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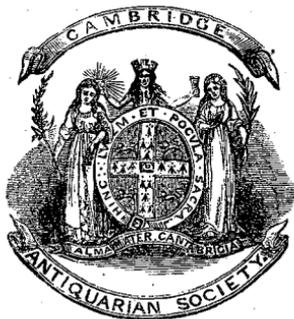
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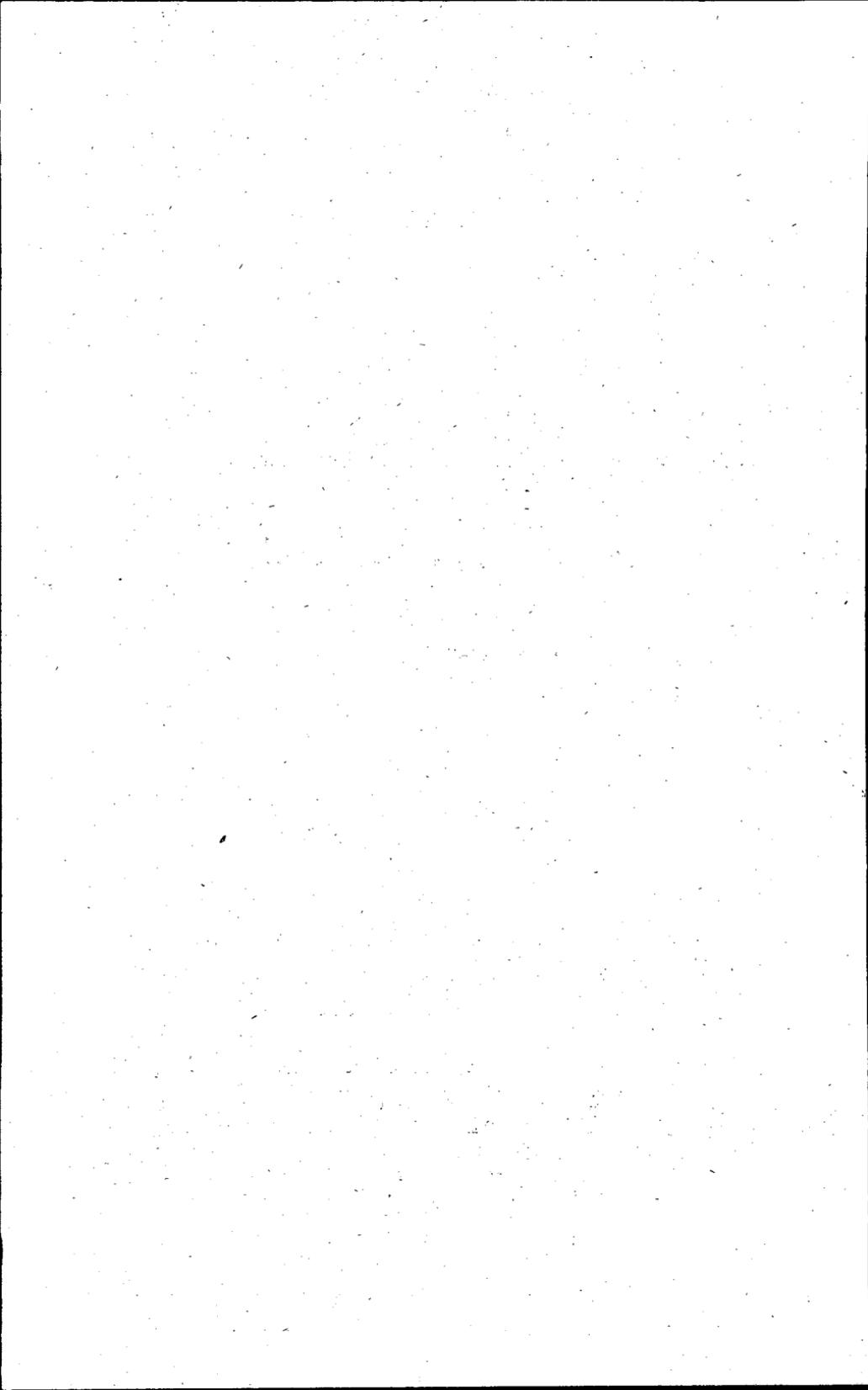
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It is a gratification to your officers that they can truly state that the Society is in at least as good a condition as at this time last year; but their pleasure would have been much enhanced if they could have added that the number of members was increased. It is quite necessary to obtain an addition to our Society if we are to do the work that is ready and desirable. If our funds admitted of it, we could immediately print the very valuable Archdeacon's Book preserved at Caius College, which has been deciphered and transcribed by Mr Bendyshe and offered to us by him. There are also several other manuscripts the publication of which is delayed solely from our want of the requisite funds. It is true that we are not in a worse state now than has been our condition for many years, but that seems to your officers to render it the more desirable that efforts should be made to raise the requisite funds for the publication of the Archdeacon's Book.

