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PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
The Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire  
Archæological Society.

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On Tuesday, the 16th June 1914, an Excursion took place to Linton and its neighbourhood.

Starting from Cambridge Station, the first place visited was the church of St. Peter, Babraham, where the party was met by the Vicar, the Rev. Byrom Holland, who pointed out the interesting features. The walls of the chancel are largely of Early English date, remains of two blocked lancets being visible, but the present windows are insertions of later styles. The rest of the church is chiefly of the Perpendicular period, and has some fine windows in that style. There are several monuments and the matrix of a brass.

Babraham Hall stands on the site of a house built, in 1576, by Sir Horatio Palavicini. Sir Horatio, who was born in Genoa, of a noble family, had been collector of the Pope's taxes in England, but, upon the accession of Queen Elizabeth he transferred his allegiance from the Pope to the Queen, and retained the large sum of money, then in his hands, to his own use. In 1587, he received the honour of knighthood, and the next year he fitted out and commanded a ship against the Spanish Armada. He lent considerable sums of money to the Queen, but charged usurious interest. He died 6th July 1600, and was buried in Babraham Church. The following epitaph was written upon him, and is quoted by Walpole in his *Anecdotes of Painting*, from a manuscript in the possession of Sir John Crow:—

“ Here lies Horatio Palavezene,  
Who robb'd the pope, to lend the queene:  
He was a thief; a thief! thou liest;  
For whie? He robb'd but antichrist.  
Him death wyth besome swept from Babram,  
Into the bosom of oulde Abraham:  
But then came Hercules with his club,  
And struck him down to Belzebug.”

His widow married, as his second wife, Sir Oliver Cromwell, of Hinchbrook:— her two sons, Sir Henry and Sir Tobias Palavicini, both married daughters of Sir Oliver Cromwell; while her daughter, Baptina, became the wife of Henry, Sir Oliver's eldest son and heir.<sup>1</sup>

The estate was afterwards possessed by the Bennets, Baronets, to two of whom,—Richard, died 1658, and Sir Thomas, died 1667,— there are monuments in the church. The House was pulled down in 1767, and a later mansion, the seat of the Adeanes, now stands on its site.

From Babraham the party proceeded to Little Abington, crossing on the way the derelict railway built in 1846 and abandoned six years later, and then over Bourn Bridge and past the site of two well known coaching inns.<sup>2</sup>

St. Mary's Church, Little Abington, consists of chancel, nave, north transept, south porch and west tower. The chancel is Early English, with a triple lancet east window, and a double piscina with the dog-tooth ornament in the south wall. The north transept is also of the same date. In the angle between the transept and the nave are some fragments carved with the so-called "Celtic knotwork," and similar fragments may be observed round the blocked north door of the nave.

The nave is chiefly of Decorated date; and the south porch is Perpendicular, but the inner doorway is Norman.

On the road to Hildersham, the grave of Geoffrey Lagden, the highwayman,<sup>2</sup> was passed. At Hildersham Church (Holy Trinity), the party was met by the Rector, the Rev. P. R. Phillips, who has written an interesting account of the church, which we hope to print at an early date.

The next item on the programme was Luncheon at the Swan Hotel, Linton, which was generously provided by Mr. E. V. Wilkin, who took the chair. Luncheon over, on the motion of Mr. Emery, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wilkin.

Dr. W. M. Palmer then conducted the party round the ancient market town of Great Linton, pointing out many quaint and interesting houses, and giving a history of many of them, finally arriving at the Church (St. Mary) where he read a paper. Having spent two very pleasant hours in Linton, the party moved on to Mrs. Berney Ficklin's garden, where they were kindly entertained to tea, after which Dr. Palmer said a few words as to the history of the house, which occupies the site of the Priory, a Cell to the Abbey of St. Jagu de L'isle, in France; the Priory was suppressed in 1400, and the property was given to Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. A very hearty vote of thanks having been proposed by Canon (now Archdeacon) Hodgson, to Mrs. Berney Ficklin for her hospitality, and to Dr. Palmer and Miss Parsons for their notes on the history of the parishes, as well as for the great trouble they had taken to make the excursion so successful, the party made their way to the Station, and so home.

