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A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held at Maidstone, on the 28th of January, 1875; when it was unanimously resolved that Rule V. shall be altered, by the insertion of the words, "*unless the Council for some cause to be by them assigned agree to vary this arrangement,*" after the words "*eastern and western divisions of the county alternately.*"

Five new members were elected.

The First Council of the year was held on 12th of April, at the house of Mr. T. Godfrey-Faussett in the Precincts, Canterbury. Eleven members were present, and Earl Amherst presided.

A Local Committee was nominated for arranging details of the Annual Meeting, to be held at Dover, in connection with the visit of the Royal Archaeological Institute to that town.

Thanks were voted to the Rev. G. S. Master, for his gift of "*Some Notices of the Family of Master;*" to Mr. C. Roach Smith, for his "*Memorial Sketch of M. de Caumont;*" and to Mr. J. Stone Smallfield, for his gift of two manuscripts: one, a court roll of Stodmarsh, A.D. 1449, the other, a grant of land in Woodchurch, by John Harlackenden, A.D. 1694.

Three new members were elected.

The Council met at the house of the noble President, in Grosvenor Square, London, on the 23rd of June. Eleven members attended, and Mr. Burt, Hon. Sec. of the Royal Archaeological Institute, was present.

July 26th and 27th were chosen to be the days upon which the Annual Meeting should be held at Dover.

Upon the application of the Librarian, it was resolved to present copies of '*Archæologia Cantiana,*' Vols. II. to VI., to the Library of Lambeth Palace.

Samuel Edwards, Esq., of Lewisham and Lincoln's Inn, was appointed Joint Local Secretary for Blackheath, at the request of Mr. Smallfield.

Four new members were elected.

Thanks were voted to Henry Ross, Esq. and the Swanscombe Church Restoration Committee, for an ancient padlock, and sundry coins and tiles found during the restoration of Swanscombe Church; and to the University of Christiana, for Publications issued from the University Press.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held at Dover on July 26th and 27th, 1875.

For dispatch of business, a Preliminary Meeting was held in the Lord Warden Hotel, the noble President, Earl Amherst, in the Chair.

The following Report was read, and adopted:—

“In presenting their Eighteenth Annual Report, the Council of the Kent Archaeological Society have once more the pleasure of congratulating its members upon the steady increase in their numbers, and upon the unflagging interest manifested in its object.

“Thirty-five new members have been elected during the past twelve months, and sixteen more await election at your hands to-day.

“The fact that this is the second visit of the Society to the celebrated Port of Dover, and that its meeting this year is held in the same division of County which was visited last year, renders needful the explanation that one of the Rules of the Society has been altered, to enable this meeting to be held in East Kent. This was done at a Special General Meeting, held at Maidstone in January, 1875. The occasion for this alteration of the Rules was the visit, to Canterbury and East Kent, of the Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, and the desire of our Society to offer to that Institute every mark of welcome and of courtesy. By means of the alteration, we are at present enabled to unite to-day with the Archaeological Institute in a visit to the historical fortress of Dover, and we shall in future have it in our power to meet in the same division of the county in two successive years, if the Council should consider that circumstances render such a course advisable.

“All of our members will, without doubt, feel that the interest of this year's meeting is greatly increased by the presence of many distinguished members of the Institute, from all parts of England and Wales.

“The Tenth Volume of the Society's “*Archæologia Cantiana*” is now in the Press, and bids fair to be of no less interest than its predecessors. It will probably be issued at the end of this year. The

balance at our Bankers amounts to £523. 8s. 10d., a sum fully equal to the cost of the volume.

"The Council have learned, with some degree of interest, that the Librarian of the Archiepiscopal Collection of Books and Manuscripts at Lambeth Palace wishes to make that Library a centre of reference with respect to the County of Kent. With that view he has appealed to all who have duplicates of works connected with the History of the County to assist him, by presenting books or pamphlets relating to Kent, its worthies, its history, and its topography. The Council would venture to commend to our members this appeal from the Lambeth Librarian."

The retiring members of Council and the Auditors were re-elected. Sixteen new members were elected.

With a vote of thanks to the noble President the Preliminary Meeting terminated.

Carriages being in readiness the members proceeded upon the day's excursion.

