

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE QUANTON THORN.—On Christmas eve, 1753, at Quainton, in Buckinghamshire, above two thousand people went with lanterns and candles, to view a blackthorn in that neighbourhood, which was remembered to be a slip from the famous Glastonbury thorn, and reported always to have budded on the 24th, to have been full blown the next day, and to have gone off at night. The people finding no appearance of a bud, it was agreed by all, that December 25 (new style) could not be the right Christmas-day, and accordingly refused going to Church, and treating their friends on that day as usual: at length

the affair became so serious, that the ministers of the neighbouring villages, in order to appease them, thought it prudent to give notice, that old Christmas-day should be kept holy as before.—*From the Gentleman's Magazine.*— [We cannot find any record or tradition of this circumstance at the place. There is, we believe, a Glastonbury thorn now in the Rector's garden.—ED.]

HAWRIDGE CHURCH is a small Early English building of flint and stone, rough-cast. The most interesting features are the Norman Font, and small single-light side windows, one of which in the Chancel is filled with stained glass, in memory of a former Rector, and a very early Perpendicular West Window. The proportions of the Chancel are marred by a modern wall, which cuts off the Eastern extremity. The walls being in an unsafe condition, it is found necessary to rebuild the Church, and plans have been prepared by Mr. White, the architect, of the most simple character, but yet effective and artistic. The small Nave and Chancel are to be of the original dimensions, and under one roof, with a South Porch and Bell Turret, both of wood. The material of the walls is to be flint, intersected with layers of brick and stone quoins: the splays of the windows and the lower internal portion of the walls are to be of red brick. The judicious introduction of this material appears most consistent with the elastic spirit of Gothic Architecture, which ever adapts itself to the occasion, and employs to the best advantage whatever material will most readily effect the object in view. Care will doubtless be taken to replace in similar positions every piece of the original work that can be so employed, and to make any new tracery or moulding an exact copy of the old. The Rector having kindly offered a drawing, the Society may preserve a memorial of the old Church, long after it has passed away. We only hope that contributions from other sources may be obtained, sufficient to compensate for the poverty of the parish, and to carry out this good work.

ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL*Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts for***Receipts.**

	£	s.	d
Balance handed over by late Treasurer	4	12	2
Arrears of Subscription for 1850.....	1	10	0
The like 1851.....	2	15	0
The like 1852.....	8	0	0
The like 1853.....	10	10	0
Subscriptions for 1854	22	5	0
The like .. 1855	15	5	0
The like .. 1856 in advance	1	5	0
The like .. 1857 in advance	0	5	0
Composition for Subscriptions to 1855 inclusive	1	1	0
The like 1856.....	3	3	0
The like 1858	6	6	0
The like 1859.....	5	5	0
Life Subscriptions	10	0	0
For Advertisements in "Records of Buckinghamshire."	3	8	6
For Sale of "Records," &c.....	2	1	6
For Tickets and Catalogues disposed of at Annual Meeting, 1855	12	9	0
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	£110	1	2
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*April 14, 1856. Examined, audited.***Received from January 1st to May 5th, 1856.**

Balance in hand	£26	5	6
Subscriptions, &c. (including two Life Subscriptions)	17	15	0
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	£44	0	6
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The Arrears of Subscription up to Dec, 31st, 1855, and still unpaid, amount

SOCIETY FOR THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

the Two Years, ending 31st December, 1855.

Payments.

	£	s.	d
Mr. Pickburn for printing "Records of Buckinghamshire," 1 and 2, Circulars, and Stationery to Christmas, 1854 } Illustrations to "Records," 1, 2, 3, and 4 }	29	19	7
Mr. Chandler, printing Catalogues for "Records," No. 4.	2	2	6
Expenses of General Meeting 1853	2	0	0
The like 1854.	0	14	3
The like 1855	18	10	0
Purchase of books and prints	5	0	4
Librarian's salary for the year 1853	0	10	0
Archaeological Institute, Entrance Fee, and Subscription } for 1854 and 1855 }	3	3	6
Architectural Societies' Reports and Papers, purchased for } Sale to Members }	1	16	3
Survey of site of ancient camp at Cholesbury	1	5	0
Opening Barrow at Hampden	0	10	0
Postage of "Records," Circulars, and Letters, 1854.....	4	6	9
The like 1855	3	12	1
Advertisements, and Commission on Sale of "Records," &c.	2	8	0
Carriage of Parcels & sundry petty payments in 1854 & 1855	1	18	7
Balance in Treasurer's hands	26	5	6
	£110	1	2

and compared with the Vouchers this Day,

Z. D. HUNT, *Auditor.*

E. R. BAYNES, *Treasurer.*

Paid from January 1st to May 5th, 1856.

