REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held at Chilworth, on Thursday, 23rd July, 1863.

The members and their friends, having assembled at the Chilworth station, proceeded to Tangley House, which was thrown open for their inspection by the kind permission of Mr. Colebrook.

R. A. C. Godwin-Austen, Esq., F.R.S., gave an historical sketch of the several proprietors who had occupied the house from the earliest records.

Charles Baily, Esq., then explained the chief characteristics of half-timbered houses of the Elizabethan period, and drew the attention of the company to the various architectural peculiarities in connection with Tangley.

According to the programme, it was arranged that a luncheon should be provided in Albury Park, the seat of the Rt. Hon. Lord Lovaine, but the threatening aspect of the weather rendered a change in this part of the day's proceedings necessary. R. A. C. Godwin-Austen, Esq., in conjunction with Samuel Sharp, Esq., therefore liberally provided refreshments for the company in their respective residences.

At Chilworth Manor the chair was taken by R. A. C. Godwin-Austen, Esq. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the preceding day at St. Mildred's Court, and printed in the last part of the Collections, were read and confirmed, and a vote of thanks unanimously given to the Chairman for his hospitality and conduct in the chair; which having been duly acknowledged, the company proceeded to St. Martha's Chapel, which was excellently described by Mr. Godwin-Austen, numerous finely executed drawings of the building being exhibited.

Following the ancient pilgrims' way to Albury Park, within which the church is situated, the Rev. Geo. Portal described the beautiful mortuary chapel of the Drummond family, erected under the immediate superintendence of the late Mr. Pugin, the eminent architect, Charles Baily, Esq., following with a description of the church itself and the period of its erection.

The gardens of Albury were elaborately described by Mr. Godwin-Austen, and the members conducted to the various objects of interest in those beautiful grounds; and when it is recollected that the design was executed by the celebrated Evelyn, and that the terrace, of a quarter of a mile in length, with its yew hedge, still exists, the reader will not be surprised to learn that the visitors tarried long in this enchanting spot.

Shere Church was the last object to be visited, and within its walls Reginald Bray, Esq., F.S.A., read a paper on the brasses and monuments, giving an account of the persons of eminence to whom they related. Some old and curious parish registers were also read and exhibited. Charles Baily, Esq., then read a paper on the architecture of the period in which the church was erected.

By the invitation of Reginald Bray, Esq., the company adjourned to his beautiful seat on the hill overlooking the church and village to partake of coffee and to await the arrival of the train for London.

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Council Room, No. 8, Danes Inn, Strand, on Wednesday, the 15th of June, 1864, at 4.30 p.m.;

Granville Leveson Gower, Esq., M.P., a Vice-President of the Society, in the Chair.

The Honorary Secretary having read the circular convening the meeting,

The Chairman read the following report:—

"Your Council, in presenting the eleventh Annual Report, have to congratulate the Members on the improved financial position of the Society. The balance-sheet for the year ending 31st Dec., 1863, has already been circulated, together with a statement of assets and liabilities to that date.

"It will be seen that the heavy liabilities, estimated by the Auditor in his report, dated 21st July, 1863, at £298. 8*s.* 5*d.*, but in reality amounting to £333. 10*s.* 10*d.*, were reduced at Christmas last to £66. 10*s.* 5*d.*; and your Council have pleasure in announcing that this balance has since been liquidated.

"The complaint of imperfect and insufficient book-keeping which was made by the Auditors in 1863, has been completely remedied, as will be seen by the following

"'*Report of the Auditors.*

"'Council Room, 8, Danes Inn, Strand,
"'*3rd Feb.*, 1864.

"'To the Council of the Surrey Archæological Society.

"'Gentlemen,

"'We, the undersigned Auditors of this Society for the year ending 31st December, 1863, having examined the balance-sheet laid before us, and compared the vouchers therewith, find the same to be correct; and that the books of account have been kept in a satisfactory manner.

"'(Signed) GEORGE RUSSELL FRENCH.
C. H. ELT.'

"Your Council have been able to complete and circulate among the Members the concluding Part of the second volume of the Society's Collections, and they anticipate being able to publish another Part before the close of the present year.