1. Noble's Protectoral House of Cromwell, 1787 Edition, vol. II. pp. 173—180.

2. See Miss Parson's paper, *ante*.

The Members and their friends who attended on this occasion included the Rev. Canon Hodgson, the Reverends S. St. A. Baylee, T. E. Beckett, J. P. Ellwood, H. N. Grimley, A. L. Grimley, Byrom Holland, G. J. Mayhew, W. M. Noble, A. Peskett, P. R. Phillips, E. W. Porter, J. H. Rutter and W. J. Wickins; Dr. Newton. Dr. Palmer; Messrs. A. Bull, A. H. Bultitaf, H. Downie, W. Emery, T. Spencer, C. Whymper, R. Watts White, A. E. Wright and E. V. Wilkin; Mrs. Baylée, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. and Miss Bull, Miss Carnegy, Mrs. and Miss K. C. Emery. Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. and the Misses Walker, Mrs. and Miss Wickins, Mrs. Wilkin, Mrs. Yeatherd, and others.

Owing to the war, there was no Autumn Excursion in 1914.

The Summer Excursion, in 1915, took place on Tuesday, the 18th May, when several churches in the neighbourhood of Catworth, Bythorn and Keyston were visited.

At Great Catworth Church (St. Leonard), the Rector, the Revd. A. W. M. Weatherly, met the party and read a very interesting paper upon the Church and Village, which we hope to publish shortly.

At Brington (All Saints) the visit was very brief, and no paper was read, but the Rector, the Revd. C. F. Bolland, met the party, and showed them the objects of interest, including the ancient chalice, which bears the London hall-mark for 1663-4, and is engraved with the Arms of Pocklington, *Paly of six, argent and purpure, a bend counterchanged*, together with the inscription "Brington com Huntingdon, 1664." Oliver Pocklington, S.T.P., became Rector in 1663. The chancel has plain Perpendicular windows and south door; the chancel arch is of the same style, and has the rood stairs on the north side. The windows of the nave are chiefly square-headed two-lights of Decorated date, but the westernmost window on the south side is a three-light with flowing tracery.

The tower and broach spire are late Decorated; the belfry windows are transomed two-lights, and a band of ornamental panelling runs round the tower just below the spire.

The font is very curious; it is rude, of an oval tub-shaped form, and of early date,—probably Norman.

The next Church visited was Molesworth (St. Peter) where, again, the time allowed was short. The Rector, the Revd. H. A. Penzer, read a few brief notes, and pointed out the interesting features of the Church. The stones of the chancel are Early English, but the whole chancel was taken down some thirty years ago, and rebuilt, unfortunately not upon the ancient lines, for whereas originally the orientation of the chancel differed from that of the nave, in the rebuilding it has been made to accord with it.

The walls of the nave are also largely of Early English date, but the windows are Perpendicular three-lights;—there are two frescoes representing respectively St. Christopher and St. Anthony, and, on the floor, a stone with Lombardic inscription round the edges, which may probably be read:—“. m . . : la : femme : de : Gill : de : Molesworth : gist : ici : Deu : de : sa : ame : eit : merci”, in which ‘Gill’ stands for ‘William’. William de Molesworth died 2. Edward II. Another similar stone lies below the floor under the pulpit, and is not now visible. but, judging by the records of the inscription (which are somewhat contradictory), it probably commemorated Ada, wife of Walter de Molesworth;—she was Ada de Balliol, and probably mother of William above named.

The tower is of Perpendicular date, and the porch is modern.

After partaking of Luncheon in the Schoolroom at Bythorn, the party paid a brief visit to the Church (St Lawrence), which is of mixed Decorated and Perpendicular styles. There are squints on each side of the chancel arch, and a good Early English piscina in the chancel. The nave arcades are early Decorated, and the clerestory Perpendicular. The whole church has been much restored. The lower part of the tower is late Decorated, and has a good two-light window below, and transomed two-lights in the belfry; below the broach spire is a band of quatrefoils.

From Bythorn the party proceeded to Keyston where, unfortunately, the Rector, the Rev. A. T. Powley, was away from home, but he had kindly made arrangements for the Registers and Church Plate to be on view. Here Mr. Noble read some interesting notes upon the church and parish. The Church of St. John the Baptist is a fine one; considerable portions of the chancel walls are of Early English date, and there is a two-light window of this style in both the side walls, and both walls contain portions of another similar window, that on the north being blocked, while that on the south has been altered into a Perpendicular three-light. The south wall contains a piscina, credence and sedilia of early Decorated date.

