

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held on Thursday, July 20th, 1899. The Members of the Society and their friends assembled at Redhill Station, whence Nutfield, Blechingley and Pendell Court were successively visited. At Nutfield Church it had been arranged that the rector, the Rev. G. Hartwell Jones, M.A., should give a brief description of the building and its history, but in his unavoidable absence, his notes were read by his curate, the Rev. E. W. Harradine.

Leaving the Church the party drove to Castle Hill, Blechingley, where, by the kind permission of Mr. Henry Partridge, they were permitted to inspect the few remains still existing of the ancient castle.

An account of Blechingley Castle, its history, and of the De Clares, its former owners, was given by Mr. H. E. Malden, M.A. Mr. Malden's paper is printed in this volume of the *Collections*, with a plan based on that given in Manning and Bray's *History of Surrey*, showing the present condition of the fosses and the remains of the ancient walls.

On arrival at Blechingley a short interval was taken for luncheon. A visit was then paid to the Church, where the party was received by the vicar, the Rev. W. C. Bishop. A description of the Church by Mr. Granville Leveson-Gower has already been printed in the *Collections*, Vol. V, pp. 227-252. On the present occasion a detailed account of the architectural features of the building and its memorials was read by Mr. J. Lewis André, F.S.A.

The party then proceeded to Brewer Street, where a visit was paid to the fine old timbered house known as the "Gatehouse." On the way Place Farm, supposed to have been at one time a residence of Anne of Cleves, was passed. Attention was called here to the remains of what appeared to be a Tudor gateway, which the removal of the external plaster on the wall of the house had recently discovered.

From the Gatehouse the Members drove to Pendell Court, where they were most hospitably entertained by Mr. W. A. Bell and Mrs. Bell, and kindly permitted to inspect this beautiful building. A short sketch of the history of the place and of its former owners was read by Mr. Jarvis Kenrick. A very brief account of the house appeared on pp. 218 and 219 of Vol. V of the *Collections*.

From Pendell Court the Members returned to Redhill, and dined together at Laker's Hotel.

THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES IN UNION with the Society of Antiquaries was held at Burlington House on Wednesday, July 12th, 1899. The Society was again represented by Mr. Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., and Mr. Robert Hovenden, F.S.A.

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

“ Congress of Archaeological Societies, July 12th, 1899.

“ The Eleventh Congress of Archaeological Societies in Union with the Society of Antiquaries was held on Wednesday, the 12th of July at Burlington House, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. Viscount Dillon, Pres. Soc. of Antiquaries.

“ The Congress was attended by Delegates from the Society of Antiquaries (2), the Royal Archæological Institute (3), the British Archæological Association (2), the Folklore (2), and the British Record (2) Societies, and the Societies for Berks, Bristol and Gloucestershire, Bucks, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Derbyshire, Essex, Hants, Lancashire and Cheshire (2), Notts (Thoroton), Norfolk, Oxford, Oxfordshire, St. Albans, Shropshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex (2), Wilts (2), the Woolhope Club (Hereford), and various Committees of the Congress.

“ The Minutes of the last Congress, held on July 6th, 1898, were read and confirmed.

“ The Report of the Standing Committee was read and approved, and the Statement of Accounts, audited by Mr. Wm. Minet, F.S.A., was read and adopted and the thanks of the Meeting given to Mr. Minet for his services, and he was appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

“ The following were elected as the Standing Committee :—

- “ The Officers of the Society of Antiquaries.
- “ J. Romilly Allen, F.S.A.
- “ E. W. Brabrook, C.B., F.S.A.
- “ Rev. J. C. Cox, LL.D., F.S.A.
- “ Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, M.A., F.S.A.
- “ Sir John Evans, K.C.B., V.P.S.A.
- “ Chancellor Ferguson, M.A., F.S.A.
- “ G. E. Fox, M.A., F.S.A.
- “ G. L. Gomme, F.S.A.
- “ Emanuel Green, F.S.A.
- “ W. H. St. John Hope, M.A.
- “ R. A. S. Macalister, M.A.
- “ Wm. Minet, F.S.A.
- “ Canon Rupert Morris, D.D., F.S.A.
- “ George Payne, F.S.A.
- “ J. Horace Round, M.A.
- “ J. B. Willis-Bund, M.A., F.S.A.

“ The Hon. Secretary, who had placed his resignation in the hands of the Congress, at the wish of the meeting resumed the office, and thanks were returned for his past services.

