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Monday, 17 October 1910.

Professor RIDGEWAY, F.B.A., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Report for the year 1909-10 was presented to the Society and passed.

REPORT.

AGAIN the Society may be congratulated upon its vigorous condition.

Ninety-six new members have been elected during the year; twenty-five resignations have been sent in and four members have been lost to us by death. The Council desire to commemorate especially Dr John Peile who died on October 9, 1910 and Mr John Willis Clark who passed away on the following day. Dr Peile, the Master of Christ's College during the last twenty-three years, is regretted by all who knew him. Apart from his University work as Reader in Comparative Philology his best contribution to Antiquarian

lore is the history of his own College published in 1900, a further volume of which is in the Press. The loss of Mr J. W. Clark, the Registry of the University, is a severe one. To say that he had been a member of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society for fifty-one years and a member of its Council during the last forty-nine, that he had filled the offices of President and Editor and had read more than fifty papers at the meetings of the Society, is to give but a scanty outline of the work he did for it, and for the cause of Archaeology in general.

On October 1, 1909 there were 372 names on the roll of the Society, now the number of its ordinary members is 439. There are also 13 Honorary members.

For the purpose of aiding the well-working of the Society on its financial side an alteration has been made in Law V. Already good results have been produced.

Twenty-two meetings were arranged to take place last Session, but in consequence of the lamented death of King Edward VII. and the illness of two lecturers only nineteen were held.

Owing to the wide interest taken by members in the lectures the average attendance has reached 136.

One Honorary member has passed away. His Excellency Hamdy Bey, who did so much towards preserving classical and other antiquities in the Turkish Empire, died last February. Two Honorary members were elected at the Annual meeting in May, namely, Francis John Haverfield, M.A., LL.D., F.Brit. Acad., Camden Professor of Ancient History, Oxford, who is noted for his knowledge of the Roman age in Britain, and Sir Gaston Camille Maspero, K.C.M.G., Directeur Général du Service des Antiquités de l'Égypte, who is well-known for his work and writings on the antiquities of Egypt.

The following communications were made :

Prof. Sir R. S. Ball: *The work of early Astronomers.*

May 23, 1910.

F. Bligh Bond: *Excavations at Glastonbury Abbey.*

Oct. 25, 1909.

- H. H. Brindley and Alan H. Moore: *The Ship in King's College Window.* Nov. 29, 1909.
- Rev. J. G. Cheshire: *William Dowsing's destructions in Cambridgeshire.* Nov. 22, 1909.
- F. W. Christian: *Antiquities in the Western and Eastern Caroline Islands.* Jan. 17, 1910.
- Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham, D.D., F.Brit.Acad.: *The problem as to the changes in the course of the Cam since Roman times.* Nov. 8, 1909.
- W. L. H. Duckworth, M.D., Sc.D.: *Skeletons from the site of the Austin Friary, Cambridge.* Oct. 18, 1909.
- Miss M. E. Durham: *Old Customs in High Albania.* March 7, 1910.
- Miss L. Eckenstein: *Comparative Study of some Nursery Rhymes.* Jan. 24, 1910.
- Sir H. G. Fordham: (a) *An Itinerary of the 16th Century "Guide des chemins d'Angleterre," Jean Bernard, Paris, 1579.* (b) *John Cary, Engraver and Mapseller, 1779-1836.* Dec. 6, 1909.
- Arthur Gray: *Ford and Bridge of Cambridge.* Jan. 31, 1910.
- F. W. Green: *Western Oases in Egypt and their Antiquities.* Nov. 15, 1909.
- H. A. Grueber: *The Coinage of Anthony, Lepidus, and Octavius B.C. 43-31.* Feb. 28, 1910.
- A. C. Haddon, Sc.D.: *The Piegan Blackfeet Indians of Montana.* April 25, 1910.
- Prof. Haverfield, F.Brit.Acad.: *British Universities and British Antiquities.* Feb. 8, 1910.
- Miss N. F. Layard: *The comparative sizes of some Pleistocene Mammals recently found at Ipswich.* May 2, 1910.
- Prof. W. M. Flinders Petrie, F.Brit.Acad.: *The Palace of Apries, Memphis.* Nov. 2, 1909.
- W. B. Redfern: *Hair and Wig Powdering from early days.* Oct. 18, 1909.
- Rev. H. P. Stokes, LL.D.: *The Old Mills of Cambridge.* Dec. 6, 1909.
- R. Vaughan-Williams, Mus.D.: *Folk Songs of East Anglia.* Feb. 14, 1910.

