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## ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, 1862.

A MEETING of the Council was held on the 13th of March at Canterbury.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Foss, "That every future volume be given to every Member who shall pay his subscription previously to its publication."

Thirteen actual members, and one honorary, Cardinal Wiseman, were elected.

THE NEXT Council was held in London on the 5th of June.

The suggestion of Mr. Smallfield for a motion at the General Meeting, containing alterations in Rule 9, was approved.

A letter from Mr. Albert Way, announcing a proposed Meeting of the Archæological Institute in Kent in 1863, was read and cordially received.

It was resolved that the General Meeting be held at Hythe, on the 10th and 11th of July, and that Mr. Mackeson, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Frampton, be a local Committee to conduct the necessary arrangements, with power to add to their number.

Thanks were voted to the Mayor of Canterbury, for the use of the Guildhall at the last Meeting; to the Rev. F. Richards, for his present of a Romano-British urn; to the Rev. Canon Robertson, for his present of a photograph of certain stones at Canterbury; to Arthur Havers, Esq., and Captain Belfield, for their past services as local secretaries; and to Sir Walter

James, Bart., for undertaking the duties resigned by Captain Belfield.

The Exeter Diocesan Church Architectural Society was, at its own request, communicated through Mr. Espinasse, taken into connection with the Society, and eight new members were elected.

THE FIFTH Annual General Meeting was held at Hythe, on the 10th of July.

It was attended by,—the Marquess Camden, K.G., President, and the Ladies Pratt; the Archbishop of York, and the Misses Longley; Sir Stephen R. Glynn, Bart.; the Hon. Sir John D. Bligh, K.C.B.; Sir Edmund Head, Bart.; the Lady Pelham; the Hon. General Dalzell; the Hon. Colonel Cathcart; the Hon. Major Colville; Colonel Taylor; J. G. Talbot, Esq. (Hon. Sec.), and E. S. Talbot, Esq.; E. Foss, Esq.; H. E. Mackeson, Esq., and family; G. W. Norman, Esq.; John Kirkpatrick, Esq.; F. R. Gore, Esq.; the Rev. Canon Robertson; Rev. Canon Stone; Rev. R. C. Jenkins; Rev. W. Green; Rev. R. Fraser; Rev. B. C. Sangar; Rev. W. J. Edge; Rev. Beale Poste; Rev. J. P. Alcock; Rev. F. E. Tuke; Rev. E. Biron; Rev. F. Wrench; Rev. F. T. Scott; C. Petley, Esq.; T. Thurston, Esq.; Miss Thurston; Dr. Beke; E. Knocker, Esq.; F. W. Fairholt, Esq.; R. Hussey, Esq.; J. H. Parker, Esq.; Dr. Gilder; Mr. W. E. Flaherty, and upwards of two hundred others.

The noble President took the chair in the Town Hall soon after twelve, and called upon the Honorary Secretary to read the Report, which was as follows:—

In presenting the Fourth Annual Report to the Society, I am very happy to say that we can congratulate ourselves upon several accounts. For, first, the number of members has steadily increased. At the October meeting of the Council twenty-nine new members were elected; in March, thirteen; and in June, eight; making, in addition to the thirty-three elected on the day of our Annual Meeting at Maidstone, a total of eighty-three members elected during the year.

We shall to-day propose for your acceptance the names of seven other candidates; and if, as we do not doubt, you unanimously elect them, our body will then consist of about 840 members.

We may further take pleasure in the thought that the arrears of subscriptions, of which severe complaints have been made by my much respected predecessor, have been considerably reduced; and I trust that a motion which is to be submitted to you to-day by one

of our most useful and indefatigable local secretaries may have the effect of entirely putting a stop to what, as Honorary Secretary, I am bound to call a most objectionable practice.