Owing to the Philosophical Society having determined to let their present house it will be necessary for our Society to obtain some other place of meeting. It is probable that we may find it desirable to hold a few of our future meetings in the private rooms of one of our members, but of this due notice will be given in the month of October.

In addition to the usual part of COMMUNICATIONS, we have had the pleasure of issuing to our members in the course of the past year the HISTORY OF HORNINGSEY by the Rev. W. K. Clay. It is a worthy companion for the same gentleman's Histories of Waterbeach and Landbeach. A title-page has been issued with it to allow of the three topographical tracts being bound together as one volume.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 22, 1865.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions		Postage and Parcels	0 11 3
for 1864.	7 7 0	Antiquities	7 14 6
for 1865.	38 17 0	Printers	42 17 0
Arrears	1 1 0	Rent	5 0 0
		Collector, &c.	0 15 6
In hand, May, 1864	47 5 0	In hand, May, 1865	84 11 11
	94 5 2		
	<u>£141 10 2</u>		<u>£141 10 2</u>

Examined and approved,

T. BROCKLEBANK, }
C. H. COOPER, } *Auditors.*

CAMBRIDGE, May 22, 1865.

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(Elected May 22, 1865).

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AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE
MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Nov. 7, 1864. The Rev. H. R. Luard, President, in the chair.

The Rev. T. Brocklebank read a list of the Notaries Public who have been registrars of Kings College from about the time of the Reformation, and also mentioned some other Notaries who have acted for them in the admission of Fellows of the College.

Mr C. H. Cooper read some account of Richard Sault, mathematician, and one of the Editors of the Athenian Mercury.

The Rev. T. G. Bonney gave an account of some recent discoveries among the Pfahlbauten at Concise, Lake of Neufchatel.

The plan and situation of the village was described, together with some of the most interesting articles discovered: among these was an axehead of serpentine, set in a socket of stag's horn, and attached to a wooden handle; the mode of making and polishing the weapons was discussed; and the manner in which they were fastened to the handles. Information was also given as to the articles of food, textile and other fabrics, in use among the ancient inhabitants of Switzerland.

Dr Guest mentioned that he had received numerous letters concerning the activity of the volcanoes of Central France since the Christian Era, and mentioned the letters of Sidonius Apollinaris and the *Homilia de Rogationibus* as proofs of such activity in the lifetime of those writers.

An interesting conversation then took place upon the necessity of geologists knowing something of mediæval history before deciding upon the dates of events made known to them by geological research. Dr Guest instanced the Goodwin Sands supposed to have existed in the time of Julius Cæsar, and to have prevented him from landing at Deal: whereas it can be shown from history that their formation was much posterior that event.

Nov. 21. The Rev. H. R. Luard, President, in the chair.

The Rev. J. E. B. Mayor exhibited and described the contents of the "Archdeacon's Book," a manuscript preserved at Gonville and Caius College. It is a register of the Archdeacon of Ely between the years 1300 and 1350, and has appended to it a similar register kept in the reign of Elizabeth. The whole of these difficult manuscripts has been deciphered and transcribed by Mr T. Bendyshe, assisted by Mr H. Bradshaw, both fellows of King's College, and members of this Society. It is hoped that means may be found for the publication of these valuable records.

Mr C. H. Cooper exhibited a fully annotated copy of Godwin's Catalogue of Bishops, 1615, the property of the Rev. S. Clarke of Bredwardine in Herefordshire. It formerly belonged to T. Baker the celebrated antiquary and fellow of St John's College.

Feb. 20, 1865. The Rev. H. R. Luard, President, in the chair.

The Rev. H. E. Kerrich exhibited letters testimonial of the degree of M.A. dated July 6, 1653, granted to Robert Rogerson of Caius College by the University, Oliver St John being Chancellor. A fine impression of the University seal is appended.