"The Hon. Secretary reported that the Committee had provisionally arranged with Messrs. Constable to at once publish Mr. Gomme's General Index of Archaeological Papers from 1682-1891, the work to be issued to subscribers in simple binding at the price advertised, and the connection of the Congress with it to be suitably acknowledged. Messrs. Constable had also agreed to undertake the issue to the societies subscribing for it of the Annual Index, at the same price as hitherto paid. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the issue of the Annual Index, the collection of subscriptions, and the storage of surplus copies and subsequent sale of separate parts, involved arduous clerical work, from which it was most desirable that any Hon. Secretary should be relieved. He also pointed out that the object of the Congress, which was to bring about the publication of that valuable work, the General Index, and the very useful Annual Index, were satisfactorily attained by the proposed arrangement, and congratulated the Congress on having with their very limited means achieved a work of such importance.

"On the motion of Chancellor Ferguson, F.S.A., seconded by Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P., F.S.A., it was agreed that the Committee be authorized to conclude the arrangements, subject to an instruction moved by Sir Ernest Clarke, and seconded by Mr. Phillimore, that due care should be taken that the Index should be issued to the Congress in a suitable form for their purpose, not disfigured by advertisements.

"On the proposal of the President, the best thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. Gomme for his liberality in giving the text for the General Index, and congratulations were offered him on the realization of his labour.

"A long discussion then took place on the resolution proposed by Mr. Fry (Hon. Sec. of the British Record Society) for the better preservation of certain classes of records.

"This important matter was very fully debated in its various aspects, and it was agreed that the present time was most opportune for approaching the Government, as Mr. Balfour had promised on their behalf that something should be done. The Congress had the advantage of hearing the views of Mr. Fry and Mr. Phillimore, who had together prepared a Bill on the subject which now awaited introduction into Parliament, and the subject of the best mode of ensuring the safe custody of Wills, County, Diocesan and Parish Records was discussed in detail by the President, Chancellor Ferguson, Mr. J. H. Round, the Rev. J. O. Bevan, the Rev. W. Bazeley, the Rev. J. C. Cox, Mr. Em. Green, F.S.A., Dr. Holthouse and others, and it was agreed that the request to Government should be expressed in general terms, leaving details to be arranged hereafter.

"On the motion of Mr. Fry, seconded by Dr. Holthouse, it was resolved that—

"The Congress of Archaeological Societies in Union with the Society of Antiquaries, having regard to the revelations relating to the custody and condition of Wills, Parish Registers, and other Public Documents in the recent Shipway Pedigree Case, in which so many documents were

forged and stolen, considers that steps should be taken to recommend Government to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the subject of the better preservation and arrangement of such Records, whereby such practices may be rendered impossible in the future.'

"On the motion of Mr. J. H. Round it was agreed that a Deputation be appointed to endeavour to obtain an interview with Mr. Balfour to explain the views of the Congress, and a list of the Deputation was agreed to, subject to their acceptance. Mr. Round, Mr. Phillimore and the Hon. Secretary, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements, in consultation with the President, for the conduct of the Deputation.

"On re-assembling after lunch, the Hon. Secretary gave an account of the work taken in hand by the newly-formed Lancashire, Shropshire and Yorkshire Parish Register Societies, and called attention to the fact that not only was a complete and detailed List of Registers being published by private effort in many Dioceses, but the experience of the Societies named, and particularly of the Shropshire Society, showed that the publication of all the Parish Registers in the country was well within the reach of private enterprise. The Yorkshire Society now numbers 227 members, paying a guinea a year and has six Registers in hand; the Lancashire are publishing five and has more than ten ready; Shropshire, which, by the aid of Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P., has become a very strong Society, has already published twelve Registers and has five more nearly ready.

"Mr. Phillimore spoke to the success of the Shropshire Society and of the various publications of Marriage Registers in progress under his auspices. Those for some counties were now within measurable distance of completion. Mr. Fry, Hon. Secretary of the Parish Register Society, gave some account of its progress, and stated that it proposed shortly to publish a volume giving a list of all Registers printed up to date. The Hon. Secretary expressed his satisfaction that the Congress would thus be spared the expense of such a publication, and Mr. Fry and others bore testimony to the great value of the two Reports of the Congress in promoting transcription and publication.

