

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS.

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THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held on Wednesday, July 22nd, 1891, and was well attended.

The Company assembled at Redhill Station, and drove to Charlwood Church, where J. L. André, Esq., F.S.A., read a paper* describing the edifice and mural paintings. By kind permission of Mr. Wilkins, the party next inspected an interesting old house nearly adjoining the Church. Ralph Nevill, Esq., F.S.A., shortly described the building, and Mr. Wilkins exhibited some old painted glass and tiles found in the neighbourhood. The party then proceeded to Leigh Church, where some notes kindly furnished by F. C. Lees, Esq., were read by the Honorary Secretary. Mr. Lees stated: "That the church was dedicated to St. Bartholomew. In the reign of Richard I, Hamelin, Earl of Warren, and Isabel his wife gave the church to the Prior and Convent of St. Mary Overie, Southwark. In the reign of Henry III, the church belonged to the Prior and Convent of Newark, who had obtained it in exchange from St. Mary Overie. In the year 1600 the Crown sold the tithes to Henry Lechford, and from this date no presentation occurs of rector or vicar, but the impropiator appoints a curate.

"The existing building dates apparently from the 15th century, when the old church must have been almost if not entirely rebuilt. The walls are of rubble, mostly of Reigate stone, and were built upon the surface of the ground without foundations or footings of any sort, and the original floor was in like manner laid upon the ground at a level some thirteen or fourteen inches below the present floor.

"Manning and Bray writing in 1808 say, 'At the west end is a low square tower of the same materials (rubble), over which is a wooden belfry holding four bells.' This is illustrated in the *Gent's Mag.* for 1828, from a sketch by Mr. Walter Dendy, who accompanies his drawing with a description of the church.

"The west and east walls of the belfry were carried respectively on the west wall of the church and on a large arch spanning the western end of the nave, a very picturesque and unusual feature; the north and south walls of the belfry were each carried on two smaller arches springing from the west side of the main arch to the west wall; the upper arch on the inner face of the wall was sharp-pointed, the lower

* See *post*, page 3.

one was a very flat, four-centred arch. The doorways to the south porch and to the vestry are original, the latter being the priest's door. The vestry is modern. There are very good mouldings to the outer door of the porch. Within the roof on the west face of the wall above the chancel arch some old plaster remains above the collar beam, showing some indistinct traces of colour, enough to show that there was decoration here once, and to suggest that the roof was at some former time of a higher pitch than at present. The basin of the font is new, replacing a modern stone, but the central pillar and columns appear to be ancient. There is a piscina in the south wall of the nave close to the chancel arch.

"Some remains of 15th century glass will be found in the head of the north-east window of the nave. The bells have been recast, the old inscriptions being exactly reproduced. There are some interesting brasses to the Arderne family, formerly owners of Leigh Place."

Mr. Lees also exhibited plans and sections of the building.

From the church a short walk brought the party to Leigh Place. Through the courtesy of Mr. R. Wells, the members were enabled to thoroughly explore this interesting old house. John Watney, Esq., F.S.A., read a paper tracing the history of the house and its successive owners. This paper will be published in the next Part of the *Collections*. Re-entering the carriages the party soon reached Reigate Castle, but unfortunately a heavy shower marred the proceedings, and the members were glad to avail themselves of the friendly shelter of the "Baron's Caves." These, through the courtesy of the Mayor and Corporation of Reigate, had been thrown open free to the Members of the Society. By the aid of a candle obligingly held by his colleague, the Honorary Secretary read a short account of the history of the castle, drawn up by Granville Leveson Gower, Esq., F.S.A.

Mr. Leveson Gower stated that material for a history of the castle was very scarce, but that he had gathered the following particulars from various sources:—

"Founded like so many of these castles upon an old British or Roman earthwork, in a strong position commanding the roads passing from east to west, connecting Canterbury, Rochester and Maidstone with Winchester, Southampton and other towns, and from north to south, those leading from London by the Stane Street to Bignor and Chichester, the Roman Regnum; it must always have been a place of importance.

"There is no mention of a castle in *Domesday Survey*. The manor of Reigate was at that time part of the possessions of the Crown, and had before then been the portion of Queen Edith, the wife of Edward the Confessor. Manning conjectures that it was granted by William Rufus to one of the Earls of Warren. The first lord of that name who is actually mentioned as holding the manor, and he inherited it from his father, is William de Warrenne, the son of Earl Hamelin, who lived in the time of King John and Henry III. It is reasonable to suppose that the castle was erected, or, at any rate, considerably enlarged, by some member of this powerful family, inasmuch as we find

the castle of Reigate spoken of as one of their principal residences. It figured in the time of King John, and tradition has it that it was here that the Barons assembled on the night before the famous meeting at Runnymede. This legend must, I fear, be rejected by the stern facts of history. William de Warrenne, the lord of the castle at that time, belonged to that class of politicians who are described in the present day as 'waiting to see how the cat jumps;' he wanted to 'run with the hare and hunt with the hounds,' at the same time. He was secretly on the side of the King, but seeing the turn which events were taking he accepted the inevitable, and it was by his advice that King John was induced to sign his Charter. Any place which is connected with that glorious event in the history of our country cannot fail to have a deep interest for us as Englishmen. Shortly after this, in the year 1216, we have to record with shame that the castle fell into the hands of Louis the Dauphin, the son of the King of France; it was surrendered to him, so the annals of Waverley tell us, on the 8th of June, 1216, being the Wednesday after the feast of the Holy Trinity. In the following year, together with the castles of Guildford and Farnham, it was surrendered to the Earl of Pembroke.