Also, an inventory of the goods and chattels of John Foord of Upton Cheney in Gloucestershire, husbandman, dated 18 April, 1627, amounting to £212. 3s. 0d.

Mr C. H. Cooper read a letter received from E. Peacock, Esq. F.S.A., inclosing the following extract from the accounts of the Churchwardens of Leverton, Lincolnshire, in the year 1573:

"Item given to Owyn Williams, proctor for the poor home of Jesus in Cambridge, *vid.*"

He also mentioned other entries in the accounts of the same parish (Thompson's *History of Boston*) relating to small sums given for the relief of poor scholars at Cambridge and Oxford in the reign of Elizabeth.

The Rev. J. E. B. Mayor read extracts from "*Burmanni Itineris Anglicana Acta Diurna*," published at Amsterdam in 1828, and giving an account of the visit of Francis Burmann to England in 1702. It took from 5 A.M. to 8 P.M. to travel from London to Cambridge. He states that nearly all who dined at Trinity College at Commencement, July 18 (N.S.), used square wooden trenchers. The morning chapel service was then at 6 o'clock.

Mr Mayor also exhibited a small marble lion found near Jerusalem by Dr Pierotti. It was of Herodian work and well executed.

March 6. The Rev. H. R. Luard, President, in the chair.

The Rev. J. E. B. Mayor gave an account of the Dutch Records preserved at the Hague, and read extracts from them relating to Englishmen between the years 1587 and 1645. A hope was expressed that as the Master of the Rolls had had a Calendar made of the Venetian Records, as far as they relate to England, he would have the same good work done for those of Holland, which are rich in notices of English affairs.

May 8. The Rev. H. R. Luard, President, in the chair.

Mr C. H. Cooper made some remarks upon the life of Robert Hare the donor of three most valuable manuscript collections of the records of the University to the office of the Registry in the year 1589. They consist of two, three, and four volumes respectively, and the latter is thought to have originally consisted of five volumes. Their contents relate to the history of the University and of the town of Cambridge from the earliest period to 1589. He was matriculated as a Fellow-Commoner of Gonyville Hall in 1545, and died in 1611 at the age of probably 81 years. He was the son of Sir Nicholas Hare, Master of the Rolls. He bore a banner at the funeral of Anne of Cleves; was in the service of the Marquess of Winchester, the clerk of the Rolls at the close of Mary's reign; and lived at Shoreditch at the end of the reign of Elizabeth. He wrote a treatise upon military discipline. He was a staunch Roman Catholic. He left by will the sum of £600 to Trinity Hall in aid of the fund for Highway repairs. More details concerning him will be given in the *Athenæ Cantabrigienses*, Vol. III. which is now in the press.

The Rev. J. E. B. Mayor exhibited and commented upon the contents of a Letter-book of St John's College. He stated that a series of copies of the business letters of and to the college from its foundation until 1670 was preserved in the Muniment Room. Until that date an officer was appointed from amongst the Fellows to transcribe all such letters into books provided for the purpose, but unfortunately the office was then discontinued.

Mr James Carter exhibited a "wool" weight belonging to the Saffron Walden Museum very similar to two which were obtained some years since for the Museum of our Society. See *Archæol Journ.* xvii. 165. This is of later date and has been referred to the reign of William and Mary. The Royal arms are marshalled, 1. England, 2. Scotland, 3. Ireland, 4. France.

He also exhibited a holed-stone, nearly circular, 3 inches in diameter and 1 inch thick, found by the Ferry Path at Chesterton, in the gravel, with the remains of a child. The hole is not cylindrical, but bevilled on each side as is usual with the perforations made by the ancient Britons. Such stones are supposed to have been used as sinkers for nets.

Mr Carter likewise exhibited a fine bronze fibula found near the Gasworks at Cambridge in company with broken Roman pottery.

May 22. The Rev. H. R. Luard, President, in the chair.

This being the Annual General Meeting, the Treasurer gave an account of the financial condition of the Society: the officers for the ensuing year were elected and also the new members of the Council.

Mr C. H. Cooper directed attention to the existence in the register of the Scholars of Clare Hall of the name of Walter and William Calverly. The former murdered his wife and two of his children in 1605, and refusing to plead, was pressed to death, and thus saved his estate for his third son. A tragedy founded upon this event was published with the name of Shakespeare as its author.

The President read inventories of the church furniture, &c. of Furneaux Pelham and Brent Pelham in Hertfordshire, A. D. 1297, which are preserved in the treasury of St Paul's Cathedral, London.