The nave arcades, also of Early English date, have columns alternately circular and octagonal, but those on the opposite sides of the nave are different, -i.e. a circular column is opposite an octagonal one, and so forth. Two of the caps have the nail-head ornament.

Most of the windows in the nave and aisles are Perpendicular; the north door is Decorated.

The tower and spire are particularly fine. They are of late Decorated date; the west door is deeply recessed, and the canopy over it has rich hanging tracery and some quaint carving. The belfry windows are very rich, and a deep band of panelling runs round the top of the tower, just below the broach spire.

There are two Norman—or they may be even Saxon—stones in the east wall of the south porch.

A very curious feature in the church is a carved oak figure of a skeleton in a shroud. On the wall of the north transept is a stone with deeply carved letters; there is also a coffin lid.

It is commonly said that one of the transepts was the burial place of the de Ferrars family;—Mr. Noble proved that this must have been the north transept, because he had evidence that other people were buried in the south transept. There is a little old glass, one window in the north transept has the letters J (crowned), M and MR., the white rose and the rising sun; the two last point to a connection with a Yorkist family. The rose-en-soliel is carved on a panel on the east wall of the chancel, outside.

The oldest Chalice and Paten bear the London Hall-mark for 1735-6, another chalice is dated 1776, and there are several more modern pieces of plate.

The Manor House stood on the high land on the other side of the road, but was pulled down about seventy years ago. There is a considerable moat, with what looks like a "motte" in one corner, and a kind of terrace at the opposite side. Two long ditches running around the eastern side of the field combine with a large fish pond to enclose a considerable area of ground. The steep escarpments at the N.W. corner are said to be caused by digging for gravel at that point; but there are some distinctly interesting configurations of the ground both on the west and the south-west sides. A fine stone coffin lies in the brook on the west side, between the moat and the church.

At Covington a very brief stop was made. Here the church (All Saints) is of mixed styles; the north door is late Norman, with a curiously carved tympanum. The chancel windows are Early English, and one of them has a shield of arms in ancient stained glass,—*Argent, on a bend between six crosslets pommee fitchee gules, three roses Or*, supposed to be the arms of the de Bayous family. The chalice is a simple Elizabethan cup, without a hall mark, but inscribed "THE X TOVNE X OF X COVINGTON";—the second word was apparently engraved in error, 'TONE,' and a 'V' was afterwards engraved on the top of the 'N,' like a monogram.

The last church to be visited was Tilbrook (All Saints), where the Rector, the Revd. C. Hemsley, met the party and read some notes. Probably the earliest part of the church is the curiously carved stone now fixed in the gable of the south porch, which is said to represent St. Anthony and his pig; possibly this is a portion of a late Norman tympanum such as that at Covington.<sup>1</sup> The earliest substantial parts of the Church, however, are the nave arcade and north aisle, which are Early English. The two eastern bays of the arcade are in their original condition, but the western bays have been rebuilt at a later date. The columns of these western bays are of larger diameter than the others, and it may be that they were of earlier date, possibly Norman,—but their caps and bases, and the arches over them are of nondescript character and obviously very late.

1. Compare the tympanum at Little Paxton, illustrated in the Transactions, Vol: II, page 101.

The aisle door has jamb-shafts outside, and one of the caps has the nail-head ornament. The west window is an Early English lancet, and one other window is a two-light of the same date.

The remainder of the church is chiefly of late Decorated date, with some Perpendicular windows inserted. There is an interesting little angle piscina in the jamb of the south window of the chancel, and just eastward of the priest's door there is a stoup. The south door of the nave is of late Decorated date, and the tracery of the two large south windows, although modern, is probably a copy of what was there before. Of the same date, also, are the porch and the tower and spire.

The east window of the chancel is a Perpendicular three-light, the side windows are two-light and there are other windows of the same style in the north aisle, above the south door, and in the clerestory.

The curious little squint between the chancel and the north chapel has a Perpendicular opening on the chancel side, but appears to be earlier in the chapel, where it serves as a piscina.

