

THIRTY-SIX YEARS' WORK
OF THE
LONDON AND MIDDLESEX
Archæological Society.

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IT is little more than a generation ago that the London and Middlesex Archæological Society was founded by a few zealous antiquaries to conserve the archæological interests of the metropolis and its immediate neighbourhood. The first meeting of the Society was held in December, 1855, when an able address explaining its objects was delivered by the Rev. Thomas Hugo, M.A., F.S.A. These objects were defined by the Council as follows :

“ To collect, record, and publish the best information on the ancient arts and monuments of the Cities of London and Westminster, and of the County of Middlesex. To procure careful observation, and promote the preservation, of antiquities discovered in the progress of works, such as excavations for railways, foundations of buildings, etc. To make, and to encourage individuals and public bodies in making, researches and excavations, and to afford to them suggestions and co-operation. To oppose and prevent, so far as may be practicable, any injuries with which monuments and ancient remains of every description may, from time to time, be threatened; and to collect accurate drawings, plans, and descriptions thereof. To found a museum and library for the reception, by way of gift, loan, or purchase, of works and

objects of archæological interest, connected with London and Middlesex."

At the commencement of a new series of the Society's "Transactions," it may not be out of place to review the past work of the Society, and see to what extent it has realized the objects and intentions of its founders. The field of London archæology is so vast, and the methods of antiquarian research have been so greatly facilitated and extended in recent years by the publication of various classes of national and private records, that there is room for the efforts both of societies and individual workers for many years to come. But the history of the work already accomplished will at least be suggestive to the present members of the Society, whilst, in some departments probably, it may be safely concluded that the labours of many eminent antiquaries who have contributed to its proceedings leave little to be done by future workers. My task, then, is a simple one, viz., to collate, under suitable heads, papers upon various topics which have appeared in the Society's "Transactions." In judging of the amount of work produced by the Society as shown in its *printed* records, it must be remembered that the subscription was for many years a very small one, and that the papers themselves are illustrated on a costly and even lavish scale.

The work of the Society has been by no means limited to the publication of selected papers from its transactions. During the extensive changes that have taken place, within living memory, in the topography of the city of London, the Society has been alive to the importance of recording all discoveries of Roman and mediæval remains made in the progress of excavations in connection with public improvements,

and the erection of the vast railway termini and other public and private buildings. The meetings, also, which have been held from time to time, have fostered an interest in archæological studies in numbers of persons who have not themselves contributed to the "Transactions" of the Society. And it may be justly claimed that an unconscious sympathy for archæological pursuits and a desire to preserve from injury the relics of ancient London have been developed in citizens of all classes. In many instances ancient buildings and monuments have been saved from destruction or from unwise reparation, either by the direct or indirect efforts of the Society. A glance, too, at the following summary of Transactions will show that the Society has been successful in forming a school of London antiquaries, and a further result of its meetings may be seen in the stimulus which it has afforded to the claims of archæology upon public bodies and individuals.

London's primeval period is dealt with in vol. i., pp. 136-41, and its early municipal history, by G. L. Gomme, F.S.A., in vol. vi., pp. 520-59. In the important department of Roman antiquities, there are the following papers upon discoveries made at various times during excavations in the City: Tessellated Pavements from Bishopsgate Street, Threadneedle Street, Paternoster Row, and Suffolk Lane, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 31, 32); Coffin and Pottery from Bow (i. 192-94); Newgate Street and London Wall, by J. E. Price, F.S.A. (i. 195, v. 403-24). Mr. Price is also the author of some valuable Notes on Roman Remains, being a summary of the discoveries made during a series of years (evening meetings, 68, 69; iii. 194-222; iv. 124-30). Special

papers are also contributed by the following writers: On the Roman Camp of Suetonius at Islington, by G. Mackenzie (i. 321-23); On Frauds of Antiquity Dealers, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 323-27); On a Leaden Coffin found at Bethnal Green, by H. W. Rolfe (evening meetings, 76-81); On Coffins found at Old Ford and East Ham (ii. 267-69); On an Interment in West Smithfield, by J. E. Price (iii. 37, 38); On a Marble Sarcophagus found at Clapton, by Benj. Clarke (iii. 191-94); On a Sepulchre discovered at Westminster Abbey, by W. H. Black (iv. 60-69); On Two Tombs found at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, by Dr. Norman Moore (v. 293-301); On Leaden Seals, by C. Roach Smith, F.S.A. (v. 433-35); and on Roman Forces in Britain, by W. Thompson Watkin (v. 527-32).

