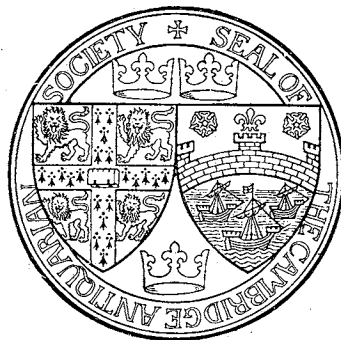


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AND EASTER TERMS, 1928.

Monday, 17 October, 1927.

Mr L. C. G. CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

Mr C. R. PEERS, C.B.E., Director of the Society of Antiquaries and Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments, gave a paper with lantern illustrations on THE CARE OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

Monday, 31 October, 1927.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

Mr J. REID MOIR, F.R.A.I., gave a lecture with lantern illustrations on ANCIENT MAN AT HOXNE, SUFFOLK, of which the following is a précis. A full account is published in *Proceedings of Prehistoric Society of East Anglia*, Vol. v, Pt II, pp. 137-166.

The first palaeolithic implements found at Hoxne were recorded by John Frere in 1797, and since that date various excavations have been carried out at this place. The latest were undertaken, in 1924 and 1926, on behalf of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and showed that the implementiferous deposits at Hoxne rest in a hollow in Kimmeridgian Boulder Clay, a product of the Second Glacial Period of East Anglia. It is evident that a lake existed at Hoxne in remote times, and this became silted up with accumulations of different kinds, and under differing climatic conditions. Enumerating these deposits in ascending order, we have

(a) TEMPERATE. Lacustrine Mud with temperate organic remains.

(b) COLD. Lacustrine Silt with abundant remains of the Arctic Willow.

(c) COLD. Two seams of gravel in which have been found flint implements of Late Acheulean type associated with

bones of *Elephas primigenius* and *Rangifer tarandus*. It was no doubt at this horizon that Frere made his discovery in 1797.

(d) TEMPERATE. Brickearth with a Floor of Early Mousterian Age at the base, associated with peat containing temperate plants and the bones of *Castor Europaeus*, *Cervus elaphus* and *Equus*.

(e) GLACIAL. Glacial deposit laid down during the Third Glacial Period of East Anglia.

The Hoxne implements are thus seen to be of Inter-Glacial age.

Monday, 14 November, 1927.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

Mr KENNETH BROWN read a paper entitled THE STORY OF A DERELICT RAILWAY (the Newmarket and Chesterford Line), with lantern illustrations.

Mr Brown began by saying that the Newmarket and Chesterford Railway was unique in this country, for nowhere else is there eleven miles of main railway line left derelict. He sketched the history of the line, which had been largely promoted by the Jockey Club. It was opened in 1848, had a difficult career, and was finally pulled together by Councillor Fane, who succeeded in getting the branch line to Cambridge opened. This then became the more important and paying part, and the Chesterford Section was closed in 1858.

Monday, 28 November, 1927.

Mr M. C. BURKITT in the Chair.

Mr O. G. S. CRAWFORD, F.S.A., gave a lecture on AIR-PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARCHAEOLOGY, in which he described some of the discoveries which have been somewhat unexpectedly made by means of this method of surveying. Earthworks and buildings which have been destroyed, levelled, and ploughed over, may still affect the vegetation which grows above them, and by differences in the colour or freedom of growth the outlines are revealed when the ground is seen from an aeroplane. Also slight unevennesses of the ground, which show no characteristic form when seen on the level, may be recognised in an air-photograph as definite structures.

Monday, 23 January, 1928.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

Mr E. A. B. BARNARD, F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S., opened a discussion by reading a paper on THE PRESENT TRAFFIC IN OLD DOCUMENTS.

The paper was of peculiar interest, and also valuable, describing the experiences of the author and others in their endeavours to rescue collections of old documents from loss by sale as waste paper, or even from thoughtless destruction by burning. From such threatened collections they had saved records of extreme interest, including a sixteenth-century parish register. Mr Barnard showed two cheap tambourines made of old parchment deeds, and common books, including a "bridge" scoring book, bound in such parchment, their surface gay with the flourishes of antique calligraphy.

The paper had been broadcasted by Mr Barnard, and had brought him fully a hundred letters from interested persons in most parts of the country. It has been printed in full in the Report of the Thirty-Fifth Congress of Archaeological Societies, recently issued.

A discussion followed, in which several members took part. Dr Palmer showed a large Elizabethan money-bag, which had been saved from destruction with old documents; also a tambourine whose parchment was marked with the official stamp of the Public Record Office, indicating that the disregard of old documents was, at one time, not absent even from high places.

Monday, 6 February, 1928.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

Mrs FLORENCE AYSCOUGH, D.Litt., gave a lecture on COURT LIFE IN CHINA DURING THE T'ANG DYNASTY, AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE POEMS OF TU FU. The lecture included some translations of the poems, and was illustrated with fine tinted lantern views of Chinese scenery, buildings, and social life.

Monday, 20 February, 1928.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

Dr CYRIL FOX, Ph.D., F.S.A., Director of the National Museum of Wales at Cardiff, gave a lecture, with lantern illustrations, on THE EARLY IRON AGE IN ENGLAND AND WALES, of which a summary is given at page 52.

Monday, 5 March, 1928.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

The Report of the Council, and the Treasurer's Balance Sheet for the year 1927, were approved and adopted.

The new Officers and Members of Council for 1928-9, nominated by the Council, were elected (see list on page 14).

The following communications were given:

By Mr ARTHUR GRAY, Master of Jesus College, A VISITATION OF THE RELIGIOUS HOUSES OF THE DIOCESE OF ELY IN A.D. 1373. (Printed at page 54.)

By Dr W. M. PALMER, M.D., F.S.A., A WALL-DECORATION AT LINTON. (Printed at page 60.)

By Dr L. COBBETT, M.D., F.R.C.S., THE TYMPANUM AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, DUXFORD. (Printed at page 63.)

Monday, 30 April, 1928.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

The following communications were given:

By Mr T. C. LETHBRIDGE, F.S.A., Director of Excavations, EXCAVATIONS IN THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE DYKES: VITH REPORT, BRAN- OR HEYDON-DITCH. (Printed at page 78.)

By Dr W. L. H. DUCKWORTH, M.D., Sc.D., REPORT ON SKELETONS FOUND AT THE ABOVE EXCAVATIONS. (Printed at page 94.)

Monday, 14 May, 1928.

Mr CLARKE, President, in the Chair.

Mr A. F. KENDRICK gave a lecture on GRAECO-ROMAN TEXTILE FABRICS FROM EGYPT, of which the following is an abstract:

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