

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

JULY 17TH, 1860.—The Annual Meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms of the Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell, on Tuesday, July 17th, and two following days. This is the first time the Society has visited this part of the County since its formation, Nov. 16, 1847. A Local Committee was formed, consisting of forty-nine influential Gentlemen in the neighbourhood; the Rev. C. G. HULTON, J. PALMER, Esq., and the Rev. H. ROUNDELL, acting as Local Secretaries. The Committee issued a Programme of the Proceedings, with a Circular requesting the co-operation of parties with their efforts for the formation of a temporary Museum, by the loan of Articles in any of the following departments:—British, Roman, or Saxon Antiquities; as Coins, Arms, Articles of Domestic use, Glass or Pottery: Mediæval; as Coins, Ecclesiastical and Military Works, Heraldry, Works of Decorative Art, and miscellaneous Works: and objects of Natural History, and Curiosities of any description. This appeal was readily responded to by fifty-seven contributors, thirty-three of whom are Members of the Society; and the thanks of the Society are greatly due to these Gentlemen for their kindness in so readily and willingly sending their Articles for exhibition. The Local Secretaries, for several days previous to the Meeting, were busily engaged in fitting up the temporary Museum, and arranging in classical order the large collection of rare and valuable Specimens which had been kindly lent for the occasion. An ample descriptive Catalogue* was published of all the articles exhibited, with a list of the contributors. The Museum contained, besides the presentations to the Society at this Meeting recorded in this account and the Society's usual articles of exhibition, a large collection of Brass Rubbings and Inscriptions, fifty-two in number; some good Drawings of Frescoes in Lathbury and Broughton Churches; several Books of an early date, amongst them five Missals of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Centuries, contributed from the collection of the Rev. T. Wilton, to whom the Society is indebted for the loan of many valuable antiquities; a Manuscript Bible given to the Chancel of Buckingham Church in 1471, and a Latin Bible of the same version, printed at Venice in 1494; a very large Collection of Coins in gold, silver, and copper, many of them of ancient date, but in a good state of preservation; many fine specimens of Pottery; a magnificent Cabinet Collection of British Butterflies, all captured in England, exhibited by the Rev. H. Burney; many Ancient Relics dug up in various parts of the County; Fossils; Stuffed Birds, &c. &c. Some of the articles unfortunately arrived too late to be inserted in the Catalogue, and among them were a Roman Cameo, Venetian Chain Works, Egyptian Font (representing the Baptism of John in Limoges Enamel Maltese work), two Roman Æs, Roman Cameo, Egyptian Lamp, Persian Inkhorn, Specimen of Indian Inlaid Work (exhibited by the Rev. W. L. Lawson), Tiles from the Old House at Weston (exhibited by Mr. Shepherd), Curious Old Lock

* Some of the Catalogues still remain on hand, and may be purchased at 6d. each of the Honorary Secretaries; or of Mr. Croydon, Newport Pagnell.

made at Birmingham, probably in the early part of the Seventeenth Century (exhibited by Mr. Shepherd), Bedouin Household Gods brought from Egypt by Sir R. Bickerton (exhibited by Mrs. Dunsford). The Museum formed a most interesting and attractive collection, and added much to the interest which was excited in the town and neighbourhood by the visit of the Society.