"In 1275 the Earl of Surrey entertained King Edward I with great splendour at his castle at Reigate, and obtained in consequence the remission of 1,000 marks from a fine due to the King. What part it played during the insurgency of Simon de Montfort, in the events which led to the deposition of Richard II, or in the still more important wars of the Roses, history does not tell us. Lambarde, writing in Queen Elizabeth's reign, briefly remarks with a touch of scorn, "the ruyns and rubbishe of an old castle, which some call Homesdale, were to be seen." Camden also describes it as 'forlorne and for aye ready to fall.' In 1623 a survey was made, and it was reported as follows: 'Sir Roger James holdeth from year to year, at the will of the Lord, the site of the castle of Reigate with the warren and lodge there called the castle warren containing 17 acres, and worth with the profit of the conyes £10, for which he payeth yearly £8. That the lords of this manor *have a decayed castle* with a very small house and a conie warren belonging thereto now in the occupation of Sir Roger James.'

"Mention is made in Henry VII's reign of a constable of the castle of Reigate, and although the above extracts show that so far as the inhabitable portion of it went it was sorely in decay, still it must have been a place of some strength, for in the Civil War, at which time it was the property of a Lord Monson, we find that on 4th July, 1648, the House of Commons ordered their committee 'to take care of it and to put it into such a condition that no use might be made of it to the endangering of the peace of the kingdom.' Whatever part it played in the Civil Wars was, doubtless, like the rest of this part of Surrey on the side of the Parliament. There was living at that time at the Priory a lady of extraordinary beauty and high spirit, Elizabeth, Countess of Peterborough, the granddaughter of the hero of the Armada; her interest was all on the side of the Parliament, and she, doubtless, rallied her numerous retainers under the walls of her castle.

“Whether at the close of the Civil Wars the castle of Reigate shared the fate of many others and was dismantled we know not, we can only record, on the authority of the Handbook of Reigate, that a fragment of the outer defences lasted till 1786, consisting apparently of a curtain wall composed of small irregular masonry and flanked by round towers of no great height. A view of it (whether ideal or not, I cannot say) together with a ground plan, is to be seen in Watson’s *Memoirs of the ancient Earls of Warren and Surrey* (Vol. I, 28, 29). The large gateway was erected by Mr. Barnes, a solicitor in the town, in 1777, who, as the inscription testifies, was a believer in the patriotism of the Earl of Warren, of King John’s time. The County historians tell of an immense iron spur which was found two feet below the surface in the grounds of Reigate Castle in 1804. It is figured in Manning and Bray’s *History* (Vol. II, 420) and measured apparently from eight to nine inches. It was sold by auction among the effects of the late Thomas Hart, Esq., on 23rd July, 1873, lot 348, and fetched 17s. It might be interesting to trace who is now the owner of it.

“Standing on this classic ground let us for a moment endeavour to resuscitate the old castle. First and foremost was the old Norman keep on the highest ground and protected by a deep ditch and earth-work, in this case standing about the centre of the ground. Later on rose the walls of ‘enceinte’ with their flanking towers, loopholes and parapet, encircling the whole enclosure, built probably of flints and rubble chalk stone, welded together as solid as any concrete. In the centre of the south side the lofty gatehouse, with its side towers, guard room, portecullis, and drawbridge; then the domestic buildings which gradually spring up, the large dining hall, the garderobe, the chapel, the kitchen, and other domestic offices, in this case probably to the west of the keep; the sheds and lean-to wooden buildings on the inner side of the wall for the accommodation of the lower class of servant—the great courtyard or tilting ground was there; for all these, Reigate, in common with other castles, must have possessed. On the south side, as will be seen, and partly also on the east and west, it was perfected by the nature of the ground not still there, it had the dry fosse or ‘grasse’ as Aubrey calls it; on the north, where it was less easy of defence, it had not only the dry fosse but a second protection in a moat—which some of the historians say was filled with water—how it got there, and from whence supplied, they do not say—but our forefathers were very skilful in introducing water into places which would baffle us. Talking of water, where was the castle well? When everything else has disappeared, the well nearly always remains. It may be so here, but I am not aware of it.”

The storm having passed away, a move was made to the Church, where the Rev. J. Pickance read a paper* on the edifice and its monuments.

A collation at the White Hart Hotel brought the day’s proceedings to a close.

* To be published in the next part.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING of the Society was, by kind permission of Lord Dysart, held at Ham House, on Saturday, October 3rd, 1891. A paper written by S. W. Kershaw, Esq., F.S.A., was read by the Honorary Secretary from the garden steps, and the members afterwards inspected the state apartments. Mr. Kershaw, in his paper, traced the ownership of the house to Sir Thomas Vavasour, Marshal of the Household and Judge of the Marshal's Court, in 1611. Subsequently the house and its lands passed to John Ramsey, Earl of Holderness, who died in 1624, and who was created Lord Huntingtower and Earl Dysart by Charles I. His eldest daughter married Sir Lionel Tollemache, Bart., of Helmingham, Suffolk. This lady gained great influence at Court during the interregnum, and in 1660 obtained a new patent from Charles II creating her Baroness Huntingtower and Countess of Dysart. Sir Lionel Tollemache died in 1669, and in 1671 the Countess married John, Earl of Lauderdale, afterwards created Duke. He died in 1682, and his property after being in the possession of his widow, devolved at her death in 1698 on her eldest son, Sir Lionel Tollemache, Lord Huntingtower, and has ever since continued in the possession of his descendants.

