

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING OF THE SOCIETY was held at Darenth, Kent, on Saturday, June 15th, 1895. The members proceeded by train to Farningham Road Station, thence walking to the site of the Roman villa recently excavated near the village of Darenth. Here the party was met by Mr. George Payne, F.S.A., Honorary Secretary of the Kent Archaeological Society, under whose supervision the excavations had been carried out. Mr. Payne gave a most interesting description of the site and of the other Roman remains in the neighbourhood. He then conducted the party round the buildings, pointing out the curious series of hypocausts, tanks, and other noteworthy features. The temporary museum containing the smaller objects found during the work was also inspected. Darenth Church was then visited, and ably described by the Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Stevens.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 1895. Assembling at Godalming, the party proceeded to Hasecombe Hill, to inspect the earthworks thereon. A paper prepared by Mr. Ralph Nevill, F.S.A., was read by Mr. Mill Stephenson, one of the Honorary Secretaries, in the unavoidable absence of the writer. Mr. Nevill said—

“The camps and forts of Surrey had been but little explored, but some day the spade of the explorer, if systematically and carefully employed, would let further light into their origin; what was really wanted was exploration. The camp was of Roman origin, as it was quadrangular in form, and dated from the earliest period of the Roman occupation. The Romans were settled on both sides of the Guildford Downs, but until the discovery of the Roman villa at Chiddingfold no discovery of Roman remains was made. Another reason for concluding the camp to be Roman was the existence in the neighbourhood of the interesting name, Nore, which represented the Roman “*Noverea*,” a mother-in-law, and was a name given to any place adjoining a camp: such was Nork, near Epsom, and many other places. Not far off was the Roman settlement of Farley Heath, and close to the Roman villa at Chiddingfold passed a long strip of open green called High Street Green, which

led nowhere, but in old charters it was described as the King's Highway, a name often given to a Roman road. It also opened in the direction of what was called Castle Copse, at the extreme end of Blackdown ridge. The old church at Hascombe, which had disappeared, possessed that rare feature of an apsidal east end, and it might be that the foundations represented a very early church unconnected with the settlement of the camp. There was more reason to think that what was excavated of the foundations of the Old Minster at Munstead suggested an extremely early date, and coincided with a basilica. This was the mother Church of Godalming, and stood close to where Busbridge Church now is."

Mr. Stephenson made a few observations on the paper, differing from Mr. Nevill's theory as to the Roman origin of the work, and placing it at a far later date. From Hascombe the party proceeded to Dunsfold Church, where they were met by the Rector, the Rev. H. Wimm. Mr. J. L. André, F.S.A., read an exhaustive paper on the building. This paper is published in the present part of the *Collections*. From Dunsfold the drive was continued to Chiddingfold, where the Rev. T. S. Cooper, F.S.A., one of the Honorary Secretaries, gave a very full description of the church.

Mr. Cooper said "That about twenty-five years ago the Society visited that church, which was described by Major Heales, but he should be able to add some historical facts not known to him, although they confirmed the accuracy of his paper. Chiddingfold, with the mother church of Godalming, came into the hands of the capitular body of Sarum in early times, and the advowson was granted by Henry I, about 1115, to the Cathedral Church of Sarum. The presentation rested with the Prebendary of Heytesbury, which in course of time became permanently annexed to the dignity of the Dean of Salisbury. In the gift of successive Deans the living remained till 1840. Meanwhile the Manor of Godalming had been granted by Henry II to the Bishop of Sarum about 1155, the grantee being the then Bishop, Joscelyn de Bohun. There must of necessity have been a place of worship here, when in 1115 the advowson was vested in Sarum, probably a building of timber, sufficient for the needs of the population of the day. No doubt the influence of the Salisbury people gave an impetus to whatever trade there was in the place, including almost certainly that of glass-making, an industry which had been established in the parish by 1225. Whatever the cause, the result was that a stone church was erected before 1183, two perpetual vicars having been appointed in succession previous to that date. The latter of these, Richard of Chiddingfold, became also perpetual vicar of Godalming, and was holding the joint livings in 1220, the year of Dean Wanda's visitation, where there was no suggestion of a new church having been built during Richard's incumbency. Some glass formerly in a small window in the north aisle, coeval with the oldest part of the church, favoured this early date. It contained the cognizance of the Bohun family, a cross azure, probably put there to commemorate Bishop Joscelyn, in whose time the new church was built. The small chapel of Piperham, mentioned in the grant to Richard, was probably situated

in what was known as Old Hasilmere, in the Church Field, or Church Litten, close to Haste Hill, and was sufficient for the needs of the people until the present church was built in the 14th century. The chapel was still occasionally used, since in 1487 the body of John Tayllor, otherwise John the Bocher of Hasilmere, was buried in the Litten or burial ground attached to it.