Rev. F. G. Walker: *Roman Roads into Cambridge.*

Feb. 21, 1910.

To the great satisfaction of all interested in antiquarian matters the foundation stone of the first block of the New Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology was laid by the Baroness von Hügel on Saturday, 14 May, 1910. Owing to the universal mourning for the late King, the ceremony was of a private nature.

When finished this block will permit of the display of more of the specimens than can be seen in the present building, but until the whole three blocks are completed very many of the treasures of the Museum must necessarily remain in obscurity and archaeological interests in Cambridge continue to suffer.

It is hoped that the funds for the erection of the other two blocks will be quickly contributed.

In response to the Excavation Fund appeal, issued by the Council last June asking members and others interested in such work for small extra subscriptions, an annual sum of £12 to £15 has been provided, and £15 have been contributed by two members to the Excavation capital account.

Though this is far short of the £100 per annum which ought to be spent on original research by our Society, still it is a beginning. The attention of members to this important branch of the Society's activity is earnestly desired.

Two excavations have been carried out during the Long Vacation.

During June, by the courtesy of the Master and Fellows of Magdalene College, some work was done in their grounds.

Two trenches were dug through the grass terrace which backs on to Chesterton Lane. The many Roman remains found in it suggest a Roman origin for this terrace, though the object sought for—the foundation of the Roman wall—was not discovered. The construction of this terrace pointed to the probability of the wall (that is, if ever there was one on this southern side of the castle site) being found either under the roadway of Chesterton Lane, or below the northern side of it, if that particular line of ground could ever be opened.

During August the College authorities also allowed a

trench to be dug across their meadow from the foot of the grass terrace mentioned above almost to the edge of the river. In this instance the search was for traces of the watercourse which is referred to in the *Liber Memorandum* of Barnwell Priory. The writer of this part of the book, which dates approximately from the time of Edward I., quotes the statement of "a very aged palmer-pilgrim, who says that he had seen ships come almost up to the door of S. Giles' church."

This watercourse the excavators were fortunate enough to find. It evidently ran in a slanting course from the direction of the Master's Lodge, going under the extreme north-east corner of the block of buildings containing the Pepysian Library and emptying itself into the present river stream opposite the Electric Light works.

While digging trenches for the foundations of a house near River Farm, at the end of the Latham Road, the workmen cut across numerous Roman rubbish pits. By the courtesy of Mr S. W. Cole, the owner of the new house, the contents of these pits were handed over to the Society. The line of what seemed to be a Roman road was also found. The Rev. Canon Pemberton, of Trumpington, the owner, and Mr A. Towler, the tenant, of River Farm, kindly permitted a trench to be dug further down the field in order to test whether this supposed road continued. The whole investigation promises interesting results.

An account of these excavations will be laid before the Society during the coming Session.

The publications this year have been four in number :

The three terminal parts of the fourteenth volume of Proceedings, containing the Transactions and Communications for the Session 1909-10, and the List of Members, Rules, Report, etc. for 1910.

Considerable progress has been made towards the publication of the MS. book in Caius College Library, which is commonly called the "Archdeacon's Book of Ely."

Five excursions have been made during the past year.

On 9 December, 1909 56 members paid a very pleasant visit to Queens' College, where the Rev. Professor Kennett

before conducting the party over the College, related the history of the buildings. Afterwards he and Mrs Kennett generously provided refreshment in the College Hall.

On 17 February, 1910 an exceedingly interesting visit was made to Corpus Christi College by 82 members of the Society.

