

## SOUTH-EASTERN UNION OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

THE Annual Congress (the 43rd) was held at Worthing from 21st to 25th June, 1938, by invitation of the Mayor and Corporation. A local committee included the Mayor, the President of the Worthing Archaeological Society (Councillor F. W. H. Migeod), and several local officers. Mr. G. J. B. Fox attended the congress as the representative of the Society.

The President was Dr. Julian S. Huxley, M.A., F.R.S., who delivered an address on "Natural History—Taxonomy and General Biology."

Numerous excursions were made and lectures delivered, the archaeological subjects including the following:—

Cissbury, where Dr. E. C. Curwen, F.S.A., detailed its history from the Neolithic Flint Mines, Early and Middle Bronze Ages, the Iron Age (La Tene II, c. 250–50 B.C.), to Roman and Saxon times.

"Crime and Punishment in Elizabethan Days," by Mr. L. F. Salzman, F.S.A. (President of the Archaeological Section).

"Sussex Maps," by Miss E. Gerard (Curator of Worthing Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery).

Sompting Church (XI c., etc.); Broadwater Church (XII c.), the "Mother Church" of Worthing, by Mr. R. B. Francis.

Highdown Hill (Roman Bath) and Angmering (Roman Villa), by Dr. Wilson and Mr. A. C. Roper.

Edburton Church (late Norman) and Poynings Church (Perpendicular), by Mr. Francis.

The Regional Survey and other Sections also arranged for lectures and excursions. The series concluded with the Alexander Pedler lecture by Dr. H. L. Hawkins, F.G.S., on "Humanity in Geological Perspective."

It was announced that Mr. A. W. Oke had offered the freehold of John Selden's Cottage at Salvington, "Lacies," where he was born on 16th December, 1534, to the Worthing Corporation; it was hoped that this generous offer would be accepted. The lintel has an inscription said to have been carved by Selden himself; translated it reads:—

Welcome, if honest! Glad such men to greet;  
 I will not close—walk in and take a seat.  
 Thief, get thee gone! 'gainst thee a stout defence;  
 I open not, but boldly bid thee hence.

The business of the Representatives Assembly occupied Saturday morning; various reports and statements were considered, election of officers, votes of thanks, etc., etc. The following alteration of rule was adopted:—

"Members of a household, or students of a school, with which a Life Member, Member or Associate is connected, shall, if personally introduced by such members, be eligible to attend the Scientific Meetings or Excursions of the Annual Congress on payment of 2s. 6d. for each person. They shall not be eligible to attend meetings of the Representative Assembly, nor to receive the publications free."

It was announced that the 1939 Congress would be held at Haslemere.

The Congress was marked by the issue of a special volume, entitled, "Worthing, a Survey of Times Past and Present," by local writers, edited by Councillor F. W. H. Migeod, F.R.G.S. Part I included articles on Pre-history, Roman and Saxon Times, Ancient Churches, etc.; Part II on Botany, Geology and Zoology; Part III on Regional Survey, Agriculture of West Sussex, Glass House Industry, Open Spaces; Part IV on Municipal Administration, Town Planning, Health Services of Worthing; Part V on the Borough Engineering Services; Part VI on Transport; Part VII on Religion, Education and Literature; Part VIII on Recreations. G. J. B. F.