For Debts outstanding, January 1, 1856.....	£26	5	3
" Lipscomb's Buckinghamshire," and other payments....	12	11	9
Balance in hand.....	5	3	6
	£44	0	6

to £22 10s.; those for the current year still unpaid amount to £24 5s.

AT THE QUARTERLY MEETING, MAY 5th, 1856, the Reverend Hibbert Wanklyn, now residing at Aylesbury, was appointed Honorary Secretary, and Thomas Dell, Esq., Treasurer, in the room of the Reverend A. Newdigate and E R. Baynes, Esq., who had resigned.

MEMORIAL TO EDMUND BURKE.—At the same Meeting, Archdeacon Bickersteth(V.P.) observed that much interest was attached to Beaconsfield Church, as containing the remains of the great statesman, Edmund Burke. That there is, however, no memorial whatever of him there or elsewhere in the County, with the exception of a small tablet in that Church. That the present representative of the family and several distinguished persons in the County, desiring to promote some lasting memorial of one who was an honour to his country and his nation, are willing to aid in the Restoration of Beaconsfield Church, in which he used to worship, as a suitable mode of honouring his memory; in which case a memorial window or inscription in brass might commemorate the occasion of the Restoration.

PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHURCHES.—Mr. May's plan for the publication of these views was approved by the Society.

EPITAPHS.—The publication of a Collection of Epitaphs, appropriate for Country Churchyards, is contemplated. To aid in making it as complete as possible, we shall be happy to receive from our readers any suitable inscriptions occurring in this County, or elsewhere.

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PREPARING FOR PUBLICATION,
LARGE PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS
OF THE
CHURCHES OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

TO BE TAKEN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE

Architectural and Archaeological Society for the County,

PATRONISED BY THE VEN. ARCHDEACON, ETC.

The above will be taken by the Collodion Process on Paper, 8 by 10 inches, and mounted on Cardboard, about 14 by 18 inches in size.

The Publication will commence on the 1st of July, and Two Views will be published in each month.

The price of each Series of Six will be £2 5s.; that of Single Views, 10s. 6d.

Apply to the Rev. HIBBERT WANKLYN, Secretary, Tring Road Villas ; or to Mr. J. C. MAY, Photographer and Decorative Painter, Cambridge-street, Aylesbury,

ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

FOR THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

The Resolution published last November, that the *Names of all Members in arrears of Subscription be printed and circulated*, will not be carried into effect until the second publication for this year, meanwhile such Members are earnestly requested to send their remittances without delay. Much expense and trouble has been entailed upon the Society by irregularity in payment of Subscriptions.

The Subscription for the current year has been due since the 1st of January.

Any of the following Serials will be regularly forwarded to Members for perusal, on application to the Secretary at Aylesbury:—

Weekly.—The LITERARY GAZETTE (presented by the Rev. C. Boutell).

Bimonthly.—The Journal of the KILKENNY Archaeological Society (presented by the Society).

Quarterly.—The CAMBRIAN JOURNAL (presented by the Cambrian Institute).
The ARCHEOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

Annual.—(Presented by the respective Societies)—REPORTS AND PAPERS of the Architectural Societies of NORTHAMPTON, YORK, LINCOLN, WORCESTER, and BEDFORDSHIRE.

Transactions of the EXETER Diocesan Architectural Society.

SUSSEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS.

OSSIANIC SOCIETY'S Publications.

CAMBRIAN JOURNAL.

Members of the Bucks Architectural and Archaeological Society are invited to attend the General Meeting of the St. Alban's Society, at St. Alban's, on Tuesday the 17th of June.

► **It is requested that all Communications be addressed in future to the Rev. HIBBERT WANKLYN, Hon. Secretary, AYLESBURY.**