The church Richard served consisted of nave and narrow aisles, chancel and north chantry. The chancel was lighted, as now, by five fine lancets in the south wall, and no doubt three detached lancets at the east end. The north wall of the chantry was pierced by five small lancets, of which those which remain are reproductions. The chancel piscina of the old church remained in the form of an aumbry. The nave terminated where now entrance is made to the tower with a window in keeping with the rest. The narrow aisles measured 8 ft. 4 in. across. The church remained in this form till about 1290, when extensive alterations and additions were made. Somewhere about the middle of the 14th century the arms of England, quartering those of France, were placed in the east window and all the other windows were probably filled in with glass from local kilns, as at this period the glass-makers in the neighbourhood were supplying glass for St. Stephen's Chapel, Westminster, just as a century later they supplied glass for St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The next alterations were made in the latter part of the 15th century, and as one of the most distinguished landlords, Sir Thomas St. Leger, gave land in Chiddingfold, still called the College Lands, to endow the Rutland Chapel at Windsor, it was more than likely that the work undertaken in the church then was largely forwarded by his generosity. The low nave was unroofed, and the arcade pulled down and replaced by the present lofty pillars. The tower was commenced at the same period, but was left unfinished until after 1537, as in that year two parishioners, Thomas Bocar and Barnard Holoway, left small sums to the "hyldyng of our new steple."

Mr. Cooper referred to the alterations in 1869, and remarked as a pleasant reflection for those engaged in restorations, that in 1888 they had to expend £569 in making good faulty work of 1869, when a sum was laid out not far short of £4,000. Notices of bequests to the church and notes on some former rectors were also given.

The party then crossed the Green to the Old Crown Inn, where a paper prepared by Mr. S. Welman was read by the Rev. T. S. Cooper. Mr. Welman described the building "as an excellent specimen of an English hall of early date, but the builder and the exact date of its erection were not known. Tradition ascribed it to ecclesiastical origin, and as the Bishops of Salisbury were lords of the manor this was very probable, whilst a subway was said to have connected it with the church."

"The earliest existing record was a deed dated the 22nd March, 6 Richard II, 1383, by which Peter Pokeford granted it to Richard Gofayre for 50 years at 4s. per annum. The original plan was a parallelogram, and was divided internally by partitions or screens into three compartments, a hall 28ft. long by 26ft. wide, and of one storey, open from floor to roof. At the western end was an inner

or more private portion of the hall 15ft. long, wholly or partly enclosed from the central hall, and at the eastern end was a kitchen. Full details and measurements were given, and Mr. Welman said the general plan and features of the building were common to all mediæval buildings of the same kind, and both the material and workmanship were above the average, the specimens of oak being magnificent."

Mr. Welman exhibited plans and drawings of the building, and by the kindness of the landlord (Mr. Wiltshire) the members were allowed free access to all parts of the house, including the magnificent and interesting roof.

From Chiddingfold the members returned to Godalming, and dined at the Angel Hotel.

THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES IN UNION with the Society of Antiquaries, was held at Burlington House, on Thursday, July 4th, 1895. The Society was again represented by Ralph Nevill, F.S.A., and Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., one of the Honorary Secretaries.

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

"Conference of Archaeological Societies.

"July 4th, 1895.

"DEAR SIR,

"I beg to inform you that the Seventh Congress of Archaeological Societies in Union with the Society of Antiquaries, was held at Burlington House, on Thursday, July 4th, 1895, under the Presidency of Sir A. Wollaston Franks, K.C.B., Litt.D., F.R.S., President of the Society of Antiquaries.

"The Congress was attended by delegates from the following Societies: The Society of Antiquaries (4), the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland (2), The Royal Archaeological Institute and the British Archaeological Association (2), the Archaeological Societies of Berkshire, Bristol and Gloucestershire (3), Buckinghamshire (2), Cumberland and Westmoreland (2), Essex, Lancashire and Cheshire, Leicestershire, London and Middlesex, Norfolk and Norwich, Oxfordshire, Surrey (2), Sussex (2), Worcestershire (2), Yorkshire, the Archaeological Section of the Birmingham and Midland Institute, the Hampshire Field Club, the Huguenot Society (2), the Maidenhead and Taplow Field Club, and the St. Alban's Society.

"The Report of the Standing Committee was read and adopted, and is now printed and circulated.

"A printed Statement of Accounts made up to June 30th, 1895, was considered and adopted and is also now circulated, and Mr. William Minet, F.S.A., was appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

“ It was resolved that in future the financial year shall commence on the 1st of July in each year, in order that complete statements may be presented to each Congress.

“ The 1895 Subscriptions will therefore cover up to June 30th, 1896.

“ The printed Report of the Sub-Committee on a Photographic Survey of England and Wales was laid upon the table.

“ Mr. Hope having announced that, owing to other engagements, he was unable to continue as Honorary Secretary; it was resolved that Mr. Ralph Nevill, F.S.A., be asked to undertake the duties of the post; Mr. Nevill accepted the Office for the ensuing year after explaining his views that any Committee appointed for special purposes, should carry out its own work independently of the Honorary Secretary, in the manner that had been adopted by the Parish Registers Committee.