The Rev. G. W. Searle exhibited some third brass coins of Constantine the great, bearing similar reverses with the exception that one of them bore a cross upon the altar which was wanting on the others.

PRESENTS AND PURCHASES. 1864-1865.

Sussex Archæological Collections. Vol. XVI. *From the Sussex Archæological Society.*

Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London. Ser. 2. Vol. II. Nos 1—5. *From the Society.*

Original Papers of the Norfolk Archæological Society. Vol. VI. Pt. 4. *From the Society.*

Proceedings of the Kilkenny Archæological Society. Nos. 43 and 45. *From the Society.*

Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. Vol. XV. *From the Society.*

Seventeenth Century tokens issued at Cambridge. *From Mr C. H. Cooper.*

A Bronze Palstave from Feltwell and a pierced piece of chalk from Icklingham. *From Mr C. M. Doughty, of Downing College.*

A Bronze Palstave found near Chesterton.

A very early Earthenware vessel found in the fen near Horningsey.

A leafshaped bronze sword found in Soham Fen.

A Roman Bronze statuette found at Bradfield near Bury St Edmunds.

A piece of horse furniture found near Exning.

Six bronze Buckles found at Cambridge (2), Exning (2), Soham, and Burwell.

A Black Jack obtained at the disposal of the contents of an old residence in the Isle of Wight.

L A W S.

I.—THAT the Society be for the encouragement of the study of History, Architecture, and Antiquities; and that such Society be called “THE CAMBRIDGE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.”

II.—That the object of the Society be to collect and to print information relative to the above-mentioned subjects.

III.—That the subscription of each Member of the Society be *One Guinea* annually; such subscription to be due on the first day of January in each year: on the payment of which he shall become entitled to all the Publications of the Society, during the current year.

IV.—That any person who is desirous of becoming a Member of the Society, be proposed by two Members, at any of the ordinary Meetings of the Society, and balloted for at the next Meeting: but all Noblemen, Bishops, and Heads of Colleges shall be balloted for at the Meeting at which they are proposed.

V.—That the management of the affairs of the Society be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, (who shall not be eligible for that office for more than two successive years,) a Treasurer, a Secretary, and not more than twelve nor less than seven other Members, to be elected from amongst the Members of the Society who are graduates of the University. Each Member of the Council shall have due notice of the Meetings of that body, at which not less than five shall constitute a quorum.

VI.—That the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and at least three ordinary Members of the Council, shall be elected annually by ballot, at a General Meeting to be held in the month of May; the three senior ordinary Members of the Council to retire annually.

VII.—That no Member be entitled to vote at any General Meeting whose subscription is in arrear.

VIII.—That, in the absence of the President, the Council at their Meetings shall elect a Chairman, such Chairman having a casting-vote in case of equality of numbers, and retaining also his right to vote upon all questions submitted to the Council.

IX.—That the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Society be audited annually by two auditors, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting; and that an abstract of such accounts be printed for the use of the Members.

X.—That the object of the usual Meetings of the Society be, to read communications, acknowledge presents, and transact miscellaneous business.

XI.—That the Meetings of the Society take place once at least during each term: and that the place of meeting and all other arrangements, not specified in the Laws, be left to the discretion of the Council.

XII.—That any Member be allowed to compound for his future subscriptions by one payment of *Ten Guineas*.

XIII.—That Members of the Society be allowed to propose Honorary Members, provided that no person so proposed be either resident within the County of Cambridge, or a member of the University.

XIV.—That Honorary Members be proposed by at least two Members of the Society, at any of the usual Meetings of the Society, and balloted for at the next Meeting.

XV.—That nothing shall be published by the Society, which has not been previously approved by the Council, nor without the author's name being appended to it.

XVI.—That no alteration be made in these Laws, except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, of which at least one week's notice shall be given to all the Members; and that one month's notice of any proposed alteration be communicated, in writing, to the Secretary, in order that he may make the same known to all the Members of the Society.

It is requested that all Communications intended for the Society, and the names of Candidates for admission, be forwarded to the Secretary, or to the Treasurer.

Subscriptions received by the Treasurer, or by his Bankers, Messrs Mortlock and Co., Cambridge; or at the Bank of Messrs Smith, Payne, and Smith, London, "To the Cambridge Antiquarian Society's account with Messrs Mortlock and Co., Cambridge."

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