The best and most generally known view of the house is from the Thames. The principal front is of brick with stone dressings. Two projecting wings support either side of the doorway, which is flanked by arcaded recesses. The entrance doorway, supported by two marble pillars, is a good example of Renaissance work, which is more fully displayed in the decorative scrolls on the base of the pillars. The date, 1610, and the words "Vivat Rex," are seen in the upper portion of this doorway, and the initials "T. M. V." for the builder. The principal approach to the house from the Thames is rendered more impressive by the large iron gates, and in passing along the garden walls are oval niches containing busts of celebrated men, some twenty in number, made of lead and painted stone-colour. In the centre of the garden is a colossal and emblematical figure of the River Thames, executed in stone. The great entrance hall is paved with black and white marble, and surrounded by an open gallery above, which leads into the different apartments. The hall itself is filled with family portraits, antique furniture, and china. On the left of the hall is a small private chapel, panelled throughout and lighted by two small windows high up in the wall. Amongst the service books in use here, is a prayer book with the Royal Arms in gold and silver filigree work, the gift of Charles I to William Murray, Earl of Dysart. The great staircase leading to the state rooms is a good specimen of the ornate carving of the seventeenth century. In the Round Gallery, overlooking the hall, are many portraits and choice examples of china, antique vases, and cabinets. The series of rooms opening from this gallery are known as the Royal Apartments, the first is the North Drawing-room, hung with tapestry and decorated with an ornamental plaster-ceiling, enriched with gilt scrollwork. In a small room opening from this is a choice collection of miniatures, and in one of the cabinets is preserved a lock of the hair of the ill-fated Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex. From the North Drawing-room the Long

Gallery is reached. This room, 80 feet long, is hung with portraits, chiefly by Vandyke and Sir Peter Lely. It is especially rich in inlaid cabinets and tables. The next room is the celebrated Cabal Room, so called from the five ministers, whose initials make the word "Cabal," having held their secret cabinets here. The fine marble mantels sculptured in relief, the inlaid floors, the tapestry and silk hangings, are all remarkable. Adjoining the Cabal Room is the Duchess of Lauderdale's "boudoir." On the polished parquet floor is the monogram "E. D. L." surmounted by a ducal coronet; under an arched recess at the end of the room are two handsome armchairs which tradition assigns to Duke and Duchess respectively. The Duke greatly enlarged the house, and the Duchess, no doubt, must be associated with the adornment of this part of the mansion. She was an ambitious and domineering woman, and exerted great influence over her husband in political matters. It must, however, be conceded that much of the decorative richness of Ham House owes its origin to this lady, whose admiration for the fine arts is well known. On the ground floor are many apartments of interest, but hardly of such artistic merit as the state ones.

The library containing the celebrated Caxtons, so well known to all bibliographers, was not shown.

THE THIRD CONGRESS OF ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES IN UNION with the Society of Antiquaries was held at Burlington House, on Thursday, July 23rd, 1891.

The Society was again represented by Ralph Nevill, Esq., F.S.A., and Mill Stephenson, Esq., F.S.A., one of the Honorary Secretaries.

A schedule of the notice convening the meeting and a copy of the business transacted is here given.

"Society of Antiquaries of London,
 "Burlington House, Piccadilly,
 "London, W.,
 "June 22nd, 1891.

"DEAR SIR,

"I beg to inform you that the third Congress of Archæological Societies in union with the Society of Antiquaries, will commence here on Thursday, July 23rd, at 2 p.m., the President of the Society of Antiquaries in the Chair.

"Amongst other points suggested for discussion, some of which arise out of the proceedings of last year, are the following :

- "1. 'Extension of the Ancient Monuments Act.
- "2. 'Parish Registers and Records.
- "3. 'Subscriptions towards expenses of the Congress.
- "4. 'Continuation of the Archæological Survey of England.
- "5. 'Classified Index of Archæological papers.
- "6. 'Memorial for grant towards constructing models of Ancient Monuments.'

And other subjects of which notice may be given to me on or before July 20th.

Papers will also be read—

“ (1) On the forgery of Antiquities, by John Evans, Esq., P.S.A.,
and

“ (2) On Field Names, by the Rev. Dr. Cox, F.S.A.

“ On Friday, July 24th, at 11 a.m., by the kindness of A. W. Franks, Esq., C.B., V.P.S.A., the members of the Congress will be admitted to a private view of the galleries of British and Mediæval Antiquities at the British Museum, where the various collections, etc., will be described.

“ Will you kindly inform me as soon as possible the names of the delegates who will represent your Society, and acquaint them with the date and particulars of the Congress.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ Yours faithfully,

“ HAROLD ARTHUR DILLON,

“ Secretary.

“ The Secretary of the Surrey Archæological Society.”

“ Soc. Antiq. Lond.,

“ Burlington House, Piccadilly.

“ London, W.,

“ 15th August, 1891.

