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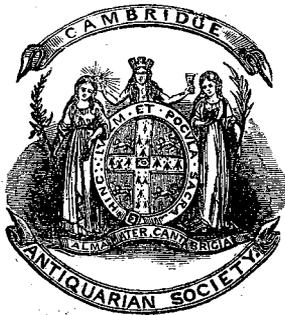
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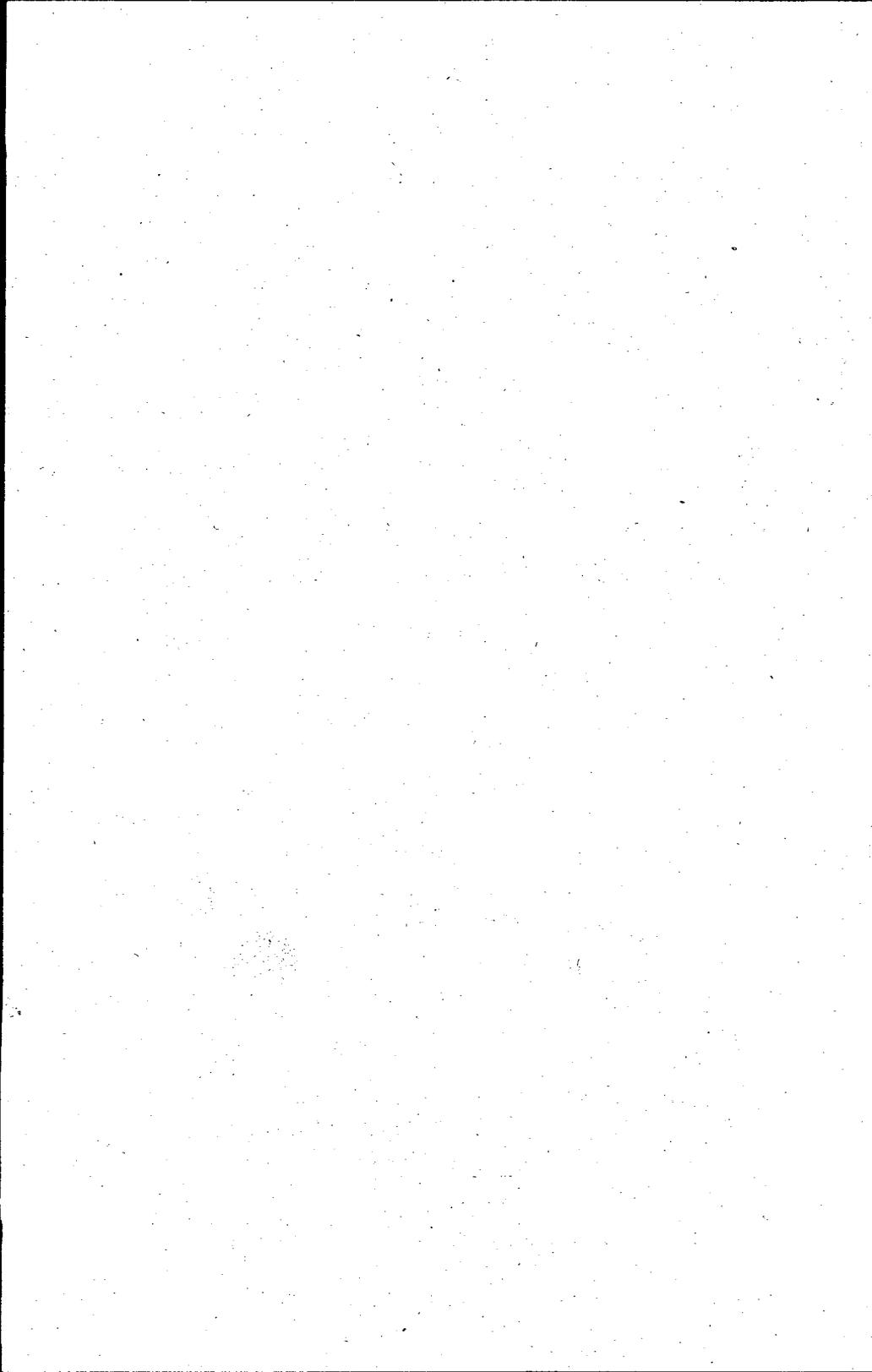
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R E P O R T,

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Your officers have very little to report on this occasion of the recurrence of the Annual General Meeting. They have been able to do little more than retain the Society in the same condition as it held at the preceding meeting, although it will be seen by the Treasurer's report that the funds are in a better state than on that occasion. It will be for the Council to consider in the next Academic year in what manner some part of the balance in hand had better be expended so as to promote to the greatest degree the object of the Society.