Coming down to mediæval times, the following subjects have been treated of: Tradition of London Stone, by H. C. Coote (v. 282-292); London Wall, by E. Woodthorpe (i. 338, 339); London City Wall, by Frederick Wallen (iii. 52, 53); Site of the Steelyard, by J. E. Price (iii. 67, 68); Mediæval Kiln for burning Encaustic Tiles at Clerkenwell, by J. E. Price (iii. 31-36); Ward Maces of the City of London (evening meetings, 92, 93, and *passim*); Spurs, by Thomas Wills (evening meetings, 28-30); Crypt at Aldgate, by Alfred White, F.S.A. (iv. 223-230); Contract for organ for Allhallows Barking, by G. R. Corner (evening meetings, 86-90); Three helmets from Cobham Church, Kent, by Thomas Wells (evening meetings, 56-58); Leather knife-sheath, by S. Smirke (i. 119); Regalia at Coronation of Charles II., by Robert Cole (evening meetings, 39-41).

The next division is that of the City Guilds and other ancient fraternities. Many of the following

papers have given birth to more extended treatises, and the work of the Society in this department has proved of unique value and interest: The English Guild of Knights and their Socn, by H. C. Coote, F.S.A. (v. 477-493); Ordinances of some Secular Guilds, 1354 to 1496, by the same writer (iv. 1-59); Bakers' Company and Hall, by G. R. Corner and others (iii. 54-66); Barber Surgeons, by F. W. Fairholt (i. 346-48); Barber Surgeons, by George Lambert, F.S.A. (vi. 125-89); Drapers' Company, by W. P. Sawyer (vi. *a* 37-64); Dyers' Company, by E. Cookworthy Robins, F.S.A. (v. 441-76); Goldsmiths' Company:—Goldsmiths who have been Aldermen of Aldersgate Ward, by Alderman John Staples, F.S.A. (vi. *a* 1-35), Goldsmiths' Hall, by George Lambert (vi. *a* 74-84); Mercers' Company:—History, and Records, by J. G. Nichols (iv. 131-147), and Plate, by G. R. French (iv. 147-150); Skinners' Company, by J. F. Wadmore (v. 92-182); Stationers' Company:—J. G. Nichols (ii. 37-61), and Records, by C. R. Rivington (vi. 280-340); Vintners' Company:—History, by W. H. Overall, F.S.A. (iii. 404-431), Muniments, by J. G. Nichols (iii. 432-447), Eminent Members, by T. Milbourn (iii. 448-471), and Plate and Tapestry, by G. R. French (iii. 472-491); Hon. Artillery Company, by H. W. Sass (evening meetings, 13-19); Steelyard Merchants, by J. E. Price (iii. 67, 68).

Among the topographical papers is the very interesting "Walk through Bishopsgate," by the Rev. T. Hugo (i. 149-174). In this paper Mr. Hugo made it his object to describe the houses and localities of which no notice had previously appeared in the works of other writers. How well fitted the writer was to carry out such a purpose those who knew him

personally or are acquainted with his writings will readily acknowledge. It is to be lamented that this eminent antiquary was unable to complete his excellent project of a perambulation of the whole City. The following papers deal very admirably, each in its way, with various districts and localities : Walk from Westminster to the Tower, by W. Tayler (i. 299-307); Cripplegate Parish (i. 339-348); Grub Street, by Henry Campkin (iii. 223-244); Vintry Ward, by W. H. Overall (iii. 404-431); the Hole-Bourne, by J. G. Waller, F.S.A. (vi. 97-123); Tybourne and Westbourne, by J. G. Waller (vi. 244-279).