“ A vote of thanks to Mr. Hope for having so ably conducted the affairs of the Congress from the commencement, was carried by acclamation.

“ The Standing Committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Viscount Dillon, V.P.S.A., and with power to add to their number.

“ The Local Museums Committee was also re-appointed, with Chancellor Ferguson as Convener.

“ It was resolved that the Index of Archæological papers be continued.

“ After a long and interesting discussion it was resolved ‘that the Standing Committee be requested to take such steps as they think advisable to call the attention of the various Municipal, County, and other Authorities to the documents under their charge, pointing out their great historical value and interest, and how desirable it is that steps should be taken for their due preservation.’

“ The Rev. W. Bazeley, M.A., laid upon the table proof sheets of the forthcoming Gloucestershire Bibliography, and explained the system adopted by himself and Mr. Hyett in its preparation, and invited suggestions from the Congress.

“ Information was given as to progress in such matters in Worcester-shire, Carlisle, Essex, and other places, and Mr. Davis announced that the Bibliographical Society was preparing a circular of suggestions for County Bibliographies.

“ Mr. St. John Hope introduced the subject of the proper treatment of monumental remains, and after a practical discussion as to the best treatment of brasses, alabaster monuments, &c., it was resolved ‘that the County Archæological Societies be requested to call the attention of the authorities to any case of improper or careless treatment of sepulchral monuments, and to suggest measures for their better preservation.’

“ Attention was called to the present state of the Ancient Monuments Act, and it was reported that the Government refused to accept charge of any more monuments under the Act.

“ There was a general feeling expressed that such care as the Government did exercise was insufficient, and that the Act should be

extended, and it was resolved :—‘That the County Societies be requested to urge upon the representatives of their Counties in the House of Commons the necessity of the Government more thoroughly carrying out the Ancient Monuments Act, and the advisability of extending its provisions to monuments of Romano-British, and early Christian periods.’

“A discussion took place on the best method of avoiding the clashing of Archaeological Meetings, and it was resolved to ask the three large Societies to fix and make public as soon as possible in each year the dates and places of their proposed meetings, and to send the Secretary of the Congress forty cards of such announcements, which the Secretary would then forward to the Societies in Union.

“The Hon. Secretary also undertook to compile and publish in the circular convening the next Congress a calendar of the meetings of all such Societies as should have communicated to him the dates of such meetings in time for publication. It was also agreed that copies of such Calendar should be sent to the principal Archaeological journals, with a request for publication in their July numbers.

The Annual Dinner of the Members of the Congress afterwards took place at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Sir John Evans, K.C.B., V.P.S.A., and delegates were afterwards received by Sir A. Wollaston Franks, K.C.B., P.S.A., at a conversazione at the Rooms of the Society of Antiquaries at Burlington House, when there was shown the extremely interesting collection of objects recently discovered by M. Naville for the Egypt Exploration Fund.

“I have the honour to be

“Your obedient Servant.

“RALPH NEVILL, F.S.A.,

“Hon. Secretary to the Congress.”

Society of Antiquaries,
Burlington House, W.

The Standing Committee will be much obliged if the Honorary Secretaries of Societies in Union will bring the above-mentioned motions before their respective Societies, with a view to such action as they shall think it advisable to take.

The Council has again authorized the Honorary Secretaries to obtain copies of the “Classified Index of Archaeological Papers published in 1894.” These are issued with this Part of the *Collections*.

THE FORTY-FIRST 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, 1895, and to elect officers, was held at 8, Danes Inn, Strand, W.C., on the 25th of March, 1895, at 4 p.m.

J. F. EASTWOOD, Esq., in the chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted.

The Honorary Secretary read a letter from the President, Viscount Middleton, expressing his regret at being unable to be present, owing to a previous engagement.

The following resolution, moved from the chair, was carried unanimously, viz.:—"That the Surrey Archaeological Society offers its hearty congratulations to its President, Viscount Middleton, on his appointment to the honourable position of Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Surrey."

The Honorary Secretary then read the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1895.

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 1895.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has much pleasure in submitting this, its Forty-first Annual Report, together with the Cash Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1895.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING of the Society was held at Darenth, Kent, on Saturday, June 15th, when the extensive Roman remains recently discovered near the village were described by Mr. George Payne, F.S.A., Honorary Secretary of the Kent Archaeological Society. A visit was also paid to Darenth Church, which was described by the Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Stevens.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held on Tuesday, July 23rd, the meeting place being Godalming, whence Hascombe, Dunsfold and Chiddingfold were visited. The Council takes this opportunity of returning the thanks of the Society to all who assisted in the rendering the meetings successful.

The Part of the Society's *Collections* (Vol. XII, Part II) for the year 1895, was duly issued to all members not in arrear with their subscriptions. In this Part are valuable papers on "The Early Earthworks and Camps in Surrey," by Mr. F. Lasham and Mr. H. E. Malden. Mr. A. Ridley Bax, F.S.A., contributes a paper on "The State of certain Parish Churches in Surrey in 1705." The Catalogue of Church Plate is still being continued, as are also the extracts from Surrey Wills. The Visitation of Surrey is almost completed; a few pedigrees still remain in hand.

