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The
Kent Archaeological Society.

THE record of the Society's Transactions since the publication of our last Volume, must necessarily be given in as small a compass as possible. We wish to reserve our pages for more valuable matter than the mere printing of Reports, and feel confident that our members will be contented with a very brief summary of the General Meeting in 1860 and the proceedings of the Council since our last Report, which closed with the notice of a Council held at Maidstone, 8th September, 1859.

The next Meeting of the Council was held at Canterbury, 20th December, 1859, when the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Smallfield for his donation of Packe's Map, and to Mr. Bear for a wood-block of antiquities discovered at Wye.

It was resolved that the Ecclesiological Society be requested to place themselves in union with us for the interchange of publications.

It was resolved to invite all members who have a taste for illustrations to give an annual subscription to the Illustration Fund.

G. Carnell, Esq., of Sevenoaks, and Stacey Grimaldi, Esq., of Greenwich, were elected Local Secretaries for their respective districts.

The Rev. Professor Willis and C. Roach Smith, Esq., were elected honorary members.

Thirty-six candidates were elected.

The next Council was held at Maidstone on 12th April, 1860, when

A letter was read from Monsieur Cousin, President of the Dunkirk Archæological Society (in the name of the Archæolo-

gical Society of France), inviting us to their Congress at Dunkirk, on the 16th of August an invitation which the Council cordially accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to invite the members of the Archæological Societies of Dunkirk and of France to honour us by joining our annual Congress at Dover, on the 1st of August.

Twenty candidates were elected.

At the next Council, held 14th June, 1860, at the Marquess Camden's, in Upper Brook Street, London, a resolution was passed thankfully accepting the offer kindly made by C. Wykeham Martin, Esq., to take upon himself the management of the interchange of visits between ourselves and the Archæological Societies of France and Dunkirk.

It was resolved to send a copy of our Annual Volume to the British Museum.

It was resolved to request the Archæological Society of Dunkirk to place themselves in union with us for interchange of publications.

Nineteen candidates were elected.

The third Annual General Meeting was held at Dover, on the 1st of August, 1860.

It was attended by,—The Marquess Camden, K.G., President; Lady Frances Pratt; Lady Caroline Pratt; The Earl Stanhope; Sir Walter and Lady Caroline Stirling, and family; The Hon. James Byng; Edward Hussey, Esq., and The Hon. Mrs. Hussey; Sir Charles Locock, Bart.; The Rev. Dr. Plumtre, Master of University College, Oxford; The Rev. Dr. Cardwell, Principal of St. Alban Hall, Oxford, and family; Sir Walter James, Bart.; The Hon. Mrs. Devereux and Miss Annesley; Gathorne Hardy, Esq., M.P.; Lady and the Misses Mansel; J. C. Ottaway, Esq., Mayor of Dover, and family; Major-General Craufurd; Col. Cuppage, R.A.; Col. Stotherd, R.E.; Col. Bingham, C.B., and Mrs. Bingham; Col. Cator; Col. Hammond, and party; Captain Simmons, R.N.; Captain Belfield; Charles Wykeham Martin, Esq.; James 'Espinasse, Esq., Recorder of Rochester, etc.; G. Warde Norman, Esq., and family; Canon Stone, and family; Canon Robertson, and family; Rev. W. Smith Marriott, and family; Rev. James Eveleigh; Rev. R. P. Coates, and family; Rev. Anthony Collett; F. F. Giraud, Esq.; Edward Foss, Esq., and family; W. Clayton, Esq., and family; G. A. Lowndes, Esq.; A. Poynter, Esq.; C. W. Minet, Esq.; Mrs. Latham; Rev. J. Latham; H. B. Mackeson, Esq., and family; Coles Child, Esq., and family; Captain Cox, and family; Rev. M. Onslow; Rev. S. T.

