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Berkshire Archæological and Architectural Society.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE. 1882-3.

IN presenting the Tenth Annual Report, the Committee have much pleasure in stating that the Society continues to make satisfactory progress.

Since the last Annual Report 13 Members have withdrawn from the Society, from change of residence and other causes, and 13 new Members have been elected—the total number of Members now being 169, of whom 55 are Lady Members.

The Society has sustained a severe loss in the resignation of its able President, Sir JOHN CONROY, Bart., who has held the office for nine years; and at the General Meeting, on Nov. 29th, 1883, at which Sir J. CONROY was present, a resolution was passed conveying an expression of the regret felt by the Society at his resignation, and an acknowledgement of the efficient manner in which the Presidential duties had been performed. At the same Meeting Sir PAUL HUNTER, Bart., was elected to the Presidential Chair, on the nomination of Sir JOHN CONROY, seconded by CHARLES SMITH, Esq. It was also notified that the Rev. C. F. J. BOURKE had been elected a Vice-President, and Dr. J. STEVENS a Member of the Committee.

The Finances of the Society are satisfactory, although there has been considerable delay on the part of some Members in making their annual payments. There was nevertheless a small balance in hand at the close of the financial year.

There have been six Winter Meetings, at which Papers have been read on subjects of Architectural or Historical interest, followed by discussions.

Three Excursions were held during the Summer, the first of which on June 21st, was made to Faringdon, and Coleshill (Berks), and to Fairford (Gloucestershire). The Excursion was most enjoyable, and the present opportunity is taken of expressing the thanks of the Society to the Rev. W. C. CHAPMAN, J. BENNETT, Esq., J.P., the Rev. C. H. TOMLINSON, and to the Vicar of Fairford, for their several interesting papers and memoirs on the occasion. Special thanks should be accorded to the Right Honourable the EARL of RADNOR for his permission to visit Coleshill House ; and to the Rev. E. BANKS and Mrs. BANKS for their hospitable entertainment of the Society.

The second Excursion was made on July 20th, to North Stoke and Goring. The thanks of the Society are due to Lieut.-Col. NIND for his paper on North Stoke ; and to the Rev. C. KERRY for his interesting paper on Goring Church.

The third Excursion was to Yateley Church, Eversley, and to Finchampstead, on Sept. 4th.

During the current year prizes will be given for an Historical Essay, open to competition in any Elementary or Public School in the County of Berks ; and for an Architectural Drawing to be competed for by any Student in Architecture, or by Students in Science and Art Classes in the County.

JAMES RUTLAND,

Nov. 29th, 1883.

Hon. Sec.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

In accordance with the Rules of the Society, I beg to submit a Report of the Library under my charge, for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1883.

(1.) I have much satisfaction in stating that the Society's Rooms at the Athenæum have been fitted up during the past year with some regard to the comfort of those who may require to use them, and, in consequence, a larger number of our Members have taken advantage of the conveniences they offer, for the purpose of reading and correspondence. It may be mentioned also (especially for the information of our Country Members) that letters or parcels belonging to them can be addressed to the Society's Rooms, and will be received by the Care-taker, until called for. During the recent Church Congress the Rooms of our Society were also thrown open to Visitors by the sanction of the Committee; and at the close of the Congress week the Librarian was deputed to conduct a large body of Visitors round the Abbey Ruins, and to give a description of the same on behalf of the Berks Archæological Society.

(2.) I must also offer my sincere congratulations to all students of Local History and Antiquities, that a special section has been formed, in the Public Library of this Town, of Books comprised under this class of Historical Literature. This will no doubt gradually accumulate, and in course of time assume the proportions of a complete collection of Works bearing on the history of the County of Berks. The thanks of the Society are especially due to EDW. GREENHOUGH, Esq., the able and energetic Custodian of the Reading Public Library, for the course he has taken in carrying out this measure, the wisdom of which must be apparent to all.

(3.) At the risk of appearing almost importunate, I must again reiterate the opinion expressed on former occasions, that our Society should endeavour, among its other useful objects, to act as a humble auxiliary to the great Public Library of the Town. The small sum placed annually at the disposal of the Librarian for the purchase of new Books, is insufficient to procure anything like a complete

Archæological Library. But if this sum were judiciously expended, so far as it would admit, upon obtaining a few really good Architectural and Topographical Works; and, at the expiration of 12 months after purchase, these were handed over to the Public Library, they would form a useful augmentation to the Historical and Art Department. Our own Members would have the exclusive use of such new Books for one year, and then have the satisfaction of contributing afterwards to foster the study of Historical research in others.

(4.) It may not be inappropriate to mention here, that a valuable collection of Works, many of them bearing on the subject of National and Local Antiquities, and acquired during the course of a long lifetime by our late respected townsman, Mr. GEORGE LOVEJOY, will shortly be offered for sale. It is much to be desired that any volumes bearing on the History of this County should not be dispersed, and lost to Berkshire, but acquired either for the use of the Public Library or for our own Society. Such opportunities, I need not say, do not often repeat themselves now-a-days.

(5.) There have been no Donations of Books presented to the Library during the past year. Those which have been added by purchase will be found in the Appendix.

(6.) I regret that the two Prizes, which were suggested in my last Report, for an Historical Essay and for an Architectural Drawing, were not awarded during the past year, owing to the fact that no *formal* approval had been given to the scheme at the last General Meeting of Members. I think I cannot better close this Report than by quoting the opinion of our late Secretary, WALTER NASH, Esq., in a letter addressed to me on this subject, "Allow me to express my full approval of your suggestion, that Prizes shall be offered for the encouragement of Architectural and Archæological work. My only doubt about the matter is whether the Society can afford to devote any part of its scanty income to the purpose. But the idea is admirable and its execution ought not to be delayed." I may add that with his usual generosity Mr. NASH forwarded a subscription to start the undertaking.

J. M. GUILDING, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX I.

PAPERS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOCIETY DURING THE SESSION,
1882—3.

NOVEMBER 14th, 1882 (General Meeting).—On the Scientific opportunities of the present day, by EDWARD POULTON, Esq., M.A.

DECEMBER 2nd.—“Schola Redingensis,” an account of the Royal Grammar School of King Henry VII. in Reading, by the Rev. J. M. GUILDING, Vicar of St. Laurence.

JANUARY 23rd, 1883.—Extracts from the History of the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, Reading, by the Rev. CHARLES KERRY.

FEBRUARY 20th.—On the “Ecclesiastical Architecture of the XIII. Century,” by S. SLINGSBY-STALLWOOD, Esq., Architect.

MARCH 13th.—On the History and Progress of Printing, as an Industrial and Fine Art, by the Rev. J. E. MILLARD, D.D., Vicar of Basingstoke, and Hon. Canon of Winchester.

APRIL 10th.—On the “Monumental Brasses” of Berkshire, and illustrated by those of other parts, by the Rev. J. E. FILLIS, Vicar of Benson, Oxon.

JUNE 21st.—An Excursion was made to Faringdon, Great Coxwell, Coleshill, and Fairford.

JULY 20th.—An Excursion was made to North Stoke and Goring.

SEPTEMBER 4th.—An Excursion was made to Yatley, Eversley, and Finchampton.

APPENDIX II.

Books added to Library by Donation—None.

Books added to Library by Purchase—7 Volumes.

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The Bucks Architectural and Archæological Society.

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The Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society.

The Maidenhead Naturalist Field Club, and Thames Valley Anti-quarian Society.