In the early part of the year an extra volume, entitled "A Calendar of the Feet of Fines relating to the County of Surrey," was issued to the members. For this most valuable Calendar the Society is indebted to Mr. F. B. Lewis, who not only extracted the entries from the original

rolls in the Public Record Office, but also edited the work and compiled the voluminous indices. The Calendar itself is of interest not only to Surrey antiquaries, but also to antiquaries in general, as there are a very large number of Fines classified with the County of Surrey which relate to Southwark and the adjacent parishes and manors. In many cases, where a party to a Fine was a citizen of London, mention is made of the Guild to which he belonged, and many missing links in genealogy may be traced out and settled.

The Council has to deplore the loss of no fewer than four Vice-Presidents, viz., Mr. J. W. Butterworth, F.S.A., Mr. Granville Leveson Gower, F.S.A., the late Bishop of Winchester, and Major-General Sir Henry Rawlinson, G.C.B., F.R.S. Mr. Butterworth died early in the year, as mentioned in the last Annual Report.

Mr. Leveson Gower joined the Society soon after its foundation, and became a Vice-President in 1864. He took a great interest in the affairs of the Society and contributed numerous papers to the *Collections*. Mr. Leveson Gower died on the 31st of May, and the Council, on behalf of the Society, took the first opportunity of expressing its sense of the great loss the Society had sustained, and of passing a resolution conveying to his representatives the condolences of the Society.

The following members of Council retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz.: A. R. Bax, F.S.A.; G. Curling; S. W. Kershaw, M.A., F.S.A.; F. A. H. Lambert, F.S.A.; H. E. Maiden, M.A.; P. Norman, F.S.A.; J. O. Scott, F.S.A.

The number of members is 308, viz.: Annual, 212; Life, 94; Honorary, 2. During the year 11 new members have been elected, viz.: 9 Annual and 2 Life.

By death the Society has lost 8 members, viz.: 4 Life and 4 Annual. By resignation, 6 members. Total 14.—Loss over gain 3.

Moved, seconded and carried—"That the Report of Council for the year 1895 be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes."

The following gentlemen were re-elected Members of Council:—A. R. Bax, F.S.A.; G. Curling; S. W. Kershaw, M.A., F.S.A.; F. A. H. Lambert, F.S.A.; H. E. Malden, M.A.; P. Norman, F.S.A.; and J. O. Scott, F.S.A.

Moved, seconded and carried—"That the thanks of the Society be given to the President, Council and officers of the Society for their services during the past year."

The Honorary Secretaries were re-elected, and a vote of thanks unanimously passed to them for their services.

Thanks were also passed to the Auditors, Mr. W. F. Potter and Mr. Cecil T. Davis, who were re-appointed.

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

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried unanimously.

Surrey Archaeological Society.—Cash Account for the year ending December 31st, 1895.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1895	10	2	1	By Rent, Four Quarters, to Michaelmas	...	31	1	0
” Petty Cash in hand	0	17	11	” Housekeeper, Four Quarters, to Christmas	...	4	4	2½
” One Dividend on £389:16s. 3d.,	2	11	10	” Printing Part I, Vol. XII	...	26	5	6
” 2½ per cent. stock	6	11	6	” ” Part II, Vol. XII	...	15	0	0
” Three Dividends on £329:16s. 3d.,	9	3	4	” Illustrating Part II, Vol. XII	...	41	5	6
ditto	4	8	2	” Postage on Part II, Vol. XII	...	7	1	9
” One Quarter’s Rent and Housekeeper, from London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, to Christmas, 1894	9	12	0	” Circulars and Stamped Envelopes	...	4	15	4
” Credits in error	3	8	0	” Office Expenses	...	6	14	0
” Sale of Publications	7	0	6	” Collector, Salary and Commission	...	3	2	0½
” 14 Entrance Fees	0	10	0	” Insurance	...	16	0	0
” 207 Annual Subscriptions, viz. :—	2	0	0	” Subscriptions to Archaeological Congress	...	0	15	6
1 for 1892	2	0	0	” Index of Archaeological Papers	...	1	0	0
4 ” 1893	6	0	0	” Binding	...	3	2	6
12 ” 1894	8	9	11	” Darenth Expenses	...	1	13	8
179 ” 1895	5	10	0	” Credits in error refunded	...	1	5	0
11 ” 1896 (in advance)	103	11	6	” Feet of Fines Account—	...	9	12	0
” Feet of Fines Account, viz. :—	62	10	0	Power of Attorney	...	0	11	6
By Sale of Consols	40	0	0	Printing, Binding and Postage	...	95	14	6
From Deposit Account	102	10	0	Editor’s Honorarium	...	5	5	0
			£250	11	3			101	11	0
			62	10	0			£233	3	6
			40	0	0	Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1895	...	14	9	11
			102	10	0	Petty Cash in hands of Hon. Sec.	...	3	0	10
			£250	11	3			£250	14	3

The above Account has been examined by us and found correct.
 March 6th, 1896.
 (Signed) W. F. POTTER, }
 CECIL T. DAVIS, } Auditors.