The Society has suffered a very great loss in the death of Mr C. H. Cooper, F.S.A., who was a very regular attendant at our meetings and a valued contributor to our publications. We are glad to quote some remarks concerning him which emanated from the pen of Mr J. E. B. Mayor, and deserve to be preserved in more permanent pages than those of a country newspaper.

"All who had the privilege of knowing Mr Cooper must have admired his intelligence, his ready memory, his rare familiarity with English history, topography, and biography, his wide range of reading, his large and statesmanlike view of persons and events. No one could see that clear eye and open brow without feeling that he was in the presence of no common man. But his intellectual endowments were Mr Cooper's least merit. I have never known a man of letters more singleminded and unselfish; himself scrupulous even to excess in confessing the smallest obligation, always ready to communicate to others, he was indifferent whether his services were acknowledged or merely used; the best years of his life were devoted to investigating our academic history, though few of those for whom he toiled appreciated his work, and many ignorantly regarded him as an enemy; they

might have learnt that he loved to identify himself with the university, rejoicing when he could add a new name to *our* list of worthies; the clergy know that no layman in Cambridge was more ready to support the national church.

"The void which Mr Cooper has left behind him cannot be filled. Cambridge never had, nor can have, a town clerk more completely master of its archives, or more devoted to its interests; no town in England has three such records to boast as the *Memorials of Cambridge*, *Annals of Cambridge*, and *Athenæ Cantabrigienses*. The last two are unfinished, and who shall bend the bow of Ulysses? Others may bring more exact scholarship to the task; but the terseness, the fairness, the legal acumen, the steady industry, the quickness, the sure memory, of the self-taught author, who can rival? Compared with Wood, Baker, and Cole, he comes nearest to Baker. The prejudices so winning in Wood, so childish in Cole, warped Mr Cooper's judgment as little as that of the nonjuring 'Collegii Divi Johannis socius ejectus': most works of research published during the past fifteen years have been largely indebted to Mr Cooper. The *Gentleman's Magazine*, *Notes and Queries*, the London and Cambridge Antiquarian Societies, and other serials and institutions, have lost a most assiduous and valued contributor. *Alma Mater* has lost one who did her work, under great discouragement, better than any of her sons could have done it. The university library has lost its most constant student, to whom it owes many gifts, and countless suggestions for the improvement of its catalogues and the supply of its wants. We have all lost perhaps the most perfect example of unflagging diligence which Cambridge has seen during this century. One need not be a prophet to foretell that 200 years hence Mr Cooper's works will be more often cited than any other Cambridge books of our time."

(JOHN E. B. MAYOR.)

During the past year our meetings have been held in the rooms of the Secretary, who kindly placed them at our disposal, and has offered to continue that help to us for a short time longer.

Your Treasurer, who has held that office for more than twenty years, has announced his intention of retiring from it on this day.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 14, 1866.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.				
Subscriptions	for 1865	15	15	0	Postage and Parcels	0	12	2	
	for 1866	29	8	0	Antiquities and Coins	1	10	0	
Arrears		1	1	0	Printers	20	14	0	
					Upholsterer	0	4	4	
Books sold			46	4	0	Collector, &c.	0	18	6
In hand, May 22, 1865			6	13	8	In hand, May 14, 1866	113	10	7
			84	11	11				
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			£137	9	7		£137	9	7

Examined and approved,

T. BROCKLEBANK, Auditor.

CAMBRIDGE, Aug. 1, 1866.

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL,

(Elected May 14, 1866).

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J. W. Hales, M.A. Christ's College.

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E. Guest, LL.D. F.R.S. Master of Caius College.

The Rev. H. R. Luard, M.A. Trinity College, Registry of the University.

The Rev. H. J. Hotham, M.A. Trinity College.