The interesting subject of monastic life in old London is well illustrated by many writers, and comprises papers on Austin Friars, by Rev. T. Hugo (ii. 1-24); Priory of St. Bartholomew, by Alfred White (i. 336-339); Carthusian Monastery of London, by Archdeacon Hale (iii. 309-331); View of the Cistercian Abbey of St. Mary Graces or East Minster, which formerly stood eastward of East Smithfield (i. 26); Grey Friars, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 332-335); Priory of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, by Rev. T. Hugo (ii. 169-203); Priory of St. John's, Clerkenwell, by W. Pettit Griffith (iii. 157-170); Hospital of Le Papey, by Rev. T. Hugo (v. 183-221). This division is fitly concluded by a full description of Westminster Abbey as shown in the following papers : Chapter-house, by Sir G. G. Scott (i. 198, 199); Library and its Bindings, by W. H. Hart (ii. 81-87), and J. J. Howard (ii. 88-91); Organ, by J. J. Howard (ii. 92, 93); Ancient Treasury, by Joseph Burt (ii. 94-99); Monuments, by Henry Mogford (ii. 100-104); Jerusalem Chamber, by Rev. T. Hugo (ii. 107-112); Inventories at the Dissolution, by Rev. M. E. C.

Walcott (iv. 313-364); Paintings in the Chapter-house, by J. G. Waller (iv. 377-416); Chapels of the Apse, by H. Poole (iv. 448-519); and Inventory, A.D. 1388, by Rev. M. E. C. Walcott (v. 425-432, 439-440).

The researches of various writers into the history of the London churches are numerous and extremely valuable, and include many particulars of the parishes and their residents. The following list is limited to churches within the City and its liberties: All Hallows, Barking:—Contract for an Organ, by G. R. Corner (evening meetings, 86-90), Vicars, by Joseph Maskell (ii. 125-44), Brasses, by J. G. Waller (ii. 160-64), Principal persons interred, by G. R. Corner (ii. 224-58); St. Andrew Undershaft, Notes on Two Brasses, by W. H. Overall (iv. 287-300); St. Anne and St. Agnes within Aldersgate, by T. Milbourn (vi. a 71-74); St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, by T. Hayter Lewis (iii. 79-86); St. Dionis Backchurch, by W. D. Cooper (iv. 201-23); St. Giles Cripplegate, by E. Woodthorpe (i. 339-45); St. Helen's, by T. Lott (i. 57-66); St. James, Garlick-Hithe, by W. D. Cooper (iii. 392-403); Lambe's Chapel, Crypt, by E. Woodthorpe (i. 345); St. Mary Aldermary, by J. Whichcord (i. 259-68); St. Mary-le-Bow, by T. Lott (i. 364-65); St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Church and Parish, by George H. Birch (v. 514-18); St. Mary Somerset, by T. Milbourn (iii. 253-284); St. Matthew, Friday Street, and St. Peter, Cheap, by Rev. Dr. W. S. Simpson (iii. 332-91); St. Olave's, Hart Street, Brasses, by J. G. Waller (ii. 160-4); St. Paul's Cathedral:—Sir Christopher Wren's Original Drawings, by Arthur Ashpitel (iii. 39-51), Visitation Mandate to Dean and Chapter, by Rev. T. Hugo (iii. 245-52), Statutes of the College

of the Minor Canons, by Rev. W. Sparrow Simpson (iv. 231-52), Calendar of Ecclesiastical Dignitaries, 1800-1877, by Rev. W. S. Simpson (v. 222-233), Short Chronicle of the Cathedral from 1140 to 1341, by the Rev. W. S. Simpson, D.D., F.S.A. (v. 311-26); St. Peter, Cornhill, by Rev. R. Whittington (iv. 301-12); St. Stephen's Chapel, Inventory, by J. R. Daniel Tyssen (iv. 365-76); St. Stephen, Walbrook, by T. Milbourn (v. 327-402); Temple Church, by Edw. Richardson (ii. 65, 66); St. Vedast, Foster Lane, by T. Milbourn (vi. *a* 65-71).

The department of genealogy, biography, and heraldry is strongly represented, and special attention should be drawn to the lives of lord mayors, aldermen, and other City dignitaries. Many of the papers in this section are illustrated by elaborate pedigrees, and by coats of arms. They are as follows: Alderman Edward Backwell, Goldsmith and Banker, by F. G. Hilton Price, F.S.A. (vi. 191-230); Letter-book belonging to Sir Anthony Bacon (evening meetings, 10-12); Bellamy and Page, of Harrow, by W. D. Cooper, F.S.A. (1. 285-98); Bohuns and Tiptofts, by Rev. C. Boutell (i. 67-112); Robert de Braybrooke, Bishop of London and Lord Chancellor, by E. W. Brabrook, F.S.A. (iii. 528-46); Copwood Pedigree (ii. 59); Deorman, of London, a Domesday Tenant in Capite, by H. C. Coote (iii. 153-156); Sir Wolstan Dixie, Lord Mayor 1585-86, by T. Brewer (ii. 25-36); Families holding estates which they possessed before the Norman Conquest, by H. C. Coote (evening meetings, 36-39); Notes on Early Goldsmiths and Bankers, by F. G. Hilton Price (v. 255-81); Richard Gough, by J. G. Nichols (i. 319-21); Pedigree of John Hatt, of London, Attorney of Guildhall, A.D. 1634 (evening meetings,