Mosse; Rev. E. G. Boys; Rev. W. Smith; E. Knocker, Esq.; T. C. Taylor, Esq.; J. H. Starling, Esq.; E. Norwood, Esq.; J. N. Dudlow, Esq., and family; Rev. J. Puckle; Rev. C. Hawley; Rev. R. Drake; Rev. D. Winham; Rev. W. Edge; Rev. R. W. Holmes; Rev. R. C. Jenkins; Rev. W. Wodehouse; Rev. J. Latham; Rev. A. Mesham; Rev. S. Wigan; Rev. E. H. Lee; Rev. A. Wright; Rev. J. Stratton; Rev. H. Gilder; Rev. N. Germon; Rev. T. F. Scott; Rev. F. Walter; Rev. J. Saint, and family; C. R. Petley, Esq.; W. P. Elsted, Esq.; J. Kirkpatrick, Esq.; J. Sutton, Esq.; G. T. Thompson, Esq.; W. Streatfeild, Esq.; E. F. Reader, Esq.; W. P. Little, Esq.; L. Stride, Esq.; J. Schreiber, Esq.; Richard Hussey, Esq.; J. Brent, Jun., Esq., and family; J. A. Dunkin, Esq.; G. Dowker, Esq.; H. Gotterman, Esq.; Dr. Astley; T. Thurston, Esq.; E. Pretty, Esq.; W. Payne, Esq.; J. R. Mummery, Esq.; D. King, Esq., M.D.; Mrs. Darwell, and party; Mrs. Sankey, and party; Mrs. Milburn; Mrs. Hannam; Mrs. Collett; W. E. Flaherty, Esq.; W. Trimnell, Esq.; F. W. Fairholt, Esq.; W. Boyne, Esq.; A. Bottle, Esq.; — Marshall, Esq.; — Polton, Esq.; — Parks, Esq.; — Weston, Esq.; — Coleman, Esq.; — Gordon, Esq.; Rev. L. B. Larking; Messrs. Golding, Lightfoot, Smallfield, and many others, whose names we could not obtain, in number about three hundred.

The Marquess Camden, K.G., President of the Society, took the Chair, in the Apollonion Hall, at half past eleven, and after reading several letters of apology, called on the Honorary Secretary to read the Report, which he read accordingly, as follows:—

“I am happy to say that this, like the last Report which I had the honour of presenting, must be a source of congratulation. It may be remembered that on the morning of our Meeting at Rochester last year it was announced that 660 members had been elected since the day of the first formation of the Society. We then immediately admitted 47 new members; at the September Council 25 more were elected; and in December 26 other members joined the Association; in March, 20; and in June, 20 more—making a total of 138 members elected during the year. We shall this day also have the pleasure of submitting to you the names of 21 candidates; we shall then have elected 819 members since the day of our institution. Surely this must be successful progress; surely this is ample testimony that the science of Archæology is in high favour in the county. At our Bankers we have a balance of £264, and we have invested in the Three-per-cents. stock amounting to £252. A very large amount of arrears is still due to us, and when our volume is issued we shall need the realization of the larger portion of these arrears to meet our lia-

bilities. We feel bound to say that the interests of our Society, nay, its very existence, is jeopardized if this state of things continues; and therefore we must be pardoned in directing the attention of members to the difficulties caused by this accumulation of arrears. We know that the very smallness of the yearly subscription is in itself a great obstacle to regularity in payment; but there is the resource of bankers' orders; and indeed there are now so many facilities for the transmission of small sums, that we hope, by the kind attention of our members, we may not for the future have to report difficulties in this respect.

"There is another cause of congratulation which may well enter into this Report. At our last Meeting it was determined that an appeal should be made to those who had a taste for illustration, to contribute in such a manner as might suit their convenience, to that department of our forthcoming volume. We are happy to announce that a general and liberal response has been the result of that appeal, and many have pledged themselves to an extra annual subscription in order to maintain the high character of our volume.

"We had anxiously hoped that our second volume (that for 1859) would have been completed and in the hands of all our members ere this day had arrived; but we regret to report that unavoidable delays have interposed, for which neither contributors of papers nor your Editorial Committee are responsible. We are promised that in the course of another month it will be in the hands of all our members, and think we may further promise them that it will be as satisfactory a volume as the last. We have also abundance of material for a third volume, which will be immediately taken in hand, and we hope that next year we shall not be subjected to the procrastinations which are now causing us so much annoyance.