"In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Willis-Bund, F.S.A., the Hon. Secretary gave some account of the very complete way in which the Worcestershire County Council Records were being treated under Mr. Willis-Bund's care.

"Mr. W. H. St. John Hope, M.A., mentioned the subject of the proposed Catalogue of Effigies, as to which active steps had been delayed owing to shortness of funds.

"It was suggested and agreed that it was unnecessary that Mr. Richardson's list should be printed, as it would be better for each Society to prepare its own rough list. Chancellor Ferguson placed on the table the volume containing the illustrated list of Effigies in the Diocese of Carlisle, published by the Cumberland and Westmoreland Society, and gave some account of the method employed in the com-

pilation. The Hon. Secretary having stated that there were now plenty of funds available, it was resolved that the Effigies Committee be asked to at once print and circulate their Report and Recommendations for Cataloguing.

"On behalf of the Wiltshire Society, the Rev. E. H. Goddard, M.A., exhibited two completed books of Portrait Catalogues, now the property of their Society. Regulation copies of these had been deposited with the National Portrait Gallery. Catalogues of other Collections were in progress.

"Delegates from Berks and Bucks also gave their experiences, and the Hon. Secretary deprecated undue despondency as to the success of the attempt to form a Catalogue, which must necessarily take a long time. He instanced the case of Parish Registers, the first Report on which was issued in 1892, and was some years in producing its full effect. The Report on the Photographic Survey of England and Wales, issued in 1895, was also only now beginning to bear fruit.

"The Rev. J. C. Cox, LL.D., F.S.A., gave an account of the manner in which it was proposed by Messrs. Constable to prepare and publish the proposed series of Victoria County Histories projected by Mr. G. L. Gomme, F.S.A., and Mr. Round bore testimony to the close scrutiny to which he had subjected the proposal and his satisfaction with the result. After considerable discussion it was resolved that—

"This Congress is glad to hear of the project of a complete series of County Histories, termed the Victoria History of the Counties of England, and hopes that every assistance will be rendered by the various Archaeological Societies."

"In connection with the subject, attention was directed to the fact, which the Committee had mentioned in their Report, that no Archaeological Surveys of Counties had been recently published, and Mr. Manning then drew attention to the Survey of Oxfordshire made by him and hung upon the wall, and it was stated that the Survey for Northants was ready, and that for Derbyshire half done.

"It was resolved, on the proposal of Mr. Manning, to ask the Society of Antiquaries to consider whether it might not be advisable to add certain symbols to the Map, but several members expressed their opinion that there might be difficulties in the way of doing this.

"Mr. Gould drew attention to the importance of obtaining a complete record of defensive earthworks, many of which had never been recorded, and were in constant danger of destruction. The attention of the Societies in Union is called to the proceedings of the 9th Congress, held on December 1st, 1897, and the following paragraph—

"Mr. Shore (Hants Field Club) brought before the meeting the desirability of asking Government to direct the Ordnance Surveyors to take more accurate particulars of earthworks, and, after discussion, in which any appeal to Government was generally deprecated, it was resolved, on the motion of Sir John Evans :—

"That a memorandum be sent to the various local Archaeological Societies, suggesting the desirability of placing themselves in

communication with the Ordnance Survey officers for their districts so as to promote the record on the surveys of the earthworks within their districts, and where possible to determine their age by excavations.'

"Mr. Gomme drew attention to the failure of the British Association Committee to obtain help for the projected Ethnographic Survey of Britain, information as to which was circulated by the Congress. He asked that the Societies should be invited to assist the very interesting and desirable scheme by collecting, and, if possible publishing photographs (full and side face) of the typical inhabitants of each county, and by having a sufficient number of skull measurements taken by competent persons so as to work out the physical characteristics of the people. Mention was made of the extremely valuable work done in this way for several counties by Dr. Beddoes, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Societies in Union to the matter.

"A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the President for the courteous and patient manner in which he had presided over a long meeting, to the Society of Antiquaries for the use of their rooms and their hospitality, and to the Hon. Secretary for his labours.

"RALPH NEVILL, F.S.A.,

"Hon. Secretary to the Congress.

"13, ADDISON CRESCENT,

"KENSINGTON, W."

The Council has authorised the Honorary Secretaries to obtain copies of the "Classified Index of Archæological Papers published in 1898." These are issued with this Volume of the *Collections*.

