# QUARTERLY MEETING, OCTOBER 22nd, 1855.

The chair was taken by T. T. Bernard, Esq., Vice President, at the National School-room, Aylesbury, at half-past two o'clock. The following papers X were then read :---

1. On the Entrenchment in Bray's Wood, Lee, Bucks.

2. On the Desecrated Churches in the Deanery of Burnham.

3. On the Shepherd's Grave, Aston Clinton.

4. On Drayton Beauchamp (first portion.)

Several communications of interest had been received

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respecting the site of places bearing the name of COLD-HARBOUR, near Wavendon, Brill, Aylesbury, Chalfont St. Peter's, and Marlow; the letter from Admiral Smyth (page 104, *supra*) having given rise to much enquiry. The Rev. F. W. Cartwright suggested the derivation of the name from the Saxon *Cauld*, cold, *Heord*, a flock, *Beork*, a refuge, as meaning *the shelter of the flock in cold weather*.

Mr. Fowler laid before the Meeting plans and estimates for the formation of a COUNTY MUSEUM in Aylesbury. The plan proposed at the Annual Meeting of establishing a central Museum at Aylesbury, with a branch depot at Buckingham, having met with general approbation, a Committee was formed to enquire into the best mode of carrying out this desirable object, consisting of the following gentlemen :—

Ven. Archdeacon Bickersteth, Revs. W. M. Beresford, A. Newdigate, H. Roundell, E. R. Baynes, Esq., Roughey Burgess, Esq., H. Hearn, Esq., R. Rose, Esq., Mr. Field and Mr. Fowler, with power to add to the number.

[Query. Cannot this be effected in combination with other plans, such as a Public Lecture Room, Library, Club and Reading Room? The want of these is generally admitted for the town of Aylesbury and for the County generally.]

Eight Candidates previously proposed were elected, and one proposed for election at the next Quarterly Meeting;

The Rev. H Roundell then brought forward the motion for relaxing the conditions of Membership in RULE II., of which due notice had been given at the preceding meeting, and also by circular.

The Ven. Archdeacon Bickersteth, Vice President, stated that, though he should feel bound to protest against any abandonment of the fundamental principles of the Society, he should not oppose the present motion.

R. Rose, Esq., said that the restriction might have been necessary at the first commencement, but that he considered that the Society was now too firmly established to require its retention.

The motion was carried without opposition.

Several presents were exhibited, a list of which, with others recently received, will be published hereafter.

## COMPILATION OF COUNTY HISTORY.

A large Paper Copy of "LIPSCOMB'S HISTORY OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE" has been purchased, to form the basis for a complete and accurate County History. Members are particularly requested to verify the account of places in which they are themselves interested, and to carry it down to the present time. For this purpose it will be lent to any Member on application. It is also desired, that notes of the building, restoration, or even slight alterations of any Church in the County, and other events of interest in a *Parochial History*, may be sent to the Secretaries for the purpose of being preserved and appended to the History of the County. Some of the more interesting or important of these notices may from time to time be printed in the "Records."

The following extracts from a letter, written by the Rev. F. G. Lee, to the Secretary, contain some useful hints for the Ecclesiological portion of the County History. He suggests that—

"Every clergyman who belongs to the Society, and any others who would be willing to aid, should at once draw up in MS. a description of his Church as it exists at this present time, or in the year 1856. Let him take the size of the chancel, nave, aisles, transepts, chapels, porches, vestry, &c., the space of the principal arches, the height and styles of the windows, with, drawings of as many as can be obtained. Let him describe the form and position of the Pulpit, and note any peculiarities in it which are remarkable: the size, form, height, probable age, material, and position of the Font. Let the same be done in regard to the Holy Table or Altar, and let each of the piscinae, shelves for cruetts, aumbreys, niches, &c., be measured, and, if practicable, drawings made of them. Should the Church possess any remarkable or ancient altar or other sacred vestments, let full descriptions be given of them, and if possible, drawings or tracings of the embroidery be made. If there are any ancient tiles, let tracings of each pattern be likewise carefully made, and let the same be done in regard to flowered quarries in the windows. Let every fragment of ancient glass be carefully traced which is easily done, with care, upon tissue or tracing paper; and afterwards let them be colored to match the originals. The old oak carving, too, should be accurately described, and, if possible, drawings be made of it. The ancient skreen, if there be one, should be represented, as there is just now a wide-spread desire to see this interesting piece of symbolism removed or destroyed: and, at a future time, it may be particularly useful to know something of its pattern and design. Then, in regard to monuments, let each be fully described, both as to shape, and present position, and the inscriptions accurately copied. Should there be any heraldick ornaments, let all be carefully drawn. Every brass should be

minutely described, and a rubbing ought to be taken of it. It is quite wonderful to know how, within the last thirty or forty years, memorial crosses have been destroyed, removed, or damaged. All ancient sepulchral slabs, and crosses also, should be drawn and descriptions given of them. All ancient books, e. g. of The Homilies, early copies of the Book of Common Prayer, the works of Erasmus, John Foxe, &c., so often found in village Churches, should be described as to size and date: and their title pages and colophons transcribed. If there are any quaint or otherwise interesting devices or inscriptions on the gravestones of the Churchyard, it would be well to add them in an Appendix. Should the Parish Register contain any entries of interest, let them be copied out, and as far as possible, let a correct list of the Vicars, Rectors, or Curates of the Parish be made.\* The Register, or where that fails, monuments or traditions will often aid in this particular. It would be interesting too, supposing the Register or Churchwarden's Account Book is of an age anterior to that of the Reformation, to learn something of the lists of ancient plate, vestments, ornaments, &c., which appear to have been tolerably accurately made, when Henry VIII's Commissioners came round to steal them. The present Church plate might be described also, and the inscriptions on the bells rubbed and preserved, and anything else given which the judgment of the compiler might lead him to consider interesting.