"The plan, adopted for the first time in 1863, of holding the Annual General Meeting of the Society in London, to elect the officers for the ensuing year, and to transact the formal business, having been found to succeed, has been continued this year. By this arrangement the members and visitors are enabled to give their undivided attention to the papers and the objects of archæological interest selected for examination on the occasion of the country excursions.

"The arrears of subscriptions have been much diminished by the more efficient method adopted in the collection; and the number of members is now 406; of whom 83 are life compounders, and 323 annual subscribers.

"Your Council regret having to announce the resignation as one of their members of Chas. Spencer Perceval, Esq., F.S.A., to whose valuable assistance the Society is deeply indebted.

"By order,

"(Signed) EDWARD V. AUSTIN,

"*Hon. Sec.*"

A lengthened discussion then ensued, in which Mr. Tayler, Mr. Geo. Curling, Mr. Hiscocks, and Mr. Wright took part, concerning the apparent previous negligence of the Council in permitting the accounts of the Society for the years 1860, 1861, and 1862, to remain so long unaudited. Satisfactory explanations having been given by Mr. Butterworth, Mr. Heales, Mr. Richardson (the late auditor), and the Chairman, the report was adopted.

The following eight members of Council having retired by rotation, were re-elected:—

Eustace Anderson, Esq.
R. A. C. Godwin-Austen, Esq., F.R.S., F.G.S.
E. V. Austin, Esq., M.R.C.S.
Reginald Bray, Esq., F.S.A.
Joshua W. Butterworth, Esq., F.S.A.
The Rev. A. Cazenove, M.A.
The Rev. John Chandler, M.A.
John Wickham Flower, Esq., F.G.S.

Arthur Powell, Esq., of Milton Heath, Dorking, and G. R. Wright, Esq., F.S.A., of Lonsdale Road, Barnes, were elected Members of Council, in lieu of Chas. Sp. Perceval, Esq., F.S.A., and E. C. S. Blake, Esq., resigned.

The Honorary Secretary was re-elected, with a cordial acknowledgment of his past services, and a resolution carried to the effect that, "As the Honorary Secretary had declined to accept any remuneration for his services, the Council be authorized to reimburse him such costs as he shall be put to for travelling and other incidental expenses."

The following gentlemen were elected auditors for the ensuing year:—

Geo. Curling, Esq.
C. H. Elt, Esq.
G. R. French, Esq.

New members having been elected,

The thanks of the Meeting were given to the Chairman, which having been acknowledged, the proceedings terminated.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held at Sutton Place, by the kind permission of Captain Salvin and Caledon Alexander, Esq., on Thursday, the 7th of July, 1864.

The chair was taken by George Cubitt, Esq., M.P., a Vice-President of the Society, at twelve o'clock.

The Chairman, after a brief address, called upon the Honorary Secretary to read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Society's rooms, Danes Inn, Strand, on Wednesday, the 15th of June, 1864.

The Report having been printed and circulated among the members, was taken as read.

The minutes having been confirmed, and several new members elected, Charles Baily, Esq., read a Paper on the Design and Architecture of Sutton Place, in the great hall of which they were then assembled.

J. G. Nichols, Esq., F.S.A., followed with a description of the stained glass and shields of arms with which the windows abounded; and W. H. Hart, Esq., F.S.A., concluded with a history of the occupants of the mansion from the earliest records.

Thanks having been voted to the Council, the Honorary Secretary, the authors of the papers, and the Chairman, and respectively acknowledged, the company proceeded to the Talbot Inn at Ripley, in a meadow adjoining which a luncheon had been prepared.

Ockham Park, which by the liberality of the Right Hon. Stephen Lushington, D.C.L., had been thrown open to the members, was next visited. The church, which stands in it, was opened for inspection by the kindness of the Rev. Robert Crosse, M.A., and a paper was read by W. H. Hart, Esq., F.S.A., on its characteristic features, and a description given of the monuments by Rysbrach, erected to the memory of the first Lord King.

The next point of attraction was the ruins of Newark Abbey, the history of which, and its original construction, were ably described by R. A. C. Godwin-Austen, Esq., F.R.S., and at the conclusion the meeting separated.

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