There is a very curious hole in the wall between the chancel and the vestry;—probably the explanation is that it was a cupboard, with a squint through which the altar might be watched, but the lower part of the cupboard being closed by a wall, the present curious arrangement has been produced; on the other hand, it may have been an outside confessional, before the vestry was built, as may be seen at Chipping Ongar, Essex.

The Screen is somewhat celebrated, and still retains an unusual amount of its original paint; formerly it extended across the aisle as well as the nave, but the northern part is now in the South Kensington Museum. In connection with this it should be noted that the column of the arcade which stands slightly eastward of the chancel arch has grooves in both its east and north faces for parclose screens, and on the south the cap is grooved for a chancel screen,—the chancel arch having been built in its present position at a later date. One of the parclose screens was only removed a year or two ago, when the organ was put in, and has now been re-constructed and fitted up under the tower arch.

The roof of the north aisle is ancient and has carved figures of angels with outstretched wings (much mutilated) on the principals; some of them bear musical instruments in their hands. The other roofs are modern.

There is a brass to a civilian and his wife, *circa* 1400, which has been described as "a most excellent and artistic brass,"<sup>1</sup> but unfortunately it has been covered by the organ. A small brass plate has been fixed on the chancel wall. The matrix from which this plate has been removed lies in the floor of the tower; it was mistaken by the writer of the article in the Transactions of the Monumental Brass Society<sup>1</sup> for the matrix of a distinct brass, but a careful scrutiny of the stone shows that this is not so, what

1. Transactions of the Monumental Brass Society, Vol. II. page 287.

are described as 'segments of circles projecting beyond the angles' being simply worn places in the stone, as is proved by the fact that one of the angles has none.

The gargoyles of the tower are very boldly carved. The carved ornaments in the string course under the parapets of the chancel and the vestry are a curious mixture of crude Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular forms; the Decorated ball flowers are perhaps genuine, but the crude notch-heads are probably imitations of late date, presumably of the late Perpendicular period, at which time the chancel was reconstructed, some of the earlier materials being re-used.

A curious little carved stone representing St. Christopher with the infant Christ upon his shoulder, found when pulling down the bridge at the back of the Rectory premises, has been built into a gate pier near the stables,

The parish was in the ancient County and Archdeaconry of Bedford; it has of recent years been included in the Administrative County of Huntingdon, and was transferred last year, to the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. While regretting the interference with ancient boundaries, we welcome this little church and parish to their new place in our ranks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemsley having kindly invited the party to tea at the Rectory, the day was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to them for their hospitality.

The Members and their friends who attended this Excursion included the Reverends C. F. Bolland, A. G. Cane, J. P. Ellwood, A. L. Grimley, G. J. Mayhew, W. M. Noble, H. A. Penzer, A. Peskett, E. W. Porter, J. A. Ross, G. E. Sharlaud, W. J. Wickins, A. W. M. Weatherly;—Dr. Newton; Messrs. W. Emery, S. Inskip Ladds, T. Spencer, P. Tomson; Mrs. and Miss Bolland, Mrs. Dimmock, Mrs. and Miss Emery, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Priestley, Mrs. Sharland, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. and Miss Wickins, Mrs. Yeatherd, Miss Attenborough, and others.

The Autumn Excursion was again abandoned, owing to the continuance of the war.

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#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1913-1914.

The Council presents to the Members the fifteenth Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and is pleased to state that the Membership has slightly increased. During the year 8 Members have been elected, and one has resigned, the total being 85, against 78 a year ago.

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement as audited shows a balance in hand of £58 9s. 5d. compared with £54 2s. 10d. last year.

Further additions have been made to the Society's Library; some back numbers of Transactions of other Societies have been obtained to complete volumes, and 16 of these have been bound.

An Excursion to Babraham, Little Abington, Hildersham and Linton was arranged for the 16th June, and proved a great success. The Council tenders very hearty thanks to Miss Parsons, and Dr. Palmer for their valuable help in the arrangements, and for giving details of the places visited; to Mr. E. V. Wilkin and Mrs. Berney Ficklin for their hospitality in providing Luncheon and Tea, and to the Clergy of the Churches visited.