MILL STEPHENSON,
 Hon. Sec.

Surrey Archaeological Society.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities, December 31st, 1895.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Rent to Christmas, 1895	7 15 3	By Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1895 ...	14 9 11
„ Printing Part II, Vol. XII.—Balance of		„ Petty Cash in hands of Hon. Sec.	3 0 10
Account... ..	48 0 0		£17 10 9
		Deficit	38 4 6
			£55 15 3

The Reserve Fund consists of £329; 16s. 3d. in the 2½ per Cent. Consols, and a sum of £10 on deposit pending investment.

MILL STEPHENSON,
HON. SEC.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held on Wednesday, July 17th, 1896. The meeting place was East Grinstead, whence Lingfield, Crowhurst Place, the church and manor house were visited. At East Grinstead a visit was paid to Sackville College, where the party was received by the Warden, Mr. James Harrison, who read some notes on the building and conducted the party over the various rooms and the chapel. The college was founded by the second Earl of Dorset in 1608 and completed in 1616. From East Grinstead the party drove to Lingfield, where, after luncheon, an inspection of the church was made. The Rector, the Rev. W. G. Bryan, welcomed the Society in a few brief words, and Mr. J. O. Scott, F.S.A., read a paper dealing with the history of the building. The present church was built by Lord Cobham in 1431, in which year he obtained license to endow a college and convert the parochial church into a collegiate one. The old church was then pulled down with the exception of the southern and western walls. Mr. Scott fully described the architectural features of the church, noting that the details of the arches and capitals on the north side of the nave differed from those on the south, so that it would seem the rebuilding started on the south side, and the lighter character of the north side came in as an afterthought. Mr. Scott also drew attention to the roof and to the various fittings of the church, most of which date from the rebuilding of the church. Referring to the college Mr. Scott said that it stood to the west of the church and was destroyed in the eighteenth century. Mr. R. Garraway Rice, F.S.A., followed with a paper on "The Brasses and Tombs." Mr. Rice fully described the effigies of Reginald, first Baron Cobham of Sterborough, who died in 1361, and those of the founder and his wife. The fine series of brasses was also fully noticed. A short visit was then made to inspect the old cottages on the north side of the churchyard. From Lingfield the party proceeded to Crowhurst Place, where, by the courtesy of Mr. T. Hooker, the members were enabled to inspect the house and its fine roof. Crowhurst Place is fully described in the Society's *Collections*, Vol. IV, page 253. Crowhurst Church was next visited. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Williams, welcomed the members, and a short account of the church and monuments was read by the Hon. Sec. A valuable paper on this church may be found in the *Collections*, Vol. III, p. 39. After a brief visit to the old manor house of the Angell family the drive was resumed to Oxted Station, where the party took train for home.

THE EIGHTH CONGRESS OF ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES IN UNION with the Society of Antiquaries, was held at Burlington House, on Monday, July 8th, 1896. The Society was represented by Lt.-Col. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., and Mill Stephenson, F.S.A.

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

"Congress of Archæological Societies, July 8th, 1896.

"The Eighth Congress was held at Burlington House on July 8th, Sir John Evans, K.C.B., F.R.S., F.S.A., in the Chair.

“The Congress was attended by Delegates from the Society of Antiquaries (4), Royal Archæological Institute, British Archæological Association (3), Huguenot Society, British Record Society, and the Societies for Berks (2), Bristol and Gloucestershire (2), Bucks, Cambridge (2), Cumberland and Westmoreland, Essex (2), Kent (2), Lancashire and Cheshire, Leicestershire, Norfolk, St. Albans, Surrey (2), Sussex, Wilts, the Woolhope Club, Worcester (2), and by Mr. Lionel Cust, Keeper of the National Portrait Gallery (by invitation).

“The Hon. Secretary read the Notice convening the Congress, and the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed, and the Report of the Standing Committee was read and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes.

“The Balance Sheet, audited by William Minet, Esq., F.S.A., was read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and the thanks of the Congress given to Mr. Minet for his services.

“Mr. Minet was then elected Auditor for the ensuing year.

“The first Report of the Parish Registers Committee being out of print, and several Societies being anxious to have copies, it was decided to reprint 3,000.

“A letter was read from Mr. Charles H. Read, Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, stating that there seemed little hope of amending or extending, or indeed of maintaining the Ancient Monuments Act, as far as related to Pre-Historic Monuments. The Society of Antiquaries were collecting information as to what regulations in regard to Historical Monuments were in force in other countries, and were also endeavouring to obtain a list of all buildings that are under the control of the Office of Works, with a view to the preservation of buildings of historical or other interest.