THE FORTY-FIFTH 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, 1899, and to elect officers, was held at the Castle Arch, Guildford, on Saturday, the 17th of March, 1900, at 3 p.m. The President, Viscount MIDLETON, 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, 1899.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Sir Cuthbert Peek, 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 1899.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY has much pleasure in submitting this, its Forty-fifth Annual Report, together with the Cash Account to the 31st of December, 1899.

The ANNUAL MEETING was held on Thursday, July 20th, the meeting place being Red Hill, whence Nutfield, Blechingley and Pendell Court 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. XIV, Part II) for the year 1899 was duly issued to all members not in arrear with their subscriptions. In this Part are valuable papers by Mr. A. Ridley Bax, F.S.A., Mr. Philip M. Johnston, and Mr. Cecil T. Davis. The Catalogue of Church Plate is still being continued by the Rev. T. S. Cooper, M.A., F.S.A.

The Society's new premises at Guildford became available for the use of members on Saturday, March 18th, when the Annual General Meeting was there held. To the interest taken in the Museum since the opening abundant testimony can be found in the large number of attendances both of members and others. The Council has to express its best thanks to all those who have during the year so greatly enriched the contents of the Library and Museum by their kind gifts or loans. Amongst the gifts, it desires to draw attention to one from Mr. Julian S. Corbett of the manorial court rolls of Imber Court, and to one from the executors of the late Mr. Manwaring Shurlock of a number of interesting reliques from Chertsey Abbey, both which it considers of a nature to give an especial value to the Society's Museum and to enhance its position in the County.

The contributions to the Guildford Museum Fund have reached a total of £273, at which amount the fund has now been closed. The Council's thanks are due to all those whose generosity has helped to produce this total. It is proposed to issue the balance sheet of the fund next year with the Report for the current year.

Under the direction of the joint honorary secretary, the Rev. T. S. Cooper, the excavations at Waverley Abbey were continued last summer with excellent results. The work was practically confined to the Infirmary block. Here, as had been anticipated, sufficient remains of the walls were found to determine the position of the Infirmary Hall and Chapel, the Misericorde, Reredorter, Kitchen, &c. The most important find has been, however, in another direction. This was

the discovery of the little Presbytery of the original Norman Church, which was made use of in the south transept of the later church and formed the divisions of two of the chapels there. The Society has been fortunate in securing the co-operation of Mr. Harold Brakspear, A.R.I.B.A., who has made an accurate and instructive ground plan of the present appearance of the Abbey. It is hoped that the excavations may be continued during the coming summer under the same direction as hitherto, and, given fair weather, the completion of the work should be within measurable distance, if the funds at the Society's disposal will permit. For these latter, however, the Council is now again compelled to appeal for subscriptions.

The Council has very great satisfaction in being able to report that the small deficit shown in the accounts for 1898 has now been wiped off, and that in place thereof the Society, with no liabilities to meet, had at the end of last year a balance of over £40 in hand. Towards this result, the economies which it was mentioned in last year's Report were likely to be effected in future years have to some extent contributed, but it is again chiefly to the very considerable increase in the number of members that the Society is indebted for its improved financial position. In view of this position, the Council has decided to issue to members during the present year a complete and bound, instead of a half, volume of the *Collections*, and hopes to be able to continue this policy in future years. It must, however, impress upon members that its ability to do so entirely depends upon their success in enlisting the interest of their friends in the Society's work and in not allowing the number of members to fall below its present standard.

The Council regrets to report the death of Thomas Somers Cocks, Esq., who had acted as Treasurer and one of the Trustees of the Society from its commencement. To fill the offices thus vacant Mr. Cocks's son, T. S. Vernon Cocks, Esq., has been duly elected.

Lt.-Col. E. Z. Thornton has resigned his seat on the Council. W. E. St. Lawrence Finny, Esq., M.B., has been duly elected to fill the vacancy.

The following members of Council retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz.: Lt.-Col. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S.; the Hon. George C. Brodrick, D.C.L.; Edmond Foster, Esq.; Robert Hovenden, Esq., F.S.A.; A. Dashwood Howard, Esq., M.D.; Mill Stephenson, Esq., B.A., F.S.A.; Arthur J. Style, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.; John Watney, Esq., F.S.A.

The number of members is 368, viz.: Annual, 272; Life, 95; Honorary, 1. During the year 63 new members have been elected, viz.: 61 Annual and 2 Life. By death the Society has lost 10 members, viz.: 8 Annual, 2 Life. By resignation 8 members. Total, 18. Gain over loss, 45.