In consequence of the War, it was decided that the Autumn Excursion, usually held in September, should be postponed *sine die*, and eventually it was abandoned altogether.

Several Members availed themselves of an invitation kindly given by Mr. F. B. Thackray to visit the remains of the Augustinian Friary which formerly occupied the site of Cromwell House, Huntingdon, and the Society's thanks are due to Mr. Thackray for his kindly thought.

An interesting Lecture was given at Huntingdon on 23rd February by Dr. Walker of Peterborough, on "Norman Cross Prison and the French Prisoners", at which many Members and friends were present. The proceeds were given to the fund for erecting a Memorial at Norman Cross to those Prisoners who died there, to which fund the Council contributed a sum of £5 in the name of the Society. This memorial was unveiled on the 28th July, when a large concourse of persons assembled including many distinguished Members of L'Entente Cordiale Society.

A small tumulus in the Parish of Godmanchester known as "Emmanuel Knoll" has been levelled by the owner of the property. Its site was afterwards excavated in the presence of three members of this Society, and proper records were taken. A report upon the proceedings will appear in the Transactions.

The members of the Council retiring by rotation are Dr. Newton, Rev. A. Peskett, Rev G. E. Sharland and Rev. E. H. Vigers, and, being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election.

The Council with deep regret places on record the loss the Society has sustained by the death of the Rev. A. J. Edmonds, one of the original Members, a Vice-President, and previously Hon. Secretary. His courteous, genial and conciliatory manner won the esteem of all connected with the Society in which he took such an active part.

Lastly, the Council tenders its thanks to the officers and to all who have kindly assisted in the work of the Society during the past year.

G. E. SHARLAND,

*Chairman.*

27th October, 1914.

#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, FOR 1914-1915.

In presenting the sixteenth Annual Report, the Council has to record a slight falling off in the number of Members; three have died, six have resigned, and three new members have been elected, bringing the present total to 79 against 85 a year ago.

It is almost unnecessary to point out that the work of the present year has been overshadowed and considerably influenced by the War; the disorganization of labour has caused considerable delay in the publication of the Society's Transactions, but it is hoped to issue a new part before Christmas. This delay in publishing the Transactions has not been without its advantages, for it enables the Society's Balance Sheet to show £76 *rs.* 5*d.* in hand, as against £58. 9*s.* 5*d.* last year, and in view of the uncertainties of the immediate future the Council feels that it is very desirable to conserve our resources in order to meet any possible time of depression which may perchance be in front of us.

Following the precedent of last year, the Autumn Excursion has again been abandoned, as it was felt that many of the Members would be disinclined for two excursions in a year so full of anxiety and expense.

The War has also probably been the cause of some of the resignations; and while expressing deep regret at parting with old friends, and hoping that they will resume their Membership when happier times return, the Council desires to impress upon Members the urgent necessity of continuing their subscriptions and so helping the Society through what must necessarily be a time of some difficulty, so that it may resume in full its usual activities at the earliest possible moment.

The Council records, with much regret, the loss the Society has sustained by the death of Archdeacon Vesey, a vice-President of the Society and one of the original members. Archdeacon Vesey was keenly interested in Archæology, and more particularly in that which related to his native County of Huntingdon; he contributed several papers on such subjects to our own and other publications, frequently occupied the chair at our Council Meetings, and has placed Archæologists in the County of Huntingdon in many ways deeply in his debt.

An Excursion to Great Catworth, Brington, Molesworth, Bythorn, Keyston, Covington and Tilbrook was arranged for the 18th May, and was very successful, some 35 Members and friends taking part. The Council renders its thanks to the Clergy of the Churches visited for meeting the Members, reading papers, and exhibiting the Registers and Church Plate, etc., and especially to the Rev. C. Hemsley for kindly inviting the large party to Tea.

The Members of the Council who retire by rotation are the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, the Rev. A. G. Cane, Mr. Charles Whympier, and the Rev. K. H. Smith; the three first-named are eligible, and offer themselves for re-election. The Rev. K. H. Smith desires to retire, and the Council recommends that Dr. Palmer of Linton be elected in his stead.

Finally, the Council renders its thanks to the Officers and all those who have helped forward the work of the Society during the past year.

CHARLES WHYMPER.