“ *Conference of Archæological Societies.*

“ DEAR SIR,

“ I beg to inform you that the third Congress of Archæological Societies in union with the Society of Antiquaries, was held here on Thursday, July 23rd, John Evans, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., Sc.D., F.R.S., President of the Society of Antiquaries, in the chair, when delegates from the following Societies attended: the Archæological Societies of Berkshire, Bristol and Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire, Cumberland and Westmorland, Derbyshire, Kent, Norfolk and Norwich, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Wilts and Yorkshire, the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club (Hereford), the Royal Archæological Institute and the British Archæological Association. The delegates of a number of other Societies were unfortunately prevented from attending.

“ Since the last Congress the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland has been added to the list of Societies in union with the Society of Antiquaries.

“ The proposed extension of the Ancient Monuments Protection Act (1882), to enable mediæval buildings to be included within its scope, was discussed at length, and it was resolved :

“(1) ‘That this Congress having taken into consideration the draft of a Bill to extend the Ancient Monuments Protection Act (1882), express to Sir John Lubbock their approval of the principle therein involved.

“(2) ‘That in the opinion of this Congress it is desirable that the Government should have some powers that would enable them to prevent the destruction of Ancient Monuments by the owners, whether private or corporate.’

“The Report of the Parish Registers and Records Committee was brought up and finally adopted, and a copy of it will shortly be sent to you. The standing Committee was also continued, and a sum of £5 placed at their disposal.

“The question of necessary expenses incurred by the Congress for printing, etc., was discussed, and it was resolved that for the present each Society in union should contribute £1 *per annum* towards such expenses.

“Concerning the continuation of the Archæological Survey of England by Counties, the President announced that he had nearly completed that for Hertfordshire, and that the Surveys for Cumberland and Westmorland, Surrey and Berkshire, were progressing satisfactorily.

“A proposal for the preparation of a classified index of Archæological papers, to be published annually, was discussed; such index to include all the papers published by the several Archæological Societies of Great Britain and Ireland during the past year. It was eventually resolved:

“‘That this meeting is of opinion that it is desirable that the Index, as suggested, should be prepared under the authority of the Congress, and that the best method of carrying this out be referred to the Standing Committee.’

“The President announced that the Memorial to the Treasury for a grant towards the construction of models of Ancient Monuments had been signed on behalf of a large number of Societies and duly presented; its careful consideration has been promised by Mr. W. H. Smith, and there was reason to hope that the grant would be made.

“The Standing Committee was reappointed.

“After the business part of the Congress was ended, an interesting paper was read by the President ‘On the Forgery of Antiquities,’ and illustrated by a select series of examples. A valuable paper was also read by the Rev. J. Charles Cox, LL.D., F.S.A., on ‘Field Names.’

“In the evening, thirty-five of the members of the Congress dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, the President of the Society of Antiquaries in the chair. It is hoped that the success of this experiment will lead to the establishment of a social gathering of the same kind as an annual feature of the Congress.

“On Friday morning, July 24th, a fair number of members of the Congress assembled at the British Museum, where they were met, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. W. Franks, by Mr. C. H. Read,

F.S.A., who most courteously conducted them over the galleries of British Antiquities and pointed out the chief objects of interest.

“The next Congress will be held in July, 1892.

“I append a list of Societies already in union with the Society of Antiquaries, together with the names and addresses of their Honorary Secretaries.

“I have the honour to be,

“Yours faithfully,

“HAROLD ARTHUR DILLON,

“Secretary.”

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, in accordance with Rule XIII, to receive and consider the report of Council, the Balance-sheet, Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1891, and to elect Officers, was held at 8, Danes Inn, Strand, W.C., on the 16th of March, 1892, at 5 p.m. The President, the Right Honourable Viscount MIDLETON, in the Chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The Honorary Secretary then read the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1891.

Moved, seconded and carried—“That the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes.”

The Chairman then requested the Honorary Secretary to read the Report of Council for the year 1891.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY has much pleasure in submitting this, their Thirty-seventh Annual Report, together with the Cash Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities, to the 31st December, 1891.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held on Wednesday, July 22nd. Starting from Redhill Station, the Society visited Charlwood, Leigh and Reigate. The Council desires to tender the best thanks of the Society to the rectors of the churches and the owners of the old houses visited, also to the readers of the papers.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING of the Society was held on Saturday, October 3rd, at Ham House, by kind permission of Lord Dysart. The Council again takes this opportunity of thanking Lord Dysart for the courteous manner in which he acceded to their request to visit this historic mansion.

Part II, Vol. X, completing the volume, was issued to all Members not in arrear with their subscriptions, in August last. It will be found

to contain several highly interesting papers; that on the "Early History of Battersea" is an important addition to our local history. The first instalment of the Catalogue of the Church Plate of the County also appeared, and this catalogue will be continued in the succeeding parts. In carrying out this laborious task the Society is to be congratulated upon having such an energetic worker as the Rev. T. S. Cooper, one of the Honorary Secretaries. To those working at genealogy, the extracts from the "Surrey Wills" and the continuation of the "Visitation" will be found of value. The volume for 1892 is well in hand and will be issued in due course.

An offer of a manuscript Calendar of the Feet of Fines for the County of Surrey, from Richard I to Henry VII, has been made to the Council, on condition that it is published in a single volume complete. In order to enable the Council to publish this important contribution towards the History of the County, it is proposed to ask for authority to borrow from the Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed £80, the same to be repaid by yearly instalments of not less than £10 per annum. A proposition to this effect will be laid before the Meeting by the Council. It is proposed to issue this Calendar free to all Members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, the Council being of the opinion that some recompense is due to the Members for shortcomings in the past.

