

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

AUGUST 5TH, 1858.—A General Meeting was held in the National School, Aylesbury. The Venerable Archdeacon Bickersteth, Vice President, in the chair. The Rev. H. Wanklyn, Hon. Secretary, read the minutes of the last Meeting; and, in the absence of the Treasurer from indisposition, gave a statement of the finances of the Society, which showed a balance in the Treasurer's hands, up to Dec. 1857, of £20 16s. 3½d.

The following gentlemen were elected members:—The Revs. O. J. Grace, Bledlow; J. Coker, Tingewick; R. C. Coker, Shalston; and Albert Way, Esq., Wonham Manor, Honorary Member. The following were proposed and seconded:—Godfrey Wells, Esq., The Elms, Chalfont St. Peter's; Revs. G. A. Cuxson, Halton; J. Wood, Aylesbury, P. Hodges, Cholesbury; J. Cecil, Esq., London.

An alteration was made in Rule II., by inserting before the words, "two Secretaries," the words "not less than." Rev. C. Lowndes, Hartwell; Rev. W. J. Burgess, Lacey Green; and Rev. W. H. Kelke, Drayton Beauchamp, were appointed Secretaries; Rev. H. Roundell, Buckingham; Rev. J. Tarver, Filgrave; and Captain Hibbert, Chalfont Lodge, were appointed local Secretaries for their respective districts.

Mr. FIELD presented to the Society, by the request of Mr. J. C. May, of Aylesbury, a well executed photographic view of the Church at Whitechurch, and a rubbing of a brass, evidently in a high state of preservation, in Chinnor Church, Oxford. It was suggested by the Rev. W. R. Fremantle, and generally approved by the Meeting, that, if practicable, it would be desirable during the winter, to deliver lectures in the principal towns of the County on antiquarian and topographical subjects, bearing more particularly on the respective localities. It was resolved to hold the Annual Meeting at Aylesbury, on the 30th of September.

It was considered advisable to rent a Room, as a Depository for the Society's stores, for the use of Committee Meetings, and to which all Members might have access. The Committee were requested to engage a Room suitable for the purpose.

SEPTEMBER 17TH.—A Committee Meeting was held, at which arrangements were made for the Annual Meeting; a Room for the use of the Society was engaged in Silver Street, Aylesbury; and, the Rev. H. Wanklyn having resigned the office of Secretary, the Rev. Charles Lowndes was appointed Acting Secretary in his stead.

SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1858.—The Annual Meeting of the Society was held this day, at Aylesbury. The proceedings commenced with an excursion

to the ruins of Quarendon Chapel. After the party, which included several ladies, had inspected the ruins, Archdeacon Bickersteth delivered an interesting lecture on the History of Quarendon, and, having been requested to allow its insertion in the Records, it is given in the present Number, substantially as delivered at Quarendon.

At two o'clock the General Meeting took place at the County Hall, where a large collection of "rubblings," coins, ancient books, and various other objects of interest were exhibited. The interesting collection of curiosities and antiquities sent by Captain Hibbert, deserves to be especially noticed.

ARCHDEACON BICKERSTETH, in taking the chair, said he deeply regretted that there had been no Annual Meeting last year, but he hoped that, with the change in the management of the Society, its usefulness would be much increased. He need not enlarge on the benefit arising from searching into the archæology and architecture of our own neighbourhood. Such a study enables us to pick out what is true, and to reject what is false—to select that which is really valuable. The true object of all such enquiries is to draw on the stores of the past, so as to improve our own characters, and promote, what we all most desire, the greater glory of God.

The following presentations were made to the Society. I.—Portions of an iron blade, now broken in two pieces, which was found on the right side of a human skeleton, on the top of Hogshaw Hill; presented by Mr. John Curtis. Four skeletons were discovered here in the spring of the present year; two on one side of a small stone pit, and two on the other side, about eight or nine feet apart. They appeared to be buried in pairs, with about eighteen inches between them of undisturbed ground, as if a separate grave had been made for each. All the skeletons were found with their feet towards the east.

II.—A barbed spear head, presented by Mr. S. G. Payne. It was found on Philosophy Farm, Waddesdon, about three years ago, in the ribs of a horse's skeleton, and is supposed to be of the date of Edward III. A spur of an earlier date was found at the same time, and is now in the possession of J. James, Esq., Aylesbury.

