

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE READ AT THE  
ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 19, 1862.

“The Society has now been in existence fourteen years, and during that period has increased steadily in the number of its Members, and received several donations to its Library and Museum. Since the last Report, in 1854, the Society has printed annually and distributed to its Members gratis two Numbers of the Records, which contain the various papers read at the Meetings, an account of the Restoration of Churches in the County, and a record of the discovery of Ancient Relics. The printing the two Numbers of the Records, with the illustrations, is more than the Society anticipated at its formation, and the expense has necessarily become so great that your Committee deemed it expedient to recommend at the last Annual Meeting an alteration in Rule 4, to the effect that each Member shall in future pay an Annual Subscription of not less than 6s., or shall compound for the same for five years by one payment of £1 5s., or for life by one payment of £5. This alteration came into operation on the 1st of January of the current year. In consequence of the small attendance at the Quarterly Meetings, your Committee consider it desirable to hold, instead of them, one General Meeting Annually. These Meetings have been held in Aylesbury about Christmas, and have been well attended. Since the last Report, Annual Meetings have been held in Buckingham, Eton, Newport Pagnell, and Amersham. In the year 1858, on the resignation of the Rev. H. Wanklyn, as *Hon. Sec.*, the Rev. C. Lowndes and the Rev. H. Roundell were appointed to act with the Rev. W. H. Kelkè, who continued in office. In the same year, a room in Silver-street, Aylesbury, was taken as a

depository for the property of the Society, where the members have an opportunity of reading and borrowing the Books. Your Committee have now taken, on a lease of six years, two Rooms in Church-street, lately occupied by Mr. Bingle, and belonging to the Bedford Charity, with the view of removing the Library from the room in Silver-street, and forming a permanent Museum for the County in connection with the Society. The following gentlemen have already promised donations, viz.:—Sir Harry Verney, £5 5s.; Hon. W. Cavendish, £5; Right Hon. B. Disraeli, £5; C. G. Du Pre, Esq., £10; Ven. Archdeacon Bickersteth, £5; J. Lee, Esq., £5; S. G. Smith, Esq., £5; J. G. Hubbard, Esq., £5; T. T. Bernard, Esq., £2 2s.; Captain Burgess, £1. Your Committee appeal to the Members, and the County generally, for further donations towards this object, and will be happy to receive presents for the Museum. A Sub-Committee has been appointed to carry out this proposal.”

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## COUNTY MUSEUM.

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SOCIETY'S ROOMS, CHURCH STREET,

*Aylesbury, October 24th, 1862.*

The Committee appointed for providing a suitable Room for a MUSEUM for this Society have to state that they have secured some premises in CHURCH STREET, which may serve conveniently for laying the foundation of such an Institution, and they propose to fit up the Rooms without delay, and to gather the various objects of interest, the property of the Society, to that centre.

As the fitting up of the Rooms will necessarily involve a considerable outlay, the Committee earnestly solicit Contributions for this purpose.

The Society's Rooms will be open every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from Ten until Four o'Clock.