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TO THE MEMBERS.

SURREY, abounding, as it does, in great and diversified natural beauties, is not possessed of many objects affording interest to the antiquarian. The immense forests and large tracts of heath land, which existed in the days of the early Britons, may, in part, account for this, aided no less by its position, separated, as it is, by the counties of Kent, Sussex, and Hants from the seashore.

Although Saxon churches and Norman castles, as a consequence, cannot be found in the county, there are, nevertheless, relics of great interest in our midst, which claim the notice of the archæologist: to these the Council would direct attention. Among the recent evidences of a healthful revival of interest in such matters, may be adduced the preservation and careful restoration of the wall-painting in Chaldon Church, a very accurate rendering of which, in tinted lithograph, with descriptive letterpress from the pen of JOHN GREEN WALLER, Esq., will be found in this volume.

Time and neglect have done much to destroy the fabric of some of the early churches, added to which, repairs having become imperatively necessary, the opportunity has been taken advantage of to add "restoration" to reparation, frequently to the damage of the original design. The Society has endeavoured, by the publication of papers, accompanied by detail drawings, to record the style and architectural features of the edifices, prior to these alterations, and in this particular are largely indebted to their indefatigable ecclesiologist ALFRED HEALES, Esq., F.S.A.

In the hands of GRANVILLE-LEVESON GOWER, Esq., F.S.A., Bletchingley has found an accomplished historian, whilst the descriptions of

the strongholds of our ancestors at Anstiebury, and White Hill, Caterham, by ROBERT A. C. GODWIN-AUSTEN, Esq., F.R.S., and JOHN WICKHAM FLOWER, Esq., F.G.S., have exhausted all that is known about those ancient camps. To WILLIAM HENRY HART, Esq., F.S.A., the Society is not only indebted for the paper on the "Parliamentary Surveys of the Royal Parks," but also for substantial pecuniary assistance, that gentleman having defrayed the entire cost of printing the same.

In Genealogy and Heraldry, CHARLES SPENCER PERCEVAL, Esq., F.S.A., and JOSEPH JACKSON HOWARD, Esq., F.S.A., have rendered valuable aid ; whilst JOHN GREEN WALLER, Esq., has contributed some interesting notes on the Cobham monuments at Lingfield.

The Council has also, in conclusion, to acknowledge, with thanks, the liberality of ALFRED HEALES, Esq., F.S.A., and GRANVILLE-LEVESON GOWER, Esq., F.S.A., in presenting the necessary engravings to illustrate their respective papers on Great Bookham, Chiddingfold, and Bletchingley Churches.