"The last year, however, has not passed away without its shadows. We have to lament the removal from us of many valued friends and warm supporters; and if, amid these regrets, we mark with more than ordinary sorrow the loss of one who endeared himself to every lover of our science by the ardent devotion of a long life to its advancement, we may well be pardoned. I feel that I need hardly name him, for you will at once recognize in this description our much-lamented friend, W. Rolfe, Esq., of Sandwich: "*clarum nomen et venerabile*"—he has passed away, and long will it be ere our Society will find another to supply his place.

"Let us pass on to the last subject of congratulation which remains to be noticed—the highly interesting and valuable collection of ancient and mediæval antiquities, which are placed in the adjoining room, some of them of great beauty and rarity, collected from all parts of the county. These bear good evidence of the zeal and dili-

gence of our antiquaries, and of the stimulus which we have given through the whole length and breadth of the county to the conservation and study of these objects; but as the discoveries made during the past years will form the subject of distinct papers, we forbear to detail them in this Report, which we conclude with an appeal to the zeal and patriotism of Archæologists in this county to abate nothing of their ardour. You will rejoice to hear that intelligence has reached us of numerous objects of antiquarian interest yet to be developed, and we may therefore well hope that our next Congress will witness as rich fruits of laborious research as the present."

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

J. Savage, Esq., and J. N. Dudlow, Esq., were re-elected Auditors.

The six members of the Council selected for retirement, as having attended fewest Councils during the last year, were Edward Hussey, Esq.; Sir Walter James, Bart.; Charles Mercer, Esq.; M. Bell, Esq.; G. M. Arnold, Esq.; and J. Bruce, Esq. The first three were re-elected, and John Brent, Jun., Esq., Stacey Grimaldi, Esq., and Rev. E. H. Lee were elected in the room of the three others retiring.

Twenty-two candidates were admitted members of the Society.

The Meeting was then adjourned to the Castle, where the Rev. J. Puckle delivered a Lecture on the ancient Church there, now in course of restoration, and the Roman Pharos. After inspecting these remains and the ancient keep, and other interesting objects on the heights, to all of which free access had been liberally granted by H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, the party proceeded to the ruins of St. Martin's Priory, where the Rev. Dr. Plumptre, Master of University College, Oxford, gratified them by a most interesting lecture on its original state, and a scientific description of its ruins as compared therewith. The dinner took place in the Wellington Hall, about two hundred partaking of it, The Marquess Camden presiding.

In the evening the members adjourned to the Apollonion Hall, for a literary *conversazione* and the study of the museum. Round the walls were suspended numerous brasses, the contributions of R. F. Mills, Esq.; Mr. John Marshall; E. V. Sandilands, Esq.; H. Mann, Esq.; J. Brent, Jun., Esq., and others, from nearly forty churches. In the Museum were exhibited, by

the Rev. W. Smith Marriott, King Charles I.'s gold toothpick and case, presented to Colonel Thomlinson by the King the night before he suffered, and other relics of the unhappy monarch. Stained glass, spearheads, swords, and other antiquities were exhibited by A. Poynter, Esq.; Rev. F. Wrench; Rev. J. Eveleigh; Mrs. Latham; Dr. Plumptre; the Earl of Darnley; Rev. L. B. Larking; the Corporation of Dover; Miss Fisher; Captain Cox; G. R. Corner, Esq.; E. Knocker, Esq.; W. Clayton, Esq.; Rev. S. T. Moss; W. P. Elsted, Esq.; G. Graham, Esq.; Mr. Horsnail; G. T. Thomson, Esq.; Mr. Bolton; and E. F. Reader, Esq. W. Gibbs, Esq., exhibited his beautiful collection of Saxon Antiquities, dug up at Faversham; and Sir Percy Dyke a most curious and interesting bowl, dug up at Lullington, of which we have given an engraving.

The Rev. W. Edge read a paper by Mr. Elphee, of Rolvenden, describing the discovery of a supposed Danish vessel in the bed of the river, and requested contributions for further excavation: £5 was immediately collected for the purpose and handed to Mr. Edge.

2ND AUGUST, 1860.

Soon after eleven, a large party assembled in the Apollonion Hall, where the Master of University College, with the aid of diagrams, completed his able, learned, and interesting Lecture on the Ruins of St. Martin's Priory.