47) ; Alderman Sir William Harper, by J. G. Nichols (iv. 70-93) ; James Huyshe, by H. Huyshe (v. 302-8) ; John Lovekyn, four times Lord Mayor of London, by J. G. Nichols (iii. 133-37), and Alfred Heales (vi. 341-70) ; Alderman Philip Malpas and Sir Thomas Cooke, K.B., Lord Mayor, by B. B. Orridge (iii. 285-306) ; Sir Griffin Markham (evening meetings, 8, 9) ; Sir John Milbourne, his Family and Almshouses, by T. Milbourn (iii. 138-52) ; Sir George Monoux, Lord Mayor, and Family, by Rev. G. H. Dashwood (ii. 144-50) ; John Sadler and Richard Quiney, Citizens and Grocers, by G. R. French (iii. 565-69), and B. B. Orridge (iii. 578-80) ; *Visitation of London, A.D. 1568*, ed. J. J. Howard and J. G. Nichols (separate issue) ; Sir R. Whittington, by Deputy T. Lott (308-12) ; Henry de Yeveley, one of the Architects of Westminster Hall, by J. G. Nichols (ii. 259-66).

The public buildings and ancient edifices of the City and its neighbourhood have not formed the subject of as many papers as might have been expected. The Society has, however, as we shall see later on, visited many places of interest, although in many cases no record of these visits has been preserved. The following list is, however, sufficiently representative : Christ's Hospital, by Rev. T. Hugo and J. W. Fairholt (i. 332-36) ; Crosby Place, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 35) ; Ely Palace, Holborn, by Sir George Gilbert Scott, R.A., F.S.A. (v. 494-503) ; Four Swans Inn, Bishopsgate Street, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 168) ; Gray's Inn, by W. R. Douthwaite (iv. 419-24) ; Guildhall, City Sceptre, Purse, Museum, and Giants, by F. W. Fairholt (i. 351-64) ; Hampton Court Palace, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 205-8) ; Inner Temple and Middle Temple (ii. 65-70) ; Lincoln's Inn, by E. W. Brabrook (iv.

425-44), and Library, by W. H. Spilsbury (iv. 445-66); Serjeants and their Inns, by E. W. Brabrook (v. 234-54); Sion College and its History, by Rev. W. H. Milman (vi. 53-122); Sir Paul Pindar's House and other Domestic Architectural Specimens in Bishopsgate Street, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 159-73); Spur Inn, Southwark, by B. H. Cowper (evening meetings, 70-76); Temple Bar, Excavations, by F. G. Hilton Price (vi. 231-43); Tower of London:—by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 201, 202), Bell Tower (i. 211-24), Lieutenants of the Tower, by J. G. Nichols (i. 225-42), Imperial State Crown, by J. Tennant (i. 243, 244); Westminster Hall and Courts:—by E. W. Brabrook (vi. 371-400), Early Recollections, by H. Poole (vi. 468-87), Henry de Yeveley, one of its Architects, by J. G. Nichols (ii. 259-66).

The county of Middlesex, though second, of course, in importance to the metropolis itself, contains many interesting suburban parishes, and the following papers fairly represent the salient points in its history and associations: Battle of Barnet, by Rev. F. C. Cass (vi. 1-52); Chipping Barnet, Queen Elizabeth's School, by Rev. F. C. Cass (v. 1-91); Fulham Bridge, by J. F. Wadmore (vi. 401-48); Great Greenford Church, by Alfred Heales, F.S.A. (iv. 151-72); Hampstead, Anglo-Saxon Charters, by Prof. J. W. Hales (vi. 560-70); Hanworth Park and Common, by J. G. Nichols (i. 183-92); Harmondsworth:—Find of coins, by Alfred White (iv. 94-96), Great Barn, by A. Hartshorne (iv. 417, 418); Moor Hall, Harefield, by Rev. T. Hugo (iii. 1-30); Harrow:—History, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 366-69), Harrow Parish Registers and Families, by W. D. Cooper (i. 285-98), Headstone House, near Harrow, by A. Hartshorne (iii. 185-90);