And once more, we have cause for satisfaction in the very interesting collection of antiquities which the zealous care of our friends at Hythe and elsewhere has gathered together in the temporary museum; amongst which curiosities, I think, you will observe with *some feelings of pride the golden armillæ, relics of a distant and (as we moderns usually call it) a barbarous age, which have been discovered by the banks of our Kentish stream, and have by our funds been preserved from dispersion in a Kentish museum.*

This Meeting takes place earlier than usual this summer, and we fear some inconvenience has been thereby caused to some of our most distinguished members, whom we miss from their accustomed places to-day. But in this present year it is more than commonly difficult to find a time which will not clash with *some other meetings*; for, in fact, 1862 seems to be the very saturnalia of societies. Besides the absorbing interest which this year centres in London; besides that wonderful collection of objects, suited to all the tastes of every class, which the International Exhibition has brought together from the whole civilized world, there are Exhibitions, and Anniversaries, and Festivals innumerable, which make the arrangements of a county gathering like this more than usually difficult.

We trust, however, to your indulgence to pardon what is almost unavoidable; and we believe that the neighbourhood of Hythe may afford objects of interest scarcely inferior to those which we have visited on former occasions.

The publication of Volume IV. will not, we trust, be long delayed; and, in connection with this, we are happy to say that the liberality of our contributors enables us to present it to you not inferior in point of illustrations to any of its predecessors. Besides our obligation to those gentlemen who, by their pens, or by defraying the cost of illustration, have contributed so greatly to the value of our new volume, we have also to record our gratitude to the Rev. F. J. Richards, for his present of a very interesting Romano-British urn, discovered in his church at Boxley; also to Captain Cox and Mr. Tims, for their gifts of photographs and documents.

The following distinguished gentlemen have been elected honorary members of our Society during the past year:—Dr. Butler, Dean of Clonmashnoys, Professor Innes, Mr. J. H. Parker, and Cardinal Wiseman.

In conclusion, we must repeat the hope which has been expressed on previous anniversaries, that the members and friends of the Society will not relax their efforts, either to obtain an accession of

strength to our Society, or to bring to light and help to preserve those representatives of long-past ages, which it is the boast of our Society and its Fellows throughout the country to hand down unimpaired to posterity.

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

Six retiring members of the Council were re-elected.

The Honorary Secretary read a letter from Lord Stanhope, who wished the Meeting to consider whether any additional discretion could be given to the Secretary to enable him to supply extra copies of the Society's volumes to subscribers on payment, citing the example of the Roxburghe Club. The matter was, after a discussion, referred to the Council.

Also a letter from Mr. Way, Honorary Secretary to the Archæological Institute, on the contemplated meeting of that body at Rochester in 1863, asking for an expression of the feeling of the Society on the subject. The following motion was proposed by Mr. Mackeson, and adopted by the Meeting:—

That this Society do pledge itself to co-operate with the Archæological Institute at its proposed meeting at Rochester.

An alteration in Rule 9, duly notified by circular to the members on the previous 10th of June, was proposed by Mr. Smallfield, and adopted.

Seven new members were elected; and, after a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Meeting adjourned from the Town Hall.

The members then proceeded, first to the parish church, the remarkable points of which were ably illustrated by Mr. R. Hussey, and then to Saltwood Castle, through which Mr. J. H. Parker kindly performed the office of cicerone.

Here the dinner took place, in a tent placed for the purpose. The Marquess Camden presided, and about two hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen were present.

The Evening Meeting was held in the National Schoolrooms, where the Rev. R. C. Jenkins read a most interesting paper upon Hythe, full of information collected from the archives of the corporation and elsewhere; and the Rev. Beale Poste gave a learned discussion on the two collections of bones in the

churches of Hythe and Folkestone, the former of which the Society had that morning inspected.

