mr. E. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S., most generously gave a donation of ten pounds towards the expenses.

It has been decided to suspend work on Goatchurch Cavern, because the immense amount of labour expended therein has been most unproductive.

The only work remaining to be done at Read's Cavern is the removal of part of the area outside the cave with a view to determining the position of the original entrance; little has been done to that on account of more pressing work elsewhere.

A large number of books has been added to the library by presentation, exchange and purchase; our thanks are due to M. l'Abbé Breuil, Miss D. A. E. Garrod, Messrs. W. H. Ackland, A. L. Armstrong, P. Bushe-Fox, R. C. C. Clay, O. G. S. Crawford, J. A. Davies, C. Fox, H. St. G. Gray, T. F. Hewer, A. Mahr, A. F. Major, R. R. Marett, F. G. Parsons, L. S. Palmer, S. H. Reynolds, W. J. Sollas, E. K. Tratman, H. Woolley, Sir A. Smith-Woodward, for presentations, and to the Bristol Museum, the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia, the Torquay Nat. Hist. Society, the Portsmouth Field Club, the Vienna Prehistoric Society and the British School of Archæology in Jerusalem for exchange of publications.

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T. F. HEWER, *Hon. Secretary.*