Heston Church, by Alfred Heales (ii. 204-23); Bells of Hillingdon Church (ii. 77-78); Islington, by G. Mackenzie (i. 321-23); Marylebone, by W. Taylor (i. 327-31); Middlesex and Domesday Book, by Edw. Griffith (i. 175-82); Monken Hadley, Parish and Church, by Rev. F. C. Cass (iv. 253-286); Pinner Church, by Rev. W. M. Hind (iii. 171-84); Antiquities of Staines, by W. Marratt (v. 519-26); Stanwell Church and its Monuments, by Alfred Heales (iii. 105-32); Treaty House, Uxbridge, by S. W. Kershaw, M.A., F.S.A. (v. 504-13); Twickenham and its Worthies, by C. J. Thrupp (vi. 449-67); Uxbridge, by W. D. Cooper (ii. 113-24); Willesden:—Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Wilsdon, by J. G. Waller (iv. 173-87), History, by Frederick A. Wood (iv. 189-201).

A final division may be made by grouping the papers upon sculpture, brasses, pictures, metal-work, costume, palæography, libraries and folklore, as represented in the following list: Statues in Vaults at Houses of Parliament (i. 18); Monuments in Westminster Abbey, by Henry Mogford (ii. 100-4); Paper on Brasses, by Rev. C. Boutell (i. 67-112); Brasses at Harrow, by Alfred Heales (i. 269-84); Brasses at Allhallows, Barking, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, by J. G. Waller (ii. 160-64); Latten, by W. H. Overall (iii. 572-76); Paintings:—in the Middle Temple (ii. 65-68), in the Inner Temple (ii. 68-70), in Bridewell Hospital (ii. 70-74), and in Westminster Deanery (ii. 167, 168); Maces, presented by John Sadler and Richard Quiney, Citizens of London, to the Corporation of Stratford-on-Avon, by G. R. French (iii. 565-69); Inquest Plate of Aldersgate Ward (evening meetings, 44, 45); Costume in England, by F. W. Fairholt (evening meetings, 97-102); Grant of the

Manor of Holborn (i. 124-29) ; Liber Albus and other Records of the Corporation of London, by Rev. T. Hugo (i. 245-58) ; Lincoln's Inn Library, by W. H. Spilsbury (iv. 445-66) ; Sion College Library, by Rev. W. H. Milman (vi. 53-122) ; Westminster Abbey Library, by J. J. Howard (ii. 81-91) ; King's Evil, by Robert Cole (evening meetings, 23-27).

Among the places and churches visited by the Society, of which no account is preserved in their "Transactions," are the following : Allhallows Staining ; Benford ; Clothworkers' Hall ; College of Arms ; Cordwainers' Hall ; St. Dunstan's - in - the - East ; Edmonton ; Enfield ; Finchley ; Fishmongers' Hall ; Harlington ; St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell ; Laleham ; Leathersellers' Hall ; Littleton ; St. Martin Outwich ; Merchant Taylors' Hall ; St. Mildred Poultry ; Mansion House ; Northolt ; Painterstainers' Hall ; Perivale Church ; Ruislip ; and Whitechurch.

The following separate publications have been issued by the Society : "A Description of the Roman Tessellated Pavement found in Bucklersbury," by J. E. Price, 1870 ; "Roman Antiquities, Mansion House, London," by J. E. Price, 1873 ; "Temple Bar, or Some Account of 'Ye Marygolde,' 1, Fleet Street," by F. G. Hilton Price, 1875 ; "The Parish of South Mimms," by the Rev. F. C. Cass, 1877 ; "On Recent Discoveries in Newgate Street," by J. E. Price, 1879 ; "On a Bastion of London Wall in Camomile Street," by J. E. Price, 1880 ; "The Parish of Monken Hadley," by the Rev. F. C. Cass, 1880 ; "The Parish of East Barnet," by the Rev. F. C. Cass, 1885. "A Catalogue of the Antiquities and Works of Art exhibited at Ironmongers' Hall in May, 1861," was also published by a committee of the Society in 1863-69.