25th October, 1915.

Chairman.

# Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society.

## HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MICHAELMAS, 1914.

*Presented at the Annual Meeting, 27th October, 1914.*

### Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, 29th September 1913	54	2	10
Members' Subscriptions 1914	37	16	0
Excursion Tickets sold	5	8	6
"Transactions" sold		5	0
Bank Interest	18	9	
	£98	11	1

G. E. SHARLAND  
*Chairman,*

*27th October, 1914.*

### Payments.

	£	s.	d.
Subscription to Archaeological Congress	1	0	0
Fire Insurance		7	0
Armorial Bearings Licence	1	1	0
"Transactions," Part IX., Vol. 3	16	12	6
Donation to L'Entente Cordiale Memorial	5	0	0
Printing and Stationery	3	0	0
Hire of Rooms for Meetings, etc.	1	19	6
Earthworks Committee Reports and Index	4	4	6
Excursion Expenses	4	10	6
"Transactions" etc of other Societies to complete Vols.		17	2
Binding various "Transactions"	2	8	0
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary's Incidentals	3	1	6
Balance in hand, 29th September 1914	58	9	5
	£98	11	1

Wm. EMERY,  
*Hon. Treasurer,*

S. E. ARMSTRONG,  
*Auditor, 18/10/14*

# Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society.

## HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MICHAELMAS, 1915.

*Presented at the Annual Meeting, 25th October, 1915.*

### Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, 29th September 1914	58	9	5
Members' Subscriptions	38	17	0
Excursion Tickets:—Carriages, Luncheons	8	11	6
Sale of "Transactions"	5	16	9
Interest on Deposit	15	0	0
	£112	9	8

W. O'F. HUGHES,  
*Chairman.*

*25th October, 1915.*

### Payments.

	£	s.	d.
Subscription to Congress of Archaeological Societies	1	0	0
Insurance of Stock in hands of Curator	1	7	0
Armorial Bearings Licence	1	1	0
"Transactions" Part 10, Vol. III	19	7	6
Printing and Stationery	2	16	6
Hire of Rooms for Meetings	18	6	6
Earthworks Committee Reports and Index	4	9	9
Excursion Expenses:—Carriages, Lunch- eons, Gratuities etc	9	5	0
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer's out of pocket expenses	1	8	0
Balance in hand, 29th September 1915	76	1	5
(Of which amount £30 is on Deposit and £46 is. 5d. at credit of Current Account)	£112	9	8

Wm. EMERY,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

*Audited and found correct.*  
S. E. ARMSTRONG,  
*Auditor.*

WILLIAM EMERY.

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In the death of Mr. William Emery, the Society has sustained a sad loss. He has been our Hon. Treasurer since 1904 and has held the combined Offices of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer since 1910. He was particularly fond of antiquarian pursuits and has collected a considerable store of pamphlets, books and documents relating to the history of the town of St. Neots and to the County of Huntingdon. The members of the Archæological Society will sorely miss one, who was always kind, courteous and ready to help, and who never irritated by mere officiousness. He was a man of retiring disposition, of quiet consistent Christian character, of simple unostentatious piety, and did much work for the Church and for the welfare of his neighbours which never appeared to the public. His death will leave a blank difficult to fill.

He spent all his life in the two parishes of St. Neots and Eynesbury and with the Churches of both places he was closely associated. The Voluntary Schools Association for Huntingdonshire elected him many years ago as their Hon. Treasurer, and never were accounts more carefully and admirably kept. He was for several years Treasurer of the Ely Diocesan Fund in the Archdeaconry, and did much useful work for it.

Together with his wife and her sister, Miss Goodgames, he built and presented to the Church of Eynesbury the very handsome Church Room of St. Mary's.

He was laid to rest in the cemetery at St. Neots on Saturday December 4th, amid a large gathering of representative people of the neighbourhood. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Huntingdon, assisted by the Rev. A. R. South Phillips, Rector of Eynesbury, and the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson, Vicar of Heston, took the burial service. His age was 69 years.

THOMAS HODGSON.

The Rev. A. G. Cane, Gt. Paxton Vicarage, St. Neots, has kindly agreed to act as Honorary Secretary, *pro tem.* All communications should therefore be sent to him.