“It was suggested that a list should also be obtained of similar buildings under the control of the Military authorities, and it was resolved:—

“‘That the Congress is of opinion that some public control should be exercised over the restoration or other treatment of all such ancient buildings as may be classed as Historical Monuments.’

“It was resolved to continue the Index of Archæological Papers for the ensuing year.

“A discussion then took place on Mr. Gomme’s offer to put at the disposal of the Congress, for printing, a complete Index of Archæological Papers up to 1885, on condition that it was completed to 1891, the date at which the Index issued by the Congress commences.

“The proposal was warmly welcomed, and it was resolved:—

“‘That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining whether sufficient demand exists to justify the publication of an Index of Archæological papers published previous to 1891, and that a sum of £25 be placed at their disposal for the purpose.’

“The following were appointed the Committee :—Cecil T. Davis, E. Holthouse, G. L. Gomme, W. H. St. John Hope and Ralph Nevill, the Hon. Secretary, with power to add to their number.

“The proposed circular to Municipal Authorities on the subject of the preservation of Records was read and adopted, with an addition recommending that the Records be flattened out and mounted.

“Mr. Payne gave some account of the proceedings of the Committee on County Museums, which has not yet formulated any recommendations.

“Several copies of the pamphlet containing the recommendations of the Bibliographical Society on the preparation of County Bibliographies were laid on the table for the use of members, and the thanks of the meeting were returned to the Society for the present. It was resolved that the Secretary be authorized to endeavour to arrange with the Society for printing and supplying 250 copies of the Report for the use of the Congress.

“Dr. J. H. Round called attention to the great need for an uniform system of indexing Archæological Transactions, and, after some discussion, it was resolved that Dr. Round, Mr. Gomme, and Mr. St. John Hope (convener) be appointed a committee to report upon the subject and prepare a model index.

“Mr. Gomme brought forward a resolution advocating the importance of cataloguing family portraits. This was seconded by Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P., who drew attention to the desirability of having a sketch catalogue of the portraits in the National Gallery, similar to those prepared of various picture exhibitions. The motion was also supported strongly by Dr. Round, and Mr. Lionel H. Cust, the Keeper of the National Portrait Gallery, explained his views on the subject, and expressed his desire to co-operate with the Congress. It was resolved, ‘That Mr. Cust be requested to draw up a schedule of particulars to be returned by the owners of portraits, together with such other recommendations as might assist the object of the Congress, and that the Standing Committee be requested to render any assistance that may be required.’

“The following were elected as the Standing Committee :—

“The Officers of the Society of Antiquaries.

“J. Romilly Allen, F.S.A.

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“The Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, F.S.A.

“J. Willis Bund, F.S.A.

“The Hon. Secretary was re-elected for the ensuing year, and the thanks of the meeting returned for his services in the past.

“In accepting the office, Mr. Nevill took occasion to acknowledge the great assistance he had received from the late secretary, Mr. Hope, during the past year.

“Mr. J. T. Micklethwaite, F.S.A., then read an extremely interesting paper on the study of the walls and ground plans of churches, in which he advocated such study as of equal or greater importance in ascertaining the dates of buildings than the mere observation of architectural features.

“Mr. Hope gave an explanation of his proposed system, somewhat similar to that of the late Edmund Sharpe, for distinguishing, by definite colours on ground plans, the various dates of buildings.

“A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

“In the evening the Congress Dinner took place at the Holborn Restaurant, when Mr. Charles H. Read, F.S.A., the new Keeper of the British Antiquities at the British Museum, took the chair.

“RALPH NEVILL, F.S.A.,

“*Hon. Secretary to the Congress.*

“13, ADDISON CRESCENT,

“KENSINGTON, W.”

THE following is the Report of the Standing Committee :—

“*Congress of Archaeological Societies, 1896.*

“The Standing Committee has the honour of submitting to the Congress the following Report.

“During the past year three Societies, The Royal Historical, The British Record, and The Lancashire and Cheshire Historical, have joined the Union with the Society of Antiquaries. The number of Societies in Union is now 36.

“In accordance with the resolution of the Congress, an Index of the Archaeological Papers, published in 1894, has been compiled by Mr. G. L. Gomme. The publications of several Societies, not previously indexed, have been included from 1891 to 1894. Although the Index is therefore of unusual size, it is gratifying to find that the cost of printing (£46) is already nearly covered by the sum received (£41).

“The Index of Papers of 1895 is complete, and will be laid on the table.

“The Committee has long felt that the Annual Index of Archaeological Papers would be of much more value to students if an Index was published of Papers printed prior to the first annual issue of 1891. Such an Index has been compiled by Mr. Gomme, from the commencement of the publications of the Royal Society in 1670 to 1885, and the MS. is ready for the printers.

“To complete the work, the period from 1885 to 1891 must be indexed, and a Subject Index must be compiled.

“Mr. Gomme offers to place his MS. at the disposal of the Committee, if the Committee undertakes to complete and print the Index.