III.—Four books, by J. Y. Akerman, Esq., Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries.

IV.—Two photographs of the North Front of Hartwell House, by the Rev. Charles Lowndes.

The following Gentlemen having previously been proposed, were unanimously elected Members:—J. Cecil, Esq., Aylesbury; Rev. J. Wood, Aylesbury; G. Wells, Esq., the Elms, Chalfont St. Peter's; Rev. P. Hodges, Cholesbury; Mr. C. Fowler, Banbury; Rev. J. E. Sabin, Preston Bissett; R. Rowland, Esq., Creslow; J. G. Hubbard, Esq., Addington; W. L. Sutton, Esq., Rossway House; Mr. S. G. Payne, Aylesbury; and Rev. J. Daubeny, Aylesbury.

The following papers were then read:—"On the Life and Labours of Browne Willis," by Rev. H. Roundell; "On the Pursuit of Archæology," by Admiral Smyth; "Maister John Schorne," the North Marston

Saint, by Rev. W. H. Kelke; "A Letter Describing some Roman Coins found at Prince's Risborough," by Rev. W. J. Burgess. The Meeting having requested the publication of these papers, they will appear in the present, or in subsequent numbers of the Records.

The next business was the consideration of a proposal by the Messrs. Whellan, of Pontefract, to publish a Historical and Topographical work on Buckinghamshire.

The ARCHDEACON said he had carefully examined other County Histories, published by the same firm, which were executed in a style far superior to what he had anticipated.

Mr. SHEHAN, on behalf of the firm, entered into some explanations on matters of detail; and on the motion of the Rev. H. Roundell, seconded by the Rev. J. N. O. North, it was resolved—

"That this Society, having received the proposals of Messrs. Whellan for the publication of a History of the County of Buckingham, desires to facilitate this object by the formation of a sub-committee, consisting of the Archdeacon of Buckingham, Rev. B. Burgess, Rev. H. Roundell, Rev. C. Coker, Rev. C. Lowndes, Rev. P. T. Ouvry, Rev. W. J. Burgess, Rev. W. H. Kelke, Admiral Smyth, and Captain Hibbert, with power to add to their number, to communicate with the Messrs. Whellan, and revise the sheets of this proposed history; and this Society further desires to recommend this undertaking to the support of the Members of the Association and residents of the County."

The ARCHDEACON next called attention to the propriety of taking immediate steps for the preservation of Quarendon Chapel, and a Committee, consisting of himself, the Rev. C. Lowndes, and Mr. J. K. Fowler, was appointed to carry out the object.

The Rev. P. T. OUVRY moved, and Mr. J. K. Fowler seconded, a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for presiding, and also for his interesting lecture in the morning, which having been briefly acknowledged, the meeting separated.

OCTOBER 19TH, NOV. 22ND, NOV. 28TH, 1858—Committee Meetings were held at the Society's room, in Silver Street, Aylesbury, when communications between the Secretary and the Messrs. Whellan were read and discussed. It was agreed that the Messrs. Whellan should issue a circular letter, and a list of queries, drawn up and approved by the Committee, together with a list of the Members, and the Rules of the Society.

The following gentlemen were also proposed and seconded:—Rev. H. Ferrier, Chalfont St. Peter's; R. Sutton, Esq., 44, Queen Ann Street, Cavendish Square, London; Mr. E. Terry, jun., Aylesbury; Mr. R. M'Cormick, Aylesbury; Mr. J. Griffiths, Aylesbury.

AYLESBURY ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

FOR THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR TWO YEARS, ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1857.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Treasurer's hands	26	5	6
Subscriptions 1856-7	39	16	0
Arrears and in advance	26	7	0
	<u>66</u>	3	0
By Sale of "Records"	0	5	6

£92 14 0

Payments.

	£	s.	d.
Pickburn's Account to Dec. 31st, 1855	18	13	3
Ditto ditto (two years) to Dec. 31st, 1857	27	1	11½
Cowell's Bill and Post-office Order	0	15	9
Lipscomb's Bucks	10	10	0
Archæological Institute	1	1	3
Advertisements, 1856	7	3	4
Stationery, Stamps, and Parcels, 1856	4	1	11½
Incidental Expenses	2	0	6
Stationery, 1857	0	9	8½

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Balance in hand to December, 1857 .... 20 16 3½

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