Among those present, during one or both days of meeting, were the Earl Amherst; Lord Talbot de Malahide; the Bishop of Dover; Sir Walter James; Sir Walter Stirling; Sir John McLean; the Dean of Canterbury and Miss Payne Smith; Archdeacon Harrison; Rev. Craufurd Tait and Miss Tait; Canon and Mrs. J. Craigie Robertson; Canon B. F. Smith and family; J. H. Parker, Esq., C.B.; G. Ward Norman, Esq., Mrs. and Miss Norman; C. R. C. Petley, Esq.; Archibald Hamilton, Esq. and Mrs. Hamilton; T. G. Peckham, Esq.; Denne Denne, Esq.; George Dering, Esq.; Stuart Knill, Esq.; C. Powell, Esq.; H. B. Mackeson, Esq.; G. E. Hannam, Esq.; J. F. Wadmore, Esq.; F. M. Lewin, Esq.; General McQueen; E. Knocker, Esq. and Mrs. Knocker; Colonel and Mrs. Cox; The Mayor of Dover; James Reid, Esq.; A. Robinson, Esq.; E. W. Knocker, Esq.; J. Wheelwright, Esq.; F. F. Giraud, Esq.; Rev. G. B. Moore and Misses Moore; Rev. R. P. and Mrs. Coates; Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Bliss; Reverends A. J. Pearman; Dr. Ash; J. B. Harrison; W. C. Wheeler; R. C. Swan; E. H. Lee; S. W. Lloyd; F. E. Tuke; W. Benham; A. Collett; W. J. Loftie; T. Hirst; J. F. Thorpe; E. H. Mac Lachlan; E. C. Lucey; A. Wigan; F. T. Scott; Thos. Robinson; W. A. Hill; W. Powell; B. St. John Tyrwhitt; F. R. Rawes; Jas. Watts; A. T. Browne; V. S. Vickers; G. B. Perry; A. Upton; D. J. Drakeford; H. Collis; and Thos. Briggs; Dr. Astley; Dr. Kersey; Dr. Bright; Dr. Richardson; Dr. Wilkinson; Dr. Wildash; Henry Ross, Esq.; F. C. J. Spurrell,

Esq.; C. Baily, Esq.; J. R. Scott, Esq.; S. Edwards, Esq.; Thos. Thurston, Esq.; W. T. Neve, Esq.; C. Neve, Esq.; J. Tavenor Perry, Esq.; H. Curling, Esq.; E. W. Brabrook, Esq.; W. A. T. Amhurst, Esq.; E. Norwood, Esq.; R. W. Flint, Esq.; W. H. Mold, Esq.; T. H. Brenchley, Esq.; J. E. Hall, Esq.; R. Wells, Esq.; R. Marsh, Esq.; H. T. Sankey, Esq.; J. N. Dudlow, Esq.; J. W. Watson, Esq.; W. H. Rammell, Esq.; C. H. Woodruff, Esq.; R. W. Cradock, Esq.; Geo. Simmons, Jun., Esq.; G. Cowell, Esq.

Messrs. R. Hovenden, C. Bullard, T. Bullard, W. Tarbutt, R. J. Fremlin, J. S. Smallfield, W. P. Mummery, H. E. and W. Hudson, Jasper Weston, F. Brothers, R. Bubb, F. Jones, T. S. Stokes; Mrs. F. Neame, Mrs. Rawes; Misses Twigg, Miss Bicknell, and many others.

On July 26th the Society visited Dover Castle, in company with the Royal Archæological Institute, under the guidance of that distinguished member of the Institute, Mr. G. T. Clark, who described the Keep and the Gateway. His valuable paper will be printed in the Institute's "Archæological Journal." The ancient church of St. Mary in the Castle, and the Roman Tower, were illustrated by Mr. J. H. Parker, C.B. A paper, by Mr. C. Roach Smith, descriptive of the Roman Tower, was read by Mr. Mackeson.

At four o'clock, the members of the Institute and of our Society dined together, in the admirably restored Refectory of the ancient Maison Dieu, now used as the Town Hall of Dover. The Earl Amherst presided, and two hundred and one ladies and gentlemen sat down. The special toast in honour of the Institute was acknowledged by its President, Lord Talbot de Malahide. The Local President of the Institute's Canterbury Congress, Sir Walter James, proposed the health of Earl Amherst and prosperity to the Kent Society, of which he is the valued President.

After dinner, the evening meeting was held in the restored Norman Refectory of St. Martin's Priory, by kind permission of the Dover College Company. Sir Walter Stirling presided, and Edward Knocker, Esq., formerly Town Clerk of Dover, read a paper (which is printed below) respecting the Municipal Records of Dover. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Knocker. The other papers, upon St. Martin's Priory,

and upon the Destroyed Churches of Dover, will be printed in our next volume