The Rev. T. S. Cooper finding that, owing to his probable absence from the county for the greater part of the year, in future he will be unable to give the time and attention that the work requires, will not offer himself again for re-election as one of the Honorary Secretaries. The Council desires to express its great regret for the loss of Mr. Cooper's services, which have been of great value to the Society.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Sir Cuthbert Peek, it was resolved : "That the Report of Council for 1899 be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes."

The following gentlemen were re-elected Members of Council :— Lt.-Col. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S.; the Hon. G. C. Brodrick, D.C.L.; Edmond Foster, Esq.; Robert Hovenden, Esq., F.S.A.; Mill Stephenson, Esq., B.A., F.S.A.; Arthur J. Style, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., and John Watney, Esq., F.S.A. The Rev. T. S. Cooper, M.A., F.S.A. was elected a Member of Council in the place of A. Dashwood Howard, Esq., M.D.

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."

Mr. M. S. Giuseppi was re-elected Honorary Secretary, and on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Ralph Nevill, it was resolved : "That the Council be empowered to consider the expediency of appointing a second Honorary Secretary, in the place of the Rev. T. S. Cooper, resigned, and, if held expedient, to appoint a fit person to the office." A vote of thanks was passed to the Honorary Secretaries for their services in the past year.

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

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Colonel John Davis, A.D.C., and seconded by Dr. W. E. St. L. Finny, was carried unanimously.

Surrey Archaeological Society.—Cash Account for the year ending December 31st, 1899.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS.

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1899	...	33 19 9
" Petty Cash in hand	...	1 10 9
" Four Dividends on £375 : 8s. 5d.,	...	9 19 8
" 2 <i>½</i> per cent. stock	...	1 14 0
" Credits in error	...	10 9 6
" Sale of Publications	...	10 9 6
" Five Quarters' Rent of 2, Castle Arch, Guildford,	...	12 10 0
" to Michaelmas	...	2 19 3
" Admission Fees to Museum	...	25 0 0
" Deposit Account	...	0 1 11
" Interest on Deposit Account	...	15 0 0
" Life Compositions	...	34 10 0
" Entrance Fees	...	£0 10 0
" 1 for 1896	...	1 7 0
" 4 " 1897	...	119 10 0
" 14 " 1898	...	2 0 0
" 239 " 1899	...	131 0 0
" 4 " 1900 (in advance)	...	<u>131 0 0</u>
		<u>£225 18 9</u>
EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.
By Rent, Four Quarters, to Christmas	...	12 0 0
" Rates and Taxes	...	3 16 2
" Caretaker, Four Quarters to Christmas	...	10 0 0
" Printing and Postage of Part I, Vol. XIV	...	39 18 6
" Illustrating Part I, Vol. XIV	...	64 18 6
" Part II,	...	6 2 6
" Indexing	...	7 10 6
" Printing Circulars and Stamped Envelopes (1898 and 1899)	...	5 0 0
" Excavations at Waverley Abbey	...	31 13 0
" Office Expenses	...	25 0 0
" Hire of Room for Council Meetings	...	6 11 0
" Subscription to Archaeological Congress (1898-1900)	...	3 0 0
" Index of Archaeological Papers	...	2 0 0
" Fittings, Portfolios, &c., for Museum	...	2 16 3
" Deposit Account	...	4 9 7
" Binding	...	10 0 0
" Fire and Burglary Insurance	...	0 17 8
" Excursion Expenses	...	0 16 1
" Credits in error refunded	...	1 14 0
" Power of Attorney for Transfer of Consols	...	0 11 6
" Cheque Book	...	0 5 0
		<u>£225 18 9</u>
Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1899	...	35 16 5
Petty Cash in hands of Hon. Secretaries	...	6 19 8
		<u>£278 14 10</u>

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

(Signed) W. F. POTTER,
CECIL T. DAVIS, } AUDITORS.

February 16th, 1900.

The Assets of the Society, in addition to the Balance of £42. 16s. 1d. at the Bank and in the hands of the Hon. Secretaries, include the sum of £2: 10s., due for one quarter's rent to Christmas last of No. 2, Castle Arch, Guildford. The arrears of Subscriptions for 1897 are one for 1898 five, and for 1899 fourteen. The Reserve Fund consists of £35: 8s. 6d. in the $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. Consols. There are no Liabilities.

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