The Chair was taken by C. G. Du PRÉ, Esq., M.P., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society; among the company present were:—Sir H. Verney, Bart., M.P.; Rev. C. Lowndes, Rev. H. Roundell, and Rev. C. G. Hulton, Local Secretaries. Rev. W. England, Rev. E. Hill, Rev. W. Tomkins, Rev. John Randolph, Rev. C. S. Lowndes, Rev. John Benthall, Rev. J. P. Langley, Rev. John Athawes, Rev. Joseph Tarver, Rev. W. Jendwine, Rev. W. Bennett, Rev. H. Bull, Rev. M. A. Nicholson, Rev. J. Webb, Rev. M. Farrell, Rev. G. Morley, Rev. W. L. Lawson, S. Newman, Esq.; J. B. Gray, Esq.; G. H. Haslop, Esq., M.D.; G. Cooch, Esq.; W. Levi, Esq.; R. S. Lowndes, Esq.; E. W. S. Lowndes, Esq.; J. C. Maul, Esq. A large number of Ladies also graced the Meeting by their presence, among whom were Mrs. C. S. Lowndes and Misses Lowndes, Mrs. H. Bull, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. W. Whitworth, Mrs. Tarver, Mrs. Welton, Mrs. J. C. Maul, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hulton, Mrs. Hale, &c. &c.

An excellent Luncheon was provided for the Members of the Society and their Friends at half-past one o'clock. The company after partaking of this repast proceeded to the Museum, which was admirably arranged by the Local Committee for the inspection of the various Articles exhibited, and for the purposes of the Annual Meeting. At three o'clock, the hour announced in the Programme, the business of the Annual Meeting commenced.

C. G. Du PRÉ, Esq., M.P., rose and said he was glad to know that the advantages to be derived from the study of Archæology were so generally appreciated as to render it needless for him to detain the company by a long opening speech, for, though deeply interested in Archæological matters, his acquaintance with these subjects was so superficial that he could not pretend to instruct the Gentlemen he saw around him. Still, he had accepted with great diffidence the invitation to preside, because it might serve as an expression of his interest in these studies, and also because it gave him an opportunity of visiting his friends at Newport, among whom he had always met with the most friendly reception. He was glad to be able to congratulate the Society on the state of its Funds, and the increase of its Members. He trusted that all who joined the Society would feel bound to communicate any information which might come in their way with reference to their own neighbourhoods. He was glad also that the Society had assumed somewhat of a peripatetic character. If they should come into his own neighbourhood (Beaconsfield), they would find the tombs of the Wallers and the Burkes, and there were certain circumstances connected with the burial of the last named great statesman, which, if not taken up by a Society like the present, might perhaps soon pass into oblivion. That great statesman was so embued with a dread of revolution and revolutionists that he entertained a fear lest his bones should be taken up by some of them; he refused to be buried in a leaden coffin, and the rector, on examining the locality lately, found the ground broken up, and the bones scattered about the grave. Should the Society visit Beaconsfield, they would perhaps agree with him that the Church which has been built in the neighbourhood at an expense of something like £10,000, is a most serious retrograde step in Ecclesiastical Architecture—namely, the new Church at Gerrard's Cross. It is in a Pseudo-

Byzantine style, and if half the cost had been expended on a building on the improved Gothic principles, which had recently become so fully recognised, a result much more in keeping with the spirit of the age, and the requirements of the village Church, would have been produced. He would only further express his gratification at seeing so many of the fair sex present at this gathering, and his hope that the Society would be eminently successful in promoting a spirit of inquiry into those subjects to which its attention was particularly directed.

The name of J. C. Hubbard, Esq., M.P., was, on the recommendation of the Committee, added to the list of Vice-Presidents, and the Officers and Committee were re-elected *pro forma*.

The Secretary (Rev. C. Lowndes) then read a List of Sixty-one new Members who, according to the Rules of the Society, had been proposed and seconded at Committee Meetings, and were recommended for election. They were unanimously elected; and their names are included in the List of Members published in this Number of the RECORDS.

The Secretary read the Report of the Auditors for the previous year, by which it appeared that the total receipts amounted to £52. 1s. 1½d., and the expenditure to £52. 6s. 0d., leaving a balance against the Treasurer of 4s. 10½d. On the motion of the Rev. W. L. Lawson, the Report was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary then read the List of Articles recently presented to the Society.

Two Roman Urns, pieces of several ditto, a Fibula, Head of Roman Spear, two small Daggers, Iron Ornament, part of a Mediæval Brooch, and a Mediæval Key.—By H. Wykeham, Esq., Tythrop Park.

