

# Surrey Collections.

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## EDITORIAL NOTE.

WE regret that the promised lists of Deeds in the Society's possession are not quite sufficiently advanced to enable us to publish them in this number.

The Editing of the General Index to the first twenty volumes of these *Collections* is now nearing completion. It is proposed to publish it as one volume in the series, and the Society will probably publish two volumes in the forthcoming year: that is to say, that it is hoped to issue an ordinary volume of *Collections* in April next and to produce the General Index as soon after December, 1913, as the accounts for the year can be made up.

The compilation of this Index makes it possible to consider as a whole the information so far contributed by this Society to the common stock of Antiquarian knowledge. Also the Society is publishing this year a General Schedule of Surrey Antiquities (a matter referred to in the last Report of the Council). Both these facts render it desirable to make some inquiry into the gaps in our knowledge which remain to be filled. The Schedule gives an outline—a general summary—of the County's archæological possessions and opportunities: it also suggests lines along which more detailed particular summaries are still required of Surrey's contributions to particular departments of archæological interest. At the same time the conspectus furnished by the Index of the numerous excellent, but isolated, papers which have been published upon various subjects shows that in some directions much is yet to be done in the way of an ordered survey of the different divisions of research and of the results so far accomplished in them; and offers great assistance in the planning of such work.

It will be noticed, in this connection, that we publish in the present volume the first instalment of a complete Hand-list of Surrey Brasses by Mr. Stephenson. It is hoped to begin in the next number an equally detailed treatment of Surrey place-names and maps; and, in a later one, of Surrey monuments and effigies other than brasses.

Of course much of this detailed treatment of particular subjects as a whole has already been accomplished. Ecclesiastical architecture in Surrey, for instance, can hardly be considered now to need more than occasional handling; though a bibliography might be useful: Surrey domestic architecture has been dealt with in such works as Mr. Nevill's *Old Cottages and Domestic Architecture . . . .*: The Society itself has produced an exhaustive work on Church plate. Again, the Society is already accumulating a collection of Churchyard inscriptions (a subject dealt with elsewhere in this volume): and this year there has been begun, under the care of Dr. Gardner, the collection at Guildford of a carefully classified list of bronze-age "finds" in Surrey.

Turning to the subject of Records we note that these *Collections* have produced already comprehensive work (or first instalments of such work), upon Surrey *Fines*, upon "Church Goods" at the time of the Reformation, upon Surrey Wills in the Registers of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and so forth. What still remains to be done in this province, in the way of publication of transcripts or abstracts from whole series of Records is terribly large in amount; and may perhaps, some time, form the subject of care for a special Records Society.

But even if the larger Records be excluded from our present purview the slightest examination will show a great number of subjects susceptible of, and requiring, such detailed yet comprehensive treatment as has here been suggested—Surrey Pictures, Surrey Worthies, Surrey Flints. . . . And it is hoped—without ceasing the publication of more detached pieces of work, or in any way depreciating their value—to initiate gradually many such surveys.