The Council has to regret the loss of a valued and active Member by the death of C. Vade Walpole, Esq., C.B. F. A. Crisp, Esq., was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

The following eight Members of Council retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election, viz.: Hon. G. C. Brodrick, D.C.L.; J. W. Butterworth, Esq., F.S.A.; G. E. Cokayne, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.; Lieut.-Col. Davis, F.S.A.; E. Freshfield, Esq., LL.D., F.S.A.; Major Heales, F.S.A.; W. M. Molyneux, Esq.; Ralph Nevill, Esq., F.S.A.

The number of Members is 317, viz.: Annual, 218; Life, 95; Honorary, 4. During the year 23 Members have been elected, viz.: 19 Annual and 4 Life. By death, the Society has lost 7 Members, viz.: 3 Annual and 4 Life. By resignation, 12 Members. Gain over loss, 4.

The Council desires to point out that the early and punctual payment of subscriptions is absolutely necessary in order to enable the work of the Society to be carried out. An increase in the number of Members is also very desirable, as the loss by death and resignation has been unusually heavy this year.

The Society was again represented at the Third Conference of Societies in Union with the Society of Antiquaries of London, held at Burlington House, on Thursday, July 23rd. A summary of the proceedings will be found in the next part.

Moved, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the Report of Council for the year 1891 be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes."

The following gentlemen were re-elected Members of Council; Hon. G. C. Brodrick, D.C.L.; J. W. Butterworth, Esq., F.S.A.; G. E. Cokayne, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.; Lieut.-Col. Davis, F.S.A.;

E. Freshfield, Esq., L.L.D., F.S.A. ; Major Heales, F.S.A. ; W. M. Molyneux, Esq. ; Ralph Nevill, Esq., F.S.A.

Mr. Nevill moved and Mr. Hovenden seconded, "That the thanks of the Society be given to the President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and the Treasurer of the Society." Carried.

Mr. Dessurne moved and Mr. Stevens seconded "That the best thanks of the Society be given to the Council for their services during the past year." Carried.

The Honorary Secretaries were re-elected, and a vote of thanks for their services during the year unanimously carried.

W. F. Potter, Esq., and M. Pope, Esq., F.S.A., were reappointed Auditors for the year 1892, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for their services during the past year.

Mr. W. P. Ivatts was reappointed Collector to the Society.

This concluded the business of the General Meeting.

The Meeting was then made Special, under Rule XV, in order to consider two Resolutions submitted by the Council to the Members.

The Honorary Secretary then read the notice convening the Special Meeting, and also Rule XV.

The Chairman then requested the Honorary Secretary to read the Resolutions :

Resolution I—

"That this Society undertake the publication of a Calendar of the Feet of Fines for the County of Surrey, from Ric. I to Hen. VII, the MS. having been placed at the Society's disposal by one of its Members, on condition that it is printed and published in a single volume."

Resolution II—

"That, in order to carry out this work, the Council be empowered to borrow a sum not exceeding £80 from the Reserve Fund, the same to be repaid by annual instalments of not less than £10 per annum."

After some discussion the Resolutions were moved by Mr. Ralph Nevill, seconded by Mr. G. C. Williamson, and carried unanimously ; it being left to the Council to make all the necessary arrangements.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Leveson Gower, seconded by Mr. Butterworth, and carried unanimously, brought the proceedings to a close.

Surrey Archaeological Society.—Cash Account for the year ending December 31st, 1891.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1891	69 4 8	By Rent, Four Quarters, to Michaelmas	31 1 0
„ Petty Cash in hand	0 11 8	„ Housekeeper, Four Quarters, to Christmas	4 14 9
„ Four Dividends on £389.16s. 3d., 2½ per cent. stock	10 9 0	„ Printing Part II, Vol. X	99 3 0
„ Four Quarters' Rent and Housekeeper, from London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, to Michaelmas	17 19 10	„ Illustrating „	12 15 0
„ Sale of Publications	3 1 0	„ Postage „	8 5 0½
„ Donation towards Printing	3 0 0	„ Excursion and Office Expenses	4 17 3
„ Four Life Compositions at £5	20 0 0	„ General Printing and Stamped Envelopes	13 10 6
„ 21 Entrance Fees	10 11 0	„ Collector, Salary and Commission	16 2 9
„ 213 Annual Subscriptions, viz. :—		„ Cash returned, paid in error	0 3 0
11 for 1890	5 10 6	„ Insurance	0 15 6
194 „ 1891	97 1 6	„ Survey Directory	0 12 0
8 „ 1892 (in advance)	4 0 0	„ Church Plate Committee	5 0 0
	106 12 0		£196 19 9½
		Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1891	43 5 3
		Petty Cash in hands of Hon. Sec.	1 4 1½
			44 9 4½
			£241 9 2

The above Account has been examined by us and found correct.

(Signed) W. F. POTTER, }
M. POPE, } Auditors.

March 7th, 1892.

MILL STEPHENSON,
Hon. Sec.