The museum was in the schoolroom, and contained many objects of much interest and value, kindly lent for the occasion. Among them were a Romano-British urn, found in Boxley church; a collection of Roman rings, found at Lymne, and a Roman coffin-nail, contributed by Mr. Sandilands; a Roman fibula and a tile found at Dover, impressed with the letters CL. BR. ("Classiarii Britannici," as explained by Mr. Roach Smith), sent by Mr. Frampton: a second Roman urn was contributed by the Rev. F. Wrench. The Saxon period was represented by some beautiful beads and fibulæ from Stowting, with several swords and the umbo of a shield, all from the collection of the last-mentioned gentleman; fibulæ and a distaff found at Hythe, lent by Mr. Mackeson; and a comb and crystal divining-ball, from a grave at Harrietsham, exhibited by the Rev. J. C. Riddell. Later English history was illustrated by a Norman spur from Hythe, the property of Mr. Sandilands; an ancient ship's trumpet from the site of the old harbour of New Romney, sent by Mr. Mackeson; an interesting collection of family relics of the Rebellion period, exhibited by Mrs. Brockman and the Rev. T. Brockman, and including the gloves worn by Sir W. Brockman when sheriff in 1637; the horse-trappings of the same patriot, used at the siege of Maidstone in 1648; also his portrait and another of Charles II. on vellum; specimens of needlework, and a lady's toilet-mirror of the same period; and many pieces of gun-money. Numismatology was further well represented from the neighbourhood, the list being headed by a gold coin of Alexander the Great; Lymne supplied two gold Merovingian coins; a coin of Hadrian came from Brockhull Bushes; and a fine collection of English silver money, from the time of William I. to the present date, was exhibited by Mr. Monckton, which included a set of crown and half-crown pieces, complete from Edward VI., and a good silver series of Charles I. Some more early English pieces from the neighbourhood were lent by Mr. Sandilands, and a collection of local tokens by Mr. Frampton. The Mayor and Corporation kindly contributed the ancient deeds and charters of Hythe; and in different parts of the room were to be seen rare old volumes, drawings, rubbings of brasses, and many other articles of interest, the collection or work of various zealous and valued members of the Society.

ON THE 11th an interesting excursion was made by the Society to Lymne, Lyminge, and Beachborough.

At Lymne Mr. J. H. Parker explained the interesting features of the church and castle, and the members were entertained with great kindness by Mrs. Biron; the same hospitality was also shown them by Mrs. Jenkins, at Lyminge Rectory, and by Mrs. Brockman, at Beachborough.

At Lyminge, the Rev. R. C. Jenkins gave a minute and interesting history of his church, and of the foundations of older buildings lately uncovered on its south side, and a discussion of their antiquity took place between him and Mr. J. H. Parker.

This was a very successful Congress.

THE NEXT Council was held at Maidstone on the 11th of September.

Thanks were voted to the local committee at Hythe for their admirable arrangements at the Annual Meeting; to the Mayor and Corporation of Hythe for the use of the Town Hall, and their kind welcome on that occasion; to the Directors and Managers of the South-Eastern Railway Company, for their accommodation to the Society; to the Rev. R. C. Jenkins, Messrs. R. Hussey and J. H. Parker, for their lectures; to the Rev. R. C. Jenkins, the Rev. E. Biron, and Mrs. Brockman, for their kind hospitality; to the Rev. B. C. Sangar, for the use of the church and schools of Hythe; and to the various contributors to the local museum.

The Assistant Secretary was requested to ascertain through the local secretaries the wishes of the Society as to holding the General Meeting for 1863 at Rochester with the Archæological Institute, or welcoming them with a deputation.

Three new members were elected.

THE LAST Council of the year was held at Canterbury, on December 4th.

It was resolved that the Annual Meeting be held on the 16th of July, 1863, and that the President be requested to communicate to Lord De L'Isle the wish of this Council, that, with his Lordship's permission, it should take place in Penshurst Park.

That Lord Hardinge, Sir W. C. James, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Hallows, and the Rev. D. Winham, be requested to act as a Local Committee for the Meeting.

That Mr. T. G. Faussett be recommended by the Council to the General Meeting for election as Honorary Secretary in the place of Mr. Talbot, who was anxious to resign the office.

That, for the present, the Council do not see the possibility of complying with Lord Stanhope's proposition (moved at the General Meeting, and then referred to the Council), that extra copies of the Society's volumes should be supplied to members on payment. This resolution was based on an able report by Mr. Smallfield.

Five new members were elected.