The Committee considers this a very handsome gift to the Congress, and is of opinion that every effort ought to be made to publish so valuable a guide to British Archaeological research. It has accordingly obtained estimates for printing, and has decided to recommend the Congress to take the matter up forthwith. It is estimated that the complete Index will occupy about 1,000 pp. 8vo, and this can be supplied at 15s. per copy, to cover the cost, if 500 copies are subscribed for. The Committee is of opinion that there should be no difficulty in disposing of this number, and, subject to the approval of the Congress, has resolved to issue a prospectus at once to all Members of the Archaeological Societies in Union. No further steps should be taken in the matter until at least 400 Subscribers are obtained.

“The financial condition of the Congress continues to be satisfactory. The accounts have been audited by Wm. Minet, Esq., F.S.A., and the Balance Sheet is now circulated.

“The Report of the Sub-Committee on Photographic Surveys has been issued to all Societies in Union, and has been printed in whole or in extracts in many important Provincial papers. Nearly 8,000 copies have altogether been circulated, and many Societies have been started to carry out the Surveys recommended.

“The Committee regrets that there has not been more demand for the excellent comparative scale of English and French measures which has been printed by the Society of Antiquaries for the purpose of being photographed with any object or building.

“The Special Committee on Local Museums will present a Report to the Congress.

“Over 7,000 copies of a Report on the proposed Ethnographic Survey have been circulated by arrangement with a Committee of the British Association, who gave the use of the type and contributed to the expense.

“A supplemental list of printed and transcribed Parish Registers has been prepared by the Hon. Sec., in conjunction with Mr. E. A. Fry, the Hon. Sec. of the new Parish Register Society, and will be circulated free of cost to all Societies in Union desiring copies.

“It is gratifying to find that so large a number of Registers has been transcribed since the publication of the first Report, and probably partly in consequence of that Report. It will be observed that a large number of the Transcripts are in the hands of the Clergy of the parishes, and are, therefore available for general use.

“The original issue of the Report on Parish Registers being exhausted, and several Societies being anxious to have their full number of copies, it has been decided to reprint this.

“Owing to the large amount of correspondence involved by the Parish Register Supplement and the Photographic Survey, the proposed Circulars on Municipal and other Records have not yet been issued, but they are now printed, and will be laid on the table at the Meeting.

“In consequence of the resolution of the Congress of 1895, the Committee requested the Society of Antiquaries to take the lead in approaching the Government on the subject of reviving and extending

the Ancient Monuments Act. The Society of Antiquaries has taken the matter up, and is enquiring as to what steps are taken in the matter in foreign countries.

“JOHN EVANS (*Chairman*).

“RALPH NEVILL (*Hon. Sec.*).

“*July 1st, 1896.*”

The Council has again authorized the Honorary Secretaries to obtain copies of the “Classified Index of Archaeological Papers published in 1895.” These are issued with this Part of the *Collections*.

THE FORTY-SECOND 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, 1896, and to elect Officers, was held at 8, Danes Inn, Strand, W.C., on the 24th of March, 1897, at 4 p.m. The President, VISCOUNT MIDDLETON, in the chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted.

The Honorary Secretary then read the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1896.

On the motion of Mr. J. F. Eastwood, seconded by Mr. P. Norman, it was resolved, “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 1896.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has much pleasure in submitting this, its Forty-second Annual Report, together with the Cash Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1896.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held on Wednesday, July 15th, the meeting place being East Grinstead, whence Lingfield and Crowhurst were visited. The Council takes this opportunity of returning the thanks of the Society to all who assisted in rendering the meeting successful.

The Part of the Society’s *Collections* (Vol. XIII, Part I) for the year 1896, was duly issued to all members not in arrear with their subscriptions. In this Part are valuable papers by Mr. J. L. André, F.S.A., Mr. F. Ll. Griffith, F.S.A., Mr. F. Lasham, Mr. Philip Norman, F.S.A., and Mr. S. W. Kershaw, F.S.A. The Catalogue of Church Plate is still being continued by the Rev. T. S. Cooper, F.S.A., and the extracts from Surrey Wills by Mr. F. A. Crisp, F.S.A.

The Council regrets to report that the deficit on the yearly account shows a slight increase; this is partly to be accounted for by the increased rent which has fallen upon the Society since the loss of the part tenancy of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society. Up to the present the Society has been unable to secure another tenant. In order to lessen this deficit and to keep the annual expenditure within the annual income, it will be necessary, unless a large addition can be made to the number of annual subscribers, to cut down the size of the *Collections* and reduce the number of illustrations. To a certain extent this has already been done, as the following Table shows:—

Cost of <i>Collections</i> in 1890	...	...	£87
" " 1891	...	...	£120
" " 1892	...	...	£100
" " 1893	...	...	£97
" " 1894	...	...	£77
" " 1895	...	...	£74
" " 1896	...	...	£54

To further reduce the expenditure on this item will only tend to impair the efficiency of the Society's work.

The losses by death and resignation have been unusually heavy during the past year, and the number of new members elected has only been small. The number of members now stands at 297, viz.: Annual, 202; Life, 93; Honorary, 2. During the year 7 new members were elected, viz.: 5 Annual and 2 Life.