Surrey Archaeological Society.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities, 31st December, 1891.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Rent to Christmas...	7 15 3	By Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1891 ...	43 5 3
Due to Reserve Fund for Six Life Compositions received in 1889 ...	30 0 0	„ Cash in hands of Hon. Sec. ...	1 4 1½
Due to Reserve Fund for Nine Life Compositions received in 1890 ...	45 0 0	„ One Quarter's Rent due from London and Middlesex Archaeological Society to Christmas ...	3 17 7½
Due to Reserve Fund for Four Life Compositions received in 1891 ...	20 0 0	„ One Quarter, Housekeeper, from ditto ...	0 11 11
			£48 18 11
		Deficit ...	53 16 4
			£102 15 3

The Reserve Fund consists of £389:16s. 3d. in the 2½ per Cent. Consols.

MILL STEPHENSON,
HON. SEC.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held on Wednesday, July 27th, 1892.

Departing for once from the usual custom of holding the Excursion within our own County, and having in view the national importance of the excavations then proceeding, the Council determined to visit the site of the Romano-British city at Silchester, Hampshire. The large attendance of Members fully justified the Council in their decision. The Members assembled at Reading, and first visited the Museum where the various finds are now deposited. Dr. Stevens, the Honorary Curator, kindly attended and explained the contents of the cases. The Honorary Secretary pointed out the principal features of the site of the city on a large map hung on the wall, and called special attention to the architectural fragments and to the models made by the Excavation Committee. The party then drove to Silchester, where they were received by G. E. Fox, Esq., F.S.A., the head of the Committee appointed by the Society of Antiquaries to carry out the work of excavation. Mr. Fox gave a short sketch of the history of the city, and of the principal public buildings. He then conducted the party over the new excavations, and gave a most interesting account of the recently uncovered early Christian Church, and the curious sluice or postern gate discovered in the south wall. Mr. Fox's lecture was much appreciated, and, on the motion of Lieut.-Col. Davis, F.S.A., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Fox. The company drove back to Reading, and dined together at the Station Hotel.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING of the Society was held at Beddington, on Saturday, October 1st, 1892; unfortunately the weather was unpropitious, and only a small number attended. Mr. Stephenson communicated a few notes on the Church, and the Rev. T. S. Cooper described the plate, which, by the courtesy of the rector, was displayed in the vestry. The party afterwards visited Beddington Park, and, by permission of the Committee of the Female Orphan Asylum, inspected the remains of the ancient home of the Carew family. A short account of the buildings and of the Carew family, prepared by Philip Norman, Esq., F.S.A., was read by the Honorary Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of the writer. The Committee very kindly entertained the Members to afternoon tea.

THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES IN UNION with the Society of Antiquaries, was held at Burlington House, on Wednesday, July 20th, 1892. The Society was again represented by Ralph Nevill, Esq., F.S.A., and Mill Stephenson, Esq., F.S.A., one of the Honorary Secretaries.

The circular containing the Report of the business transacted is here given :—

“ Soc. Antiq. Lond.,
 “ Burlington House,
 “ London, W.,
 “ 25th August, 1892.

“ *Conference of Archæological Societies.*

“ Dear Sir,

“ I beg to inform you that the Fourth Congress of Archæological Societies in Union with the Society of Antiquaries was held here on Wednesday, July 20th, 1892, Sir John Evans, K.C.B., D.C.L., LL.D., Sc.D., F.R.S., V.P.S.A., and afterwards C. D. E. Fortnum, Esq., D.C.L., V.P.S.A. (in the unavoidable absence of the President of the Society of Antiquaries), in the chair. The Congress was attended by delegates from the following Societies : The Archæological Societies of Berkshire, Bristol and Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Derbyshire, Essex, Kent, Lancashire and Cheshire, Norfolk and Norwich, Oxfordshire, St. Albans, Shropshire, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire and Yorkshire, the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club (Hereford), the Birmingham and Midland Institute (Warwickshire), the Oxford Architectural and Historical Society, the Huguenot Society, the Society for Preserving Memorials of the Dead, the Royal Archæological Institute, the British Archæological Association, and the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

“ Since the last Congress the following Societies have been added to the list of Societies in Union with the Society of Antiquaries :

“ Maidenhead and Taplow Field Club.

“ Oxford Architectural and Historical Society.

“ St. Albans Architectural and Archæological Society.

“ Mr., now Sir John Evans, having completed his term of office as President of the Society of Antiquaries, has been succeeded, as President of the Congress, by Mr. Augustus Wollaston Franks, C.B., Litt.D., President of the Society of Antiquaries.

“ Mr. W. H. St. John Hope has also succeeded Viscount Dillon as Secretary of the Congress.

“ The Standing Committee was reappointed, with the addition of Sir John Evans, K.C.B., V.P.S.A.

“ With regard to the present state of the Archæological Survey of England by Counties, it was reported that Kent, Herts, Cumberland and Westmoreland are now completed, and the first two published. The Surveys of Surrey, Herefordshire, Berkshire, Derbyshire and Sussex, are also in hand.

“ Certain suggestions in the rearrangement of the Topographical Index to each Survey were referred to the Standing Committee.

“ With reference to the proposed Classified Index of Archæological Papers published in 1891, it was announced that upwards of 7,000 copies had already been applied for, and nearly 5,000 copies of the Memorandum on Parish Records. The success of the Index as an annual publication was therefore assured.

“ Mr. Micklethwaite read a paper on the ‘ Restoration of Churches,’ and Mr. Payne communicated a paper on the ‘ Better Arrangement, etc., of Local Museums.’