"I would suggest that all these descriptions and drawings be carefully and clearly copied out on a uniform sized, foolscap paper, $\dagger$  and then forwarded to the Secretaries for preservation. They might afterwards be bound up in volumes. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

"Of the value and interest of such a collection of information, as I propose should be made, no one can doubt; and at the present time, when a better taste is prevailing in Ecclesiastical Architecture, such notes would be particularly interesting, as many Church fittings, monuments, &c., and other examples of bad style and bad taste are happily being removed, and probably being destroyed. Surely, then, some record of them, however frightful they may be, would be valuable. The labors of Weever, Browne Willis, Hearne, and others, which benefit us, should stimulate us to follow their example, for the sake of future generations.

"Some will say, of course, that they know but little of Architecture, and are quite unable to use the pencil; but surely a sister or relative would come to one's aid, and render the needful assistance in the latter point; and a very limited knowledge of architecture would suffice, to enable a clergyman to describe his own Church. It is not at all necessary — though, where it can be done, it is desirable that it should be — to have the papers drawn up with scientific precision. Ordinary language can easily be made available, if common care is taken and tolerable accuracy made use of, satisfactorily to describe our ancient Parish Churches, and so to form useful and valuable 1153. available at any future period for producing an authentick Ecclesiological History of the County."

These suggestions, with the aid of the ample materials collected by Dr. Lipscomb, will not be found so difficult, to carry out as might at first appear. Photographic drawings of the Churches, &c., will be most serviceable.

<sup>\*</sup> This has been done by Dr. Lipscomb, whose lists will *usually* only require correcting to the present time.

<sup>†</sup> Ruled paper will be supplied for the purpose; but ordinary foolscap paper (whole sheets) will suffice, if a margin is left.

### RULES

# Architectural and Archaeological Society

#### FOR. THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

#### Established Nov. 16th, 1847.

I. OBJECT.—That the object of this Society shall be, to promote the study of Architecture and Antiquities, by the collection of books, drawings, models, casts, brass-rubbings, notes, and local information, and by mutual instruction at Meetings of the Society in the way of conversation and by reading original papers on subjects connected with its designs.

IX. CONSTITUTION.—That the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, two Auditors, Honorary and Ordinary Members; of whom, the Bishop of the Diocese for the time being shall be requested to accept the office of President; the Archdeacon of the County, being a Subscriber, shall be considered *ex officio* one of the Vice-Presidents; and that the remaining Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the Committee, and with the other Officers be elected by a Majority of the Members present at an Annual Meeting of the Society; and that every candidate for admission to the Society shall be proposed and seconded at a General Meeting or at a Committee Meeting, and balloted for at the next General Meeting, one black ball in five to exclude; and that on the election of a Member, one of the Secretaries shall send him notice of it and a copy of the Rules.

III. GOVERNMENT.—That the affairs of the Society be transacted by a Committee consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, and Twelve Ordinary Members, elected annually at a General Meeting of the Subscribers; and that three do constitute a quorum; further, that all Deans Rural in the County, being Subscribers, be considered *ex officio* Members of the Committee, exclusive of the twelve elected; and that Members of the Committee in any neighbourhood may associate other Members of the Society with themselves for local purposes in communication with the Central Committee.

IV. FINANCES.—That each Member shall pay an Annual Subscription of not less than Five Shillings. to be due on the first of January for the current year, or shall compound for the same for five years by one payment of a Guinea, or for life by one payment of Five Pounds. And that if any Member's Subscription be in arrear for one year, he may be removed from the Society after three month's notice to him from the Treasurer, at the discretion of the Committee. Excepting that all persons holding the office of Churchwarden in any Parish of the County be placed, on the recommendation of the Clergyman of their respective Parish, and with the sanction of the Committee, on the list of Members, without payment; and also that when extraordinary talent in Architectural or Archaeological pursuit is shown by any person, it shall be competent for a majority of the Committee to elect such person an Honorary Member without Subscription.

V. MEETINGS.—That the General Meetings of the Society be held once a quarter, or at such times in each year as the Committee shall fix, of which due notice shall be given; and that each member may be allowed to introduce Visitors at all General Meetings, except during the transaction of private business.

VI. PROPERTY.—That all Books, Drawings, Papers, and other property of the Society, be kept by the Secretaries for the use of Members, subject to the regulations of the Committee.

VII. RULES.—That no new Rule shall be passed, and no alteration made in any existing Rule, unless notice of the proposed new Rule or alteration shall have been given at the preceding General Meeting.

Aylesbury, November, 1855.

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