The following votes of thanks were then passed, by acclamation:—

To the Mayor and Corporation of Dover, for their kindness in exhibiting their Regalia, and for their liberal offer of accommodation in the Maison Dieu, of which the Society were prevented availing themselves, only by the impossibility of having the building completed in sufficient time for the meeting.

To the Directors and Managers of the South-eastern Railway, for their liberal arrangements in conveying members to Dover and back.

To the Rev. J. Puckle and other gentlemen, who have given us their valuable services in explaining the various objects of interest visited by the members and their friends.

To the Exhibitors, for their valuable contributions to the Museum.

To W. Clayton, Esq., the Chairman, and to the other mem-

bers of the Local Committee, for the admirable arrangements made by them in every department, to which the great success of this Congress, and the enjoyment of all who have participated in it, is mainly to be attributed.

To the President, for his zealous promotion of the success of the Society, for his invariable courtesy and attention to the wishes of the members, and especially on this occasion.

To the Honorary Secretary for his services.

Before separating for the excursions, C. Wykeham Martin, Esq., reminded the Meeting of the invitation made to them by the Archæological Society of France, to join them in their Congress at Dunkirk, on the 16th of August next, and requested that those gentlemen and their families who were willing to form part of a Deputation from this Society to the Congress at Dunkirk, would give him early notice of their intentions, that he might make the necessary arrangements for the passage, etc.

The company then separated for their different excursions, to St. Margaret's at Cliffe, Alkham (where they were hospitably entertained by Rev. J. Eveleigh), St. Radigund's Abbey, Barfrestone Church, and the Roman Camp at Coldred.

Thus concluding a Congress in no wise inferior to either of the two which preceded it, in scientific amusement or social enjoyment.

Mr. Wykeham Martin's report of the proceedings of the Deputation from our Society to the Congress at Dunkirk, is contained in the following letter to the Secretary.

"Dear Sir,—As the visit which was made to Dunkirk in August last, by several members of the Kent Archæological Society, took place in consequence of a formal invitation from the French Society; and its conduct was as formally entrusted to myself, by a resolution of our own Council; it will perhaps be expected that I should render a brief account of our proceedings.

"The members who accompanied me were Sir Walter Stirling, Sir Walter James, and his friend Mr. Devey the well-known architect, Colonel Bingham, and Captain and Mrs. Cox. With the exception of the last, who reached Dunkirk the day before, we were too late for the formal opening of the Session (as the train which reaches Dunkirk at 1.25 had not, as we supposed it to have, any communication with Calais), but we were in time for the real commencement of business. At the midday *séance* of the following day, Sir Walter James and Sir Walter Stirling took part in the discussion of an

agricultural question (the causes of the migration of the rural population to the towns); and Captain Cox, in answer to some observations of M. Baruffi, of Turin, stated that an accusation, made many years ago, that human bones had been imported into Hull from the battle-fields of the Russian wars of the first Emperor Napoleon, had been examined into by a Committee of the House of Commons, and proved to be destitute of foundation, no traces of human bones being to be found, but merely those of horses and other cattle. On a subsequent day, Captain Cox gave some valuable information on the mode of preventing the ravages of an insect which destroys the elm, and which is at the present moment making great havoc at and near Dunkirk. He also entered into the question of propagating fish artificially. At the evening *séance* of the first day, I gave, at some length, the arguments contained in Mr. Lewin's book on the port from which Cæsar embarked and the point at which he landed, in his two voyages to England; a discussion in which Sir Walter Stirling and Captain Cox also joined. I had an opportunity, subsequently, of giving some information with reference to several Roman towns on the "*Littus Saxonicum*,"—viz. Porchester, Lymne, Dover, Richborough, Reculver, Othonæ, Brannodunum, and Gariannonum. I was also called upon to give an opinion whether certain foundations, discovered at Cassel, were Roman or not. As to this, there did not appear to me to be any doubt; as courses of bricks of the Roman type were found, at intervals of about eight courses, in the masonry; the latter was neatly squared, in the Roman style, though not smooth on the surface; and there were pounded bricks in the cement,—all of which points tend to substantiate the genuineness of the work. My opinion was confirmed, on consultation, by Mr. Roach Smith, to whom I had promised to refer it.