J. W. Clark, M.A. Trinity College.

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

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

Mr Kerrich exhibited a copy of an inscription on a vase belonging to the late Dr Sutton, and read some extracts from the Registers of the Parish of Stratford, Essex, between the years 1561—1763. The Secretary (Rev. T. G. Bonney) exhibited a flint weapon found 6 feet deep in gravel near Haslingfield, also a proclamation concerning Popish recusants dated 1716, and a Dutch tobacco or snuff-box, with scenes from the Prodigal Son's history engraved thereon. Mr Coøper communicated some notes on the establishment of printing in New England. The Rev. Gos. Glover, Rector of Sutton, resigned that living A.D. 1628, and engaged one Stephen Day, a native of Cambridge (born 1610), to go out to N. E. with him to set up a press. The Rev. G. Glover died on the passage, and the press was established by Day, 1639, in immediate connexion with Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass. He printed Bay and metrical psalm-books, but no other works of importance. Mr Searle read a list of Saxon coins struck in Cambridge, extending from the reign of Edgar to Edward the Confessor.

Dec. 5, 1865. The President in the chair.

Professor Charles C. Babington read a communication from the Rev. S. Banks of Cottenham concerning the distribution of certain sums of money collected for the relief of inhabitants of that parish who had suffered losses of cattle by the murrain of 1747. Mr Banks remarked that scarcely one of the names of the small farmers mentioned in that list now occurred in the parish, from which he concluded that they had been entirely ruined by their heavy losses.

Mr Williams exhibited an impression of a seal of the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield, found at Cavendish in Suffolk, and now preserved in the Sudbury Museum; also another impression of a seal in possession of a private person at Cavendish. This seal consists of a gem engraved with a lamb and flag set in silver, the rim (of silver) bears the inscription S. JOHANNIS OV BOIS. It was conjectured that this part of the seal was about the date of Henry IVth.

Feb. 19, 1866. The President in the chair.

The President exhibited a charter of the year A.D. 1137, in confirmation of the privileges of the monastery of Eye in Norfolk, on which were the marks of Stephen, Matilda, William of Corboil, Thurstan, and others. It is the property of Mr Frere, of Dungate.

The Rev. W. G. Searle exhibited a dollar of Ferdinand, struck at Kempten (in Munich), Bavaria, A.D. 1623; also a penny of Henry II. King of Germany, A.D. 1002—1024, struck at Daventer.

The Rev. T. G. Bonney read some notes upon the megalithic remains in the south of Brittany, illustrated by sketches and plans describing the menhirs of Erdwar, the dolmens of Corcaneau and Plouharnel, the menhirs and dolmens of Lokmariaker, and the sculptured chamber of Gair Innis. He also expressed an opinion that these and other monuments in Great Britain and Ireland exhibited a progress in art which was inconsistent with the theory of a post-Roman date.

March 5, 1866. The President in the chair.

Mr Kerrich exhibited three medals: (1) struck on the marriage of Vladislaus IV., King of Poland, with Louisa of Mantua; (2) John Frederic, Elector of Saxony; (3) on the accession of Christina, Queen of Sweden.

Mr Bradshaw exhibited a wood engraving of the fifteenth century, which he had found pasted in a book in the University Library; also a volume of calendars, printed at Cologne, 1477, believed to be the earliest book which contains engravings on copper.

April 30, 1866. The President in the chair.

The President referred to the loss which the Society had sustained by the death of the Rev. W. Whewell, D.D., Master of Trinity College, and Mr C. H. Cooper, Town Clerk; and it was directed that his remarks be entered upon the Minutes.

He spoke of Dr Whewell's interest in the Society at all times, and of Mr Cooper's constant attendance at the meetings, and the many valuable communications made by him to the Society.

Mr Bradshaw read a paper on two poems in the University Library by Barlowe, the author of the Bruc (died A.D. 1395): they were (1) the Siege of Troy; (2) Lives of the Saints. They were until now quite unknown. They extend to about 2000 and 40000 lines respectively. They are included in a MS. of Lydgate's Troy Book. The volume belonged to the Duke of Lauderdale's collection, which was sold by auction in London in 1692. He discussed the proofs of their authorship, and apparently referred them with certainty to the pen of Barbour.

Professor C. C. Babington exhibited two resinous seals, supposed to have been attached to bales of goods in the 17th century.

May 14, 1866. The 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.

PRESENTS AND PURCHASES. 1865-1866.

Original Papers of the Norfolk Archæological Society and the Heraldic Visitation of Norfolk. *From the Society.*

Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. Vol. IV. N. S. *From the Society.*

Proceedings of the Kilkenny Archæological Society. Nos. 45—49. *From the Society.*

Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London. Vol. II. Nos. 2 and 6.

Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute. Vol. IV. No. 2.

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

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.

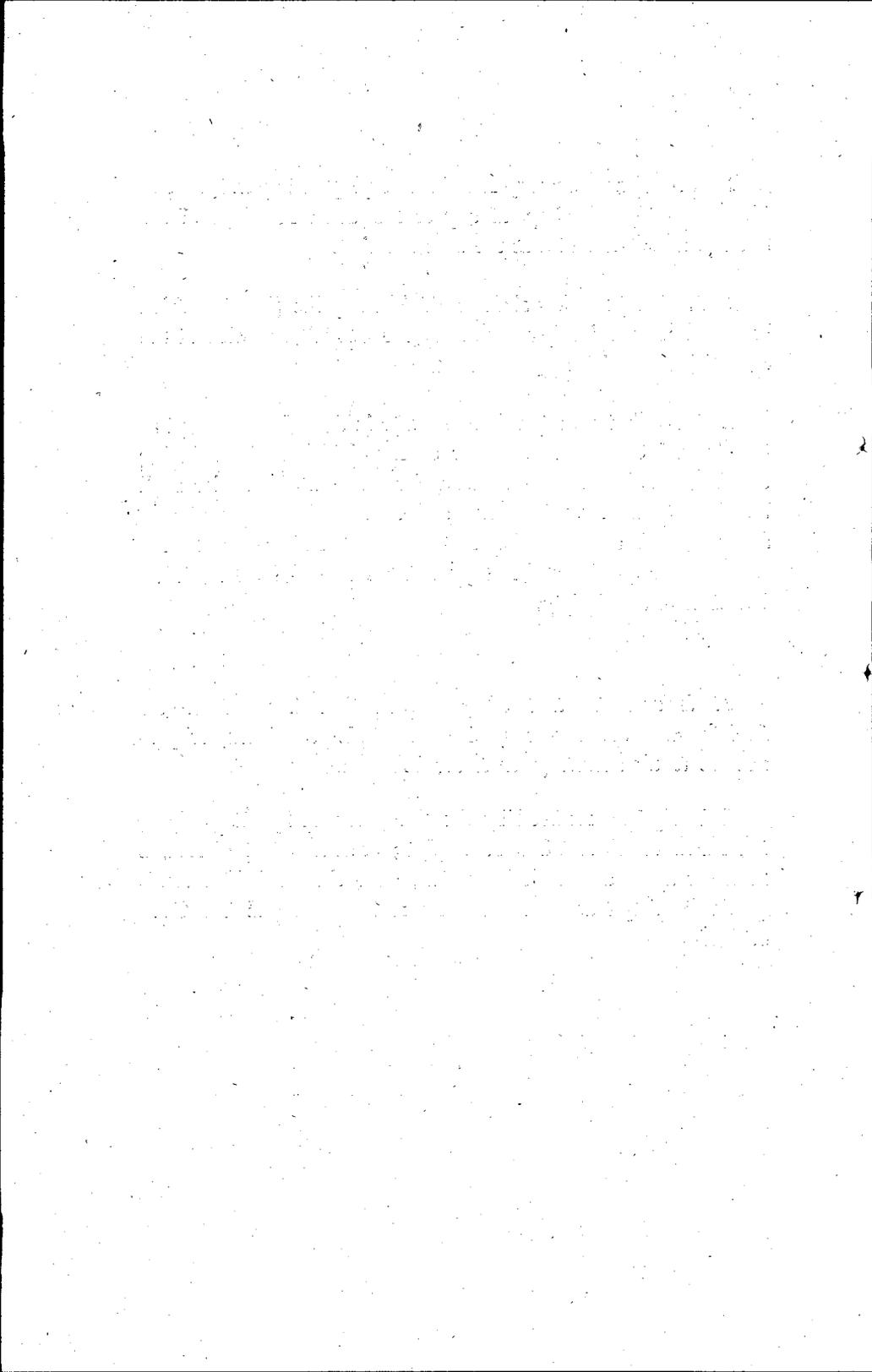
XIV.—That Honorary Members be proposed by at least two Members of the Society, at any of the usual Meetings of the Society, and balloted for at the next Meeting.

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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