Our President, the Rev. Dr Stokes, gave a short account of the College buildings, which were afterwards inspected.

The Librarian and Bursar were so good as to arrange that the famous MSS. and College plate should be on view.

The Master and Fellows kindly entertained the party to tea at the close of the proceedings.

On 17 March, 1910 40 members went to Isleham, under the guidance of Mr T. D. Atkinson, to examine the fine church and the interesting chapel of the Norman priory. This chapel owes its preservation in such good condition to the fact that it has been used for many years as a barn and therefore has not been allowed to fall into decay.

On 23 June, 1910 an excursion was made by motor cars to Thaxted, where the Vicar, the Rev. L. S. Westall, gave a succinct account of the history of the church and parish.

The party, which numbered 42, then went on to Horham Hall, where Mr A. P. Humphry related the story of the house which was then inspected. After partaking of the hospitality which Mr and Mrs Humphry kindly provided, the bed of an ancient lake and a tumulus both situated on the estate were visited by the members present. It is hoped that some time this mound will be excavated.

On 13 and 14 July an excursion was made to Colchester and Bradwell.

The success of this visit was due in great measure to the fact that Dr Laver, F.S.A., of Colchester very kindly undertook the part of cicerone. Under his guidance the morning of 13 July was spent in Colchester Museum and Castle, while the remains of St John's Abbey, St Botolph's Church, the Church of the Holy Trinity with its Saxon tower built of Roman material, and the Roman walls, were visited during the afternoon.

Early on 14 July the party proceeded by motor cars some 35 miles to Bradwell, the site of the Roman station, *Othóna*.

Here Dr Laver again acted as guide and gave a history of the chapel of *St Peter ad murum*, a Saxon building which was erected by St Cedd, A.D. 653, out of materials taken from the Roman town. The parts of the Roman walls still standing were then traced out.

On the way back the old whipping stocks outside the churchyard at Bradwell were examined with interest.

The balance sheet, showing the Society's financial position to 31st December, 1909, is published with this report.

The Secretary attended the Congress of Archaeological Societies held at Burlington House on 6 July. An account of the Proceedings will be circulated.

The thanks of the Society are presented to Mr Elliot Stock for the gift of the *Antiquary*.

During the year several changes have taken place in the Council.

The Rev. W. G. Searle has retired in accordance with Rule XII. Professor Rapson and Mr T. D. Atkinson have resigned through pressure of other work.

Their places have been filled by Mr F. W. Green, Assistant Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum, Dr W. L. H. Duckworth and Mr Robert Bowes.

The Society owes much gratitude to Mr Bowes for his valued services as Treasurer during the long period of sixteen years.

He has been succeeded by Mr H. F. Bird.

The Council wish to express their sense of the very valuable services rendered to the Society by the Secretary, the Rev. F. G. Walker. The great increase in membership and the keener interest taken in its work are chiefly due to his action.

## APPENDIX I.

## EXCAVATION FUND APPEAL.

The Council, after due consideration of the matter, believe the best interests of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society will be served by conducting each year some excavations upon the many relics of bygone ages to be found in the County.

It has, therefore, determined to appeal to members, and to others interested in original research, for support in raising a fund for carrying out this most valuable work.

It is impossible to meet the cost of such investigations out of current income, since the scope of the Society's undertakings is widening, causing thereby greater demands upon its ordinary resources.

During the past year over 100 members have been added to the Society's roll, a goodly proportion of whom have joined in consequence of the interest aroused by the recent excavations at Barton, Lord's Bridge, Cherryhinton and elsewhere.

This fact shows that the Society, as well as archæological research, will benefit by the adoption of this course of action.

It is scarcely necessary to point out the value of excavations in elucidating the past history of the County.

The exploration of the various tumuli scattered over Newmarket Heath, and elsewhere within our borders, will help to fix the boundaries of the ancient peoples who inhabited this part of East Anglia, and to mark the limits reached by earlier invasions, before the Roman conquest ended those incursions for some 200 or 300 years.