"The Société Archéologique de France presented some works to our Society, which I deposited, at the earliest opportunity, in our Museum. They also gave diplomas, as honorary members of their Society, to each of the members of our Deputation, whose names I have given, and need not repeat. A handsome dinner was given by M. Cousin to some of the leading members of the Congress, to which I had the honour of being invited, as also to a *soirée* given by M. Gérard, the Sous-Préfet, and one by our own Consul, both which Captain Cox also attended. The latter was also attended by Colonel Bingham and Mrs. Cox: the rest of the Deputation had previously left Dunkirk.

"You will thus see that, on the one hand, we met with a most cordial reception, and, on the other, we exerted ourselves to the best of our ability to represent creditably our Kentish friends, by aiding

in the discussion of those points on which we happened to possess information. I am willing to hope that our presence was appreciated as a compliment by our hosts, and we highly appreciated on our parts the great courtesy which we experienced. We passed our time agreeably as well as profitably, and parted with many, into whose society we had been thrown, with a sincere wish that we might meet again.

"The Congress was attended by many eminent men from distant parts of Europe, besides the members of the French Society. I may mention Professor Niellson, from Stockholm; M. Reichensperger, the leader of the Opposition in the Prussian Chamber, and his brother; Signor Baruffi, from Turin; Count Ripalda, from Madrid; five members of the Royal Academy of Brussels; and Monsignor de Ram, the Principal of the University of Louvain. M. Le Grand de Reulandt, who was delegated to the meeting by the *Society of Antwerp*, expressed a wish to be admitted as an honorary member of our Society, being already a member of very many similar Institutions; and did me the honour of requesting permission to propose me as a corresponding member of the Belgian Archæological Society, both which propositions have since been carried into effect.

"I trust that the Kentish Archæological Society will be satisfied with our sincere efforts to carry out their wishes, and beg to subscribe myself, dear Sir, very sincerely yours,

"CHARLES WYKEHAM MARTIN.

"*London, June 21, 1861.*

"Rev. Lambert B. Larking,
"Hon. Sec. of Kent Archæological Society."

At a Council held at Canterbury, on the 13th of September, 1860, eight candidates were elected.

The thanks of the Society were voted to the Rev. G. H. Dashwood; J. J. Howard, Esq.; C. Kadwell, Esq.; W. J. Lightfoot, Esq.; Mrs. Sankey, Dover; Russell Smith, Esq.; Monsieur Caumont; for contributions to the Library and Museum.

E. Blore, Esq., and J. Fergusson, Esq., were elected honorary members.

Mr. Matson, on the invitation of Mr. Brent, produced some ancient Anglo-Saxon Relics, discovered in a grave near Mr. Holman's Mill, in Sarre (engraved in Plates II., III., and IV.). The Council made Mr. Matson an offer for them, which they considered him to have accepted; he afterwards sold them to the British Museum. The entire transaction is detailed at page 178.

At a Council held at Maidstone, 28th December, 1860,—

The thanks of the Society were rendered to Mrs. Holman, for her donation of a Saxon Drinking-glass; and to the Rev. Beale Poste, for an engraved plan of the ancient walls of Rochester, to illustrate our Second Volume.

To C. Roach Smith, Esq., for his kindness in visiting Canterbury for us, to inspect some Roman Foundations excavated there in making a sewer.

To E. Pretty, Esq., for contributions to the Library.

Mr. Lightfoot exhibited an ancient Matrix of a Jet Seal found at Sandhurst.

A letter was read from E. Foss, Esq., urging reductions in our expenditure, and the appointment of a Committee to control the outlay in the printing and illustrations of our annual Volume; and it was resolved that the Editorial Committee be requested to undertake this charge.

It was resolved that the following Societies be requested to place themselves in union with us, for the interchange of publications :—

The Society of Antiquaries of Normandy.

The Society of Antiquaries of Picardy.

The Society of Antiquaries de l'Ouest.

The Society of Emulation of Abbeville.

The Historic Society of Cheshire and Lancashire.

The Numismatic Society.

The Wiltshire Archæological and Natural History Society.

The Archæological Society of Norfolk and Norwich.

Monsieur Le Grand de Reulandt, of Antwerp, was elected an honorary member.

Twenty candidates were elected.