“ It was referred to the Standing Committee to consider the advisability of issuing pamphlets on these two important subjects.

“ The desirability of compiling a new Skeleton Map of Roman Britain was also referred to the Standing Committee.

“ The desirability of compiling a list of all Benefaction Tables previous to 1800 in parish churches, was discussed, and it was resolved :

“ That this Congress recommends to the various local Archæological Societies the transcribing and editing of the several inscriptions on tombs and memorial tablets which relate to charities and benefactions to the parishes in the churches of which they are found.’

“ In the evening the Annual Dinner of the Members of the Congress took place at the Criterion Restaurant, the President of the Society of Antiquaries in the chair.

“ At 9 p.m. the President held a Reception at Burlington House, to which the Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries were invited to meet the Members of the Congress.

“ On Thursday, July 21st, about 50 Members of the Congress proceeded to Reading, where Mr. George E. Fox, F.S.A., gave an account in the Museum of the excavations now in progress at Silchester under the auspices of the Society of Antiquaries, and explained the important contents of the Architectural Room. The very numerous collections of objects found in the excavations, all of which are deposited at Reading, were described by Dr. Stevens, the Honorary Curator. After lunch the party proceeded to Silchester, where the site of the Roman City was examined, and the chief features of interest pointed out by Mr. Fox and Mr. Hope.

“ The next Congress will be held in July, 1893.

“ I append a list of Societies now in Union with the Society of Antiquaries, with the names and addresses of their Secretaries.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ Your obedient Servant,

“ W. H. ST. JOHN HOPE, M.A.,

“ *Assist. Secretary S.A., and Secretary of the Congress.*”

With regard to the “ Classified Index of Archæological Papers published in 1891,” the Council authorized the Honorary Secretary to obtain 500 copies. These, together with a valuable Report on Parish Registers, drawn up by a small Committee of the Congress, are issued with this part of the Collections.

With reference to the Archæological Survey of the County, it may be noted that one of the Honorary Secretaries has the matter in hand, and that progress is being made with this Survey.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, in accordance with Rule XIII, to receive and consider the Report of Council, the Balance-sheet, Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1892, and to elect Officers, was held at 8, Danes Inn, Strand, W.C., on the 15th of March, 1893, at 4 p.m. The President, the Right Honourable Viscount MIDLETON, in the Chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The Honorary Secretary then read the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1892.

Moved, seconded and carried—"That the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes."

The Chairman then requested the Honorary Secretary to read the Report of Council for the year 1892.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has much pleasure in submitting this, their Thirty-eighth Annual Report, together with the Cash Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st December, 1892.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION held on Wednesday, July 27th, enabled the members to visit the site of the Romano-British city at Silchester, where important excavations were then in progress.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING of the Society was held at Beddington, on Saturday, October the 1st. The Council takes this opportunity of returning the best thanks of the Society to all who assisted in rendering these Meetings successful.

The Society's publication has been kept up to date, the first part of Vol. XI having been issued in August last to all Members not in arrear with their subscriptions, and the second part of the same volume is well in hand, for distribution during the year 1893.

The Calendar of Feet of Fines for the County is all set up in type and only waits the completion of the index. This has been a very laborious undertaking, and the Council is of the opinion that the Society is much indebted to the editor, Mr. F. B. Lewis, for his painstaking endeavours to render the Calendar as complete as possible. The recently published Calendar of the Feet of Fines for London and Middlesex contains many entries for our County, and taken in conjunction with the Surrey Calendar will place a large amount of material at the disposal of all students. The Surrey Calendar will be ready for distribution early in the summer.

The Catalogue of the Church Plate of the County is making steady progress in the able hands of the Rev. T. S. Cooper, one of the Honorary Secretaries. Although up to the present no pre-reformation example has been found in the County, the series of Elizabethan cups is very striking.

The Visitation of Surrey is at last approaching completion, and the editors have every hope of finishing it in two more parts.

In August last the Society received notice from the Committee of the Croydon Institute to remove the Museum from their buildings. This was accordingly done, and the collection is now temporarily warehoused until some suitable home can be found for it.

The Council desires to draw the attention of Members to the Archaeological Survey or map of the County, now being prepared by one of the Hon. Secretaries. Although a circular was issued to all Members asking their co-operation and assistance, the replies were few. The great importance of such a survey being complete must be evident to all, but without the co-operation of Members thoroughly knowing their own part of the county it is almost impossible to ensure that accuracy which is desirable.

Early in the year, the Society lost an old and active Member of Council, by the death of Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of Croydon. J. F. Eastwood, Esq., was duly elected a Member of Council to fill the vacancy thus created.

The following eight Members of Council retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz. : A. Ridley Bax, Esq. ; George Curling, Esq. ; J. E. Gardner, Esq. ; Major-Gen. James ; S. W. Kershaw, Esq. ; F. A. Heygate Lambert, Esq. ; Philip Norman, Esq. ; and J. O. Scott, Esq.

The number of Members is 320, viz. : Annual, 220 ; Life, 97 ; Honorary, 3.

During the year 19 new Members have been elected, viz. : 16 Annual and 3 Life.

By death the Society has lost 10 Members, viz. : 9 Annual and 1 Honorary ; by resignation, 10 Members. — Total, 20. Loss over gain, 1.

