

Presentation to the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield.

THE following is a copy of the illuminated address which was presented to Mr. Ditchfield, Hon. Secretary of the Berks Archæological Society, at the summer meeting held at Gloucester, together with the list of subscribers, and Mr. Ditchfield's letter to them acknowledging their generous gifts.

TO THE REV. P. H. DITCHFIELD, M.A., F.S.A.,

Fellow Royal Soc. Litt.

We, the undersigned, desire in a small way to express our hearty recognition and appreciation of the eminent services you have rendered to the cause of archæology in general and more especially to the Berkshire Archæological Society, for which you have been for a quarter of a century the Honorary Secretary, and to which you have ungrudgingly devoted so much of your valuable time. To your energy and admirable organisation is mainly due the continued success and even the existence of the Society, and we all have the most pleasurable recollection of the many instructive lectures and interesting excursions which you have arranged.

We ask you, therefore, to accept this piece of plate for yourself, and small present of jewellery for Mrs. Ditchfield, as a mark of our esteem and affection, and we trust you may both be spared with health and strength to continue for many years your useful career in life.

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Bailey, Miss A.
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Benyon, Mr. J. H.
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL
SOCIETY AND OTHER BERKSHIRE LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—

It is difficult for me to express to you all my most grateful sense of your kindness and goodness to me in presenting to me these beautiful and handsome gifts, together with the above address, which expresses in far too generous terms any little services I may have rendered to the Society and County of Berks. No words of mine can tell my appreciation of these proofs of our friendship, which I shall value all the days of my life. I am most grateful to you for the kind thought of associating Mrs. Ditchfield with me in the reception of these gifts. She prizes the very beautiful jewelled ornament which you presented to her as one of her most cherished possessions. I desire especially to convey my most grateful thanks to the President of our Society, Mr. Keyser, for his generous thought of me in initiating the proposal to present this testimony of your goodwill towards me, and for the great trouble he must have taken in arranging it, and also to my friend, our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Ravenscroft, who has been most kind and indefatigable in his exertions to promote its success. To all the subscribers I beg to offer my most cordial thanks. Owing to a chapter of accidents the list of the names of my kind friends has only recently reached me, and I trust that they will accept this somewhat tardy expression of my appreciation of their generous kindness to Mrs. Ditchfield and to myself. I trust that our Society may continue to flourish in the future as it has done in the past; and so long as I am permitted to live amongst you, it will by earnest endeavour to promote its welfare and to further those studies in which we all take so keen an interest.

With renewed thanks for all your kindness,

I remain, ladies and gentlemen,

Yours very sincerely,

P. H. DITCHFIELD.

Barkham Rectory,

December, 1912.