By death the Society has lost 8 members, viz.: 3 Life and 5 Annual. By resignation, 10 members. Total 18.—Loss over gain 11.

The Council for some time past has had under consideration the advisability of raising the Life Composition, as at the present rate of interest the composition is found to be unremunerative. It is therefore proposed to submit to the General Meeting a resolution making the Life Composition £7:10s. instead of £5 as at present. Of this sum it is proposed to fund £5 and to treat the balance as current account.

The following members of Council retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz.: Lieut.-Colonel Godwin-Austen, F.R.S.; Rev. R. M. Blakiston, M.A., F.S.A.; the Hon. G. C. Brodrick, D.C.L.; G. E. Cokayne, F.S.A.; R. Hovenden, F.S.A.; J. J. Howard, LL.D., F.S.A.; A. J. Style, and John Watney, F.S.A.

Mr. Mill Stephenson, one of the Honorary Secretaries, finding that he is no longer able to give the time and attention required for the work of the Society, will not offer himself for re-election. The Council desires to express its great regret at the loss of the services of Mr. Stephenson which have been of great value to the Society.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Ralph Nevill, it was resolved "That the Report of Council for the year 1896 be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes."

The following gentlemen were re-elected Members of Council:—Lieut.-Col. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S.; Rev. R. M. Blakiston, M.A., F.S.A.; the Hon. G. C. Brodrick, D.C.L.; R. Hovenden, F.S.A.;

J. J. Howard, LL.D., F.S.A.; A. J. Style; and John Watney, F.S.A. Mr. Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., was elected a Member of Council in place of Mr. G. E. Cokayne, F.S.A.

Moved, seconded and carried "That the thanks of the Society be given to the President, Council and Officers of the Society for their services during the past year."

The Rev. T. S. Cooper was re-elected one of the Honorary Secretaries. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Mill Stephenson was left in the hands of the Council to be dealt with. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Stephenson for their services in the past year was unanimously passed. Thanks were also passed to the Auditors, Mr. W. F. Potter and Mr. Cecil T. Davis, who were re-appointed.

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

The Meeting was then made special, under Rule XV, in order to consider a resolution submitted by the Council to the Members.

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the special meeting and also Rule XV.

The Chairman then requested the Honorary Secretary to read the resolution:—

"That the Life Composition be raised from £5 to £7 : 10s., with the usual entrance fee, and that the sum of £5 be invested and the balance treated as current account."

On the motion of Mr. Ralph Nevill, seconded by Mr. J. F. Eastwood, this resolution was carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Eastwood and seconded by Mr. Tolhurst, was carried unanimously.

Surrey Archaeological Society.—Cash Account for the year ending December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1896	... 14 9 11	By Rent, Four Quarters, to Michaelmas	... 31 1 0
„ Petty Cash in hand	... 3 0 10	„ Housekeeper, Four Quarters, to Christmas	... 3 4 4
„ Four Dividends on £329:16s. 3d.,	...	„ Printing Part II, Vol. XII	... 48 0 0
2½ per cent. stock	... 8 15 4	„ Postage on Part I, Vol. XIII	... 5 16 4
„ Sale of Publications	... 4 4 0	„ Circulars and Stamped Envelopes	... 9 2 0
„ 7 Entrance Fees	... 3 10 0	„ Office Expenses	... 3 2 10
„ 202 Annual Subscriptions, viz:—	...	„ Collector, Salary and Commission	... 15 0 0
14 for 1895	... 7 0 0	„ Insurance	... 0 15 6
182 „ 1896	... 91 1 0	„ Subscription to Archæological Congress	... 1 0 0
6 „ 1897 (in advance)	... 3 0 0	„ Index of Archæological Papers	... 3 2 6
	— 101 1 0	„ Binding	... 1 0 0
		„ Errors in Subscriptions	... 0 1 0
		„ Church Plate Catalogue	... 5 0 0
		„ Cheque Book	... 0 5 0
			£126 10 6
		Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1896	... 8 9 9
		Petty Cash in hands of Hon. Sec.	... 0 0 10
			£135 1 1

The above Account has been examined by us and found correct.
 (Signed) W. F. POTTER, } *Auditors.*
 CECIL T. DAVIS, }

February 12th, 1897.

MILL STEPHENSON,
 Hon. Sec.

Surrey Archæological Society.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities, December 31st, 1896.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Rent to Christmas, 1896 ...	7 15 3	By Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1896 ...	8 9 9
„ Printing Part I, Vol. XIII ...	40 3 0	„ Petty Cash in hands of Hon. Sec. ...	0 0 10
„ Illustrating ...	8 18 6		£8 10 5
		Deficit ...	48 6 4
			£56 16 9

The arrears of Subscriptions for 1895 are three, and for 1896 seven. Total 10.

The Reserve Fund consists of £320: 16s. 3d. in the 2½ per Cent. Consols, and a sum of £20 on deposit pending investment.

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