Two Roman Urns, one Roman Coin, and five English Coins, found at Terrick.—By Mr. J. S. Stone.

Analysis of Gothic Architecture, 16 Parts.—By Rev. R. S. Ferris.

A British Celt, found in Thame Field; the bottom of a Samian Urn, found at Muswell Hill; Rings, found in a Funereal Urn at Crendon; the Great Royal Seal of Queen Elizabeth, granting Land *in capite* to — Mollines or Mullins, Aston Mullins.—By H. Lupton, Esq.

Seal of Syon Abbey.—By Rev. H. Roundell.

Battle Axe.—By the Rev. H. Bull.

On the motion of the Rev. W. TOMKINS, the thanks of the Society were tendered to the several donors.

The Rev. C. LOWNDES having remarked that in consequence of a family affliction Vice-Admiral Smyth, whose name had been announced in the Programme as the reader of a Paper, was prevented attending the Meeting, read a letter from him on "A Doubled-faced Brass in Stone Church; with a few general remarks on the Desecration and Robberies of Churches." As this Letter will be published in the next number of the RECORDS, it is unnecessary to give any account of its contents.

Sir HARRY VERNY, Bart., M.P., moved that the thanks of the Meeting be tendered to Vice-Admiral Smyth for this communication, with the request that he will allow it to be published in the transactions of the Society. Every one must see that a great deal of valuable information is being brought to light every year, which will be lost unless gathered into some focus like that afforded by this Society. Information of this, as of other kinds, was gradually extending even to the

humblest class. It was a talent committed to each of us, like any other kind of knowledge, and those gentlemen who contributed to its diffusion were really contributing to the improvement and elevation of society.

The vote having been seconded, and put by the Chairman, was unanimously carried.

The Rev. C. G. HULTON then read a Paper on "Lavendon," from the first institution of the Abbey, which was of the Premonstratensian order, in the time of Henry II., down to the present time; also a Paper on "Tickford," which was a Monastery of the Cluniac order, founded in the time of William the Conqueror.

On the motion of the Rev. John Randolph, seconded by the Rev. W. L. Lawson, the thanks of the Meeting were tendered to Mr. Hulton, with a request for the publication of the Papers.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by the Rev. W. Tomkins, seconded by the Rev. W. L. Lawson, terminated the proceedings for the day.

On Wednesday, at noon, the Museum was re-opened, and the room not being over crowded, as on the previous day, ample opportunity was afforded for inspecting the articles exhibited.

In the evening, before the time announced for the reading of the Papers, a large audience was present in the Museum, and after the Chair had been taken by the vicar of Newport, the Rev. G. Morley, Mr. Grindon read a Paper written by Mr. Storer, on "Olney." A conversation followed by J. Palmer Esq., the Rev. H. Bull, the Rev. J. Turner, and Mr. Storer, which concluded by a unanimous vote of thanks to the lecturer.

The Rev. C. G. HULTON, rector of Emberton, then read an interesting Paper, written by the Rev. W. Hastings Kelke, on "Filgrave Church."

A vote of thanks was awarded to the writer of the Paper, and the proceedings were further adjourned until the following day.

On Thursday the Society's visit was brought to a termination. The Museum was opened in the morning, and in the evening, the Chair being taken by the Rev. H. Bull, the Rev. H. Roundell, Vicar of Buckingham, read a Paper on "The Newport Garrison in the Civil Wars."

J. PALMER, Esq., in a complimentary speech, proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the Rev. H. Roundell for his very able and interesting Paper, and in the course of his remarks, spoke highly of the great exertions and time given by the Local Secretaries in the formation and arrangement of the Museum. Mr. W. H. Bull seconded the resolution.