The Library still continues to increase, not only by the exchange of publications with other Societies, but also by donations from Members. To S. W. Kershaw, Esq., F.S.A., the Society is greatly indebted for a most valuable gift of books in memory of his brother, the late W. W. Kershaw, Esq., M.D. This generous gift makes the Society in possession of a complete set of the *Journal of the Royal Archæological Institute*. The Council desires to tender to Mr. S. W. Kershaw the best thanks of the Society for this valuable gift.

The Society was again represented at the Fourth Congress of Societies in union with the Society of Antiquaries of London. A valuable report on Parish Registers, together with a list of those in print and those wholly or partially transcribed, and a classified Index of Archæological Papers published in 1891, will be included in the next part.

The Council is glad to be able to point out that, after payment of all outstanding liabilities, there remains a balance on the year's expenditure. The sum of £20 received for Life Compositions during the year 1892 has been placed on deposit pending investment, but there still remains a sum of £95 due to the Reserve Fund on this account. As the total Reserve Fund now amounts to over £400, and taking into consideration

the fact that this sum of £95 has been used during an emergency in the Society's affairs, the Council desire to bring the following resolution before the General Meeting :—

“That the debt of £95 now owing to the Reserve Fund on account of Life Compositions be cancelled.”

Moved, seconded, and carried unanimously—“That the Report of Council for the year 1892 be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes.”

The following gentlemen were re-elected Members of Council :—
A. Ridley Bax, Esq.; George Curling, Esq.; J. E. Gardner, Esq., F.S.A.; S. W. Kershaw, Esq., F.S.A.; F. A. Heygate Lambert, Esq., F.S.A.; Philip Norman, Esq., F.S.A.; J. O. Scott, Esq., F.S.A. H. E. Malden, Esq., was elected in the place of Major-General James resigned.

Mr. Lee Rymer moved and Mr. Dessurne seconded, “That the best thanks of the Society be given to the President, Council, and Officers of the Society, for their services during the past year.” Carried.

The Honorary Secretaries were re-elected, and a vote of thanks to them unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks to the Auditors was also carried. In acknowledging the vote of thanks, Mr. W. F. Potter feelingly alluded to the recent death of his colleague, Mr. M. Pope, F.S.A., the junior auditor, and moved that an expression of sympathy be forwarded to his family. This was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. Potter was re-appointed auditor for 1893, and Mr. C. W. C. Wren was appointed in the place of Mr. Pope, deceased.

Mr. W. P. Ivatts was re-appointed Collector to the Society.

Mr. Nevill then moved the following resolution, of which due notice had been given in the circular convening the meeting—“That the debt of £95 now owing to the Reserve Fund on account of Life Compositions be cancelled.” Mr. Butterworth having seconded the resolution in a few words, it was put to the Meeting by the Chairman, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Lieut.-Col. Davis, seconded by Mr. Butterworth, and carried unanimously, brought the proceedings to a close.

Surrey Archæological Society.—Cash Account for the year ending December 31st, 1892.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1892	43 5 3	By Rent, Four Quarters, to Michaelmas	31 1 0
„ Petty Cash in hand	1 4 1½	„ Housekeeper, Four Quarters, to Christmas	3 15 10½
„ Four Dividends on £389:16s. 3d., 2½ per cent. stock	10 9 0	„ Printing Part I, Vol. XI	69 2 6
„ Four Quarters' Rent and Housekeeper, from London and Middlesex Archæological Society, to Michaelmas	17 10 2	„ Illustrating „	24 1 9
„ Sale of Publications	2 5 6	„ Postage „	5 0 0
„ Four Life Compositions	20 0 0	„ General Printing and Stamped Envelopes	10 5 6
„ 19 Entrance Fees	9 10 0	„ Excursion and Office Expenses	3 1 2
„ 203 Annual Subscriptions, viz.:		„ Library	1 19 3
2 for 1890	1 0 0	„ Collector, Salary and Commission	18 13 0
7 „ 1891	3 10 6	„ Cash returned, paid in error	0 14 6
187 „ 1892	93 14 0	„ Insurance	0 15 6
7 „ 1893 (in advance)	3 10 0	„ Contribution to Archæological Congress	2 0 0
„ Cash credited by Bank in error	101 14 6	„ Cheque Book	0 5 0
	0 11 0		
	£206 9 6½	Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1892	£170 15 0½
		„ Petty Cash in hands of Hon. Sec.	34 16 8
			0 17 10
			35 14 6
			£206 9 6½

The above Account has been examined by us and found correct.

(Signed) W. F. POTTER, }
M. POPE, } Auditors.

February 16th, 1893.

MILL STEPHENSON,
Hon. Sec.

Surrey Archaeological Society.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities, December 31st, 1892.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Rent to Christmas...	7 15 3	By Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1892 ...	34 16 8
Due to Reserve Fund for Six Life Compositions received in 1889	30 0 0	„ Cash in hands of Hon. Sec. ...	0 17 10
Due to Reserve Fund for Nine Life Compositions received in 1890	45 0 0	„ One Quarter's Rent from London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, to Christmas ...	3 17 7½
Due to Reserve Fund for Four Life Compositions received in 1891	20 0 0	„ One Quarter, Housekeeper, from ditto ...	0 10 0
Due to Reserve Fund for Four Life Compositions received in 1892	20 0 0	Deficit ...	82 13 1½
	<u>£122 15 3</u>		<u>£122 15 3</u>

The Reserve Fund consists of £389:16s. 3d. in the 2¼ per Cent. Consols.

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