The War Ditches near Cherryhinton have been explored only partially; at least two-thirds of the circle of the camp remains untouched, as well as the cemetery belonging to this

pre-Roman settlement. Rich finds ought to be the reward of patient investigation on this site.

The ford way at Hauxton Mill of the ancient road, which ran from the Ermine Street near Old North Road Station, along the ridge of Chapel Hill, through Hauxton to Red Cross, should yield to the careful digger many objects of the Celtic, Roman, and Saxon ages.

Two tumuli, and what appears to be an early fortification near Fen Drayton, await the explorer's hands.

Caxton Moats, with ditches 60 feet wide, are an unexplained puzzle to antiquaries.

The curious earthmarks at the field called 'Bullocks Haste' near Cottenham, undisturbed grassland since Roman times, and other sites near by, deserve more attention than they have hitherto received, for this is a most important centre for study of the Roman occupation.

For the investigation of these, and many other such places and for excavation work on localities, which though undiscovered as yet, become known as year by year goes by, funds are imperatively needed.

The Cambridge Antiquarian Society, holding such a position as it does, and numbering now more than 450 members, ought to spend at least £100 each year on original research.

In order to do this a sum of money should be raised, the interest arising from it to be spent yearly.

The Council makes this appeal in the confident hope that a generous response on the part of its members and others will enable it to do its share in solving the many archaeological problems remaining in Cambridgeshire.

## APPENDIX II.

PURCHASES BY THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF  
ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOLOGY WITH GRANTS  
FROM THE COUNCIL.

## PREHISTORIC.

## STONE.

## RIVER-DRIPT:

- 1—21. Twenty-one roughly fashioned of various forms and sizes, Three Hills, Mildenhall, S.\*

## CELTS:

22. One partially ground: flat, tongue shaped, with convex faces, sharp sides, and rounded cutting-edge ( $3''\cdot4 \times 1''\cdot6$ ), Lakenheath, S.  
 23. One stone, elongate triangular, with sharp sides, rounded butt and wide, broadly bevelled, cutting-edge ( $4'' \times 1''\cdot9$ );  
 24. One chipped and partially ground: stone, oblong, with sharp sides ( $5''\cdot3 \times 2''\cdot2$ ); *and*  
 25. One ground of greenstone: short, stout (cutting-edge damaged), Cranwich, Norfolk, 1909.  
 26. One polished, very finely finished, elongate with straight, flat sides, convex faces and rounded butt and cutting-edge, the latter ground to a sharp edge ( $5''\cdot1 \times 1''\cdot7$ ), Reach, Cambridge, 1909.  
 27. One polished, flat, pear-shaped with flat sides ( $3''\cdot6 \times 2''\cdot1$ ), Bottisham, Cambridge, 1909; *and*  
 28. One large, ground: elongate with convex faces tapering towards the butt and rounded sides and cutting-edge ( $7'' \times 2''\cdot4$ ), Lakenheath, S., 1909.

## ADZES:

29. One large, carefully chipped and partially ground: broad, flat, with sharp sides and rounded cutting-edge (butt-end damaged), Cranwich, N., 1909.

## CHISELS:

- 30, 31. Two finely finished examples: one spindle-shaped with rounded ends, ridged faces and sharp sides ( $5''\cdot1 \times 1''\cdot1$ ), Teklingham, S., 1909; and one smaller, slim, with rounded faces and sides, bearing one pointed and one rounded end (shewing wear) ( $3''\cdot7 \times 0''\cdot6$ ), West Wretham, N., 1909.

\* The letters C., N., and S., printed after the names of places, indicate the counties of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk.

## FABRICATORS:

- 32—40. Nine of various sizes and forms, with ridged backs, including some nicely chipped examples, Suffolk and Norfolk.

## BORERS:

- 41—45. Four: one larger of elongate form, and two smaller with expanding bases; and one large with boldly chipped back and stone oval pointed base chipped along the entire edge, Suffolk and Norfolk.

## KNIVES:

46. One large, oblong, with convex back (3''·4 × 2''·1), West Tofts, N., 1909.  
 47. One stout oval, of translucent flint, boldly chipped shewing irregularly indented edges (2''·7 × 1''·6), Munford, N., 1909.

## DAGGERS:

48. One very fine, large, broad, blade with flat, boldly chipped faces and pointed tang, the sides bearing four notches (7''·3 × 2''·7), Prickwillow, near Ely, 1907.

## JAVELIN-HEADS:

49. One leaf-shaped, pointed, with one side chipped so as to form a shoulder (2'' × 1''), Copolow, S.  
 50—52. Three triangular: one boldly chipped, elongate with square base (2''·6 × 1''·5), Lakenheath, S.; one roughly chipped, broad with cusped base (1''·6 × 1''·5), Tuddenham, S.; and one similar but slimmer, Santon Downham, S.

## ARROW-HEADS:

- 53—56. Four tanged and barbed: three triangular, two with convex faces and flat backs, and one symmetrical, with convex face and back (1''·1 × 0''·9); and one barred, of curved outline, with long barbs and tang (imperfect), Suffolk and Norfolk.  
 57. One tanged: stout, elongate, with convex faces, sloping shoulders and long tang (1''·5 × 0''·5), Eriswell, S.  
 58, 59. Two leaf-shaped: one thin, finely chipped, with a sharp point and a rounded base (1''·7 × 0''·7), Eriswell, S.; and one stouter with square base (roughly chipped), Tuddenham, S.  
 60. One lozènge-shaped: large with rounded shoulders (1''·4 × 0''·9), Lakenheath, S., 1909.

## BRONZE.

- 61—65. Five socketed celts with single loops, square sides and slightly expanding cutting-edges: three plain with heavily moulded rims and single neck beads; one flatter shewing only a small rim-bead; and one decorated on both faces with a single beaded 'wing design' and a pair of bold beads round the long neck (3''·8 × 1''·7); and  
 66. The base of a straight bladed knife, consisting of a plain oval socket with a large drill hole with a small portion of the blade attached, Lakenheath, S., 1909.

## ROMAN.

- 67, 68. A square bronze buckle with a long, flat, chape, shewing incised decoration and battlemented edges (2''·5); and a ring (? buckle) of bronze, with a flat cross-bar, shewing in relief an animal's mask (0''·9 × 0''·7). From a field adjacent to the site of the Roman villa, Icklingham, S., 1909.

## MEDIAEVAL AND LATER.

- 69, 70. Two pairs of calipers: one of bronze with straight arms nicked along the edges (one arm missing), l. 2''·6; and one ornate, of brass with curved moulded arms, inscribed "Andr Elton," l. 3''·4, 16th and 17th centuries, London and Bury St Edmunds.
71. A finely moulded brass spoon with fig-shaped bowl, stamped inside with a rose and a flat stem with bevelled sides, and ornate seal top (l. 6''·7), 17th century, Saffron Walden.
72. A leather-worker's "race" of iron, with a double beaded square-sided neck (l. 5''·4), 17th century, London, 1909.
73. A double key in bronze: the short cylindrical moulded stem bears at either end a large square web in ornate open work of dissimilar design, both webs springing from the same side of the stem (l. 4''·5), 17th century, Cambridge.
- 74, 75. Two ornate window-fasteners with perforated plates and moulded catches: one larger shewing ornate open-work, 16th century, Saffron Walden (the first from Audley End House).
76. A poppy-head terminal from an oak stall, finely carved in oak with foliate fleur de lys pattern (15''·5 × 12''·2), 16 century, from a church near Bury St Edmunds.
77. Two sections of a carved oak panel-framing, one bearing the date 1657 (21''·5 × 4''·6), Herringswell Church, N.
78. An annular bronze brooch, the moulded face decorated with alternate plain and incised sections (d. 1''·1), 17th century, Bury St Edmunds.

Professor W. M. FLINDERS PETRIE, D.C.L., F.B.A., delivered a lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, on

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