The Chairman, after having received a vote of thanks for his kindness in presiding, took occasion to express, on the part of himself and friends residing in the town and neighbourhood of Newport, their deep sense of the kindness of those Members of the Society, and other contributors who had so liberally sent their valuable articles for exhibition. He also expressed his gratitude to those gentlemen who had contributed Papers, and to the Local Secretaries for the great trouble they had taken in getting up the Meeting.

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FOR THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

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Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in the Treasurer's hands.....	25 16 1½	Three Years' Subscription to the Archæological Institute	3 3 0
Subscriptions for the Year 1859	15 10 0	Whymper & Co., for a Wood Engraving	4 10 0
Arrears of Subscriptions, and in advance	10 2 0	H. Cowell, for Anastatic Printing	5 1 6
By Sale of "Records"	0 14 0	J. Ivatts, for One Year's Rent of Room, due at Michaelmas	12 12 0
Balance	0 4 10½	J. Pickburn (on account), for Printing & Stationery	15 6 0
		Purchase of Books	4 5 6
		Map of Bucks	0 15 0
		Postage Stamps	3 3 2
		Parcels and Envelopes	0 17 6
		Expenses attending the Annual Meeting at the White Hart, Aylesbury	1 5 10
		Advertisements	1 12 6
	£52 6 0		£52 6 0

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Architectural and Archæological Society

FOR THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

Established Nov. 16th, 1847.

I. OBJECT.—That the object of this Society shall be, to promote the study of Architecture and Antiquities, by the collection of books, drawings, models, casts, brass-rubbings, notes, and local information, and by mutual instruction at Meetings of the Society in the way of conversation and by reading original papers on subjects connected with its designs.

II. CONSTITUTION.—That the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, not less than two Secretaries, a Treasurer, two Auditors, Honorary and Ordinary Members; of whom, the Bishop of the Diocese for the time being shall be requested to accept the office of President; the Archdeacon of the County, being a Subscriber, shall be considered *ex officio* one of the Vice-Presidents; and that the remaining Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the Committee, and with the other Officers be elected by a Majority of the Members present at an Annual Meeting of the Society; and that every candidate for admission to the Society shall be proposed and seconded at a General Meeting or at a Committee Meeting, and ballotted for at the next General Meeting, one black ball in five to exclude; and that on the election of a Member, one of the Secretaries shall send him notice of it and a copy of the Rules.

III. GOVERNMENT.—That the affairs of the Society be transacted by a Committee consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Twelve Ordinary Members, elected annually at a General Meeting of the Subscribers; and that three do constitute a quorum; further, that all Rural Deans in the County, being Subscribers, be considered *ex officio* Members of the Committee, exclusive of the twelve elected; and that Members of the Committee in any neighbourhood may associate other Members of the Society with themselves for local purposes in communication with the Central Committee.

IV. FINANCES.—That each Member shall pay an Annual Subscription of not less than Five Shillings, to be due on the first of January for the current year, or shall compound for the same for five years by one payment of a Guinea, or for life by one payment of Five Pounds. And that if any Member's Subscription be in arrear for one year, he may be removed from the Society after three month's notice to him from the Treasurer, at the discretion of the Committee. Excepting that all persons holding the office of Churchwarden in any Parish of the County be placed, on the recommendation of the Clergyman of their respective Parish, and with the sanction of the Committee, on the list of Members, without payment; and also that when extraordinary talent in Architectural or Archæological pursuits is shown by any person, it shall be competent for a majority of the Committee to elect such person an Honorary Member without Subscription.

V. MEETINGS.—That the General Meetings of the Society be held once a quarter, or at such times in each year as the Committee shall fix, of which due notice shall be given; and that each member may be allowed to introduce Visitors at all General Meetings, except during the transaction of private business.

VI. PROPERTY.—That all Books, Drawings, Papers, and other property of the Society, be kept by the Secretaries for the use of Members, subject to the regulations of the Committee.

VII. RULES.—That no new Rule shall be passed, and no alteration made in any existing Rule, unless notice of the proposed new Rule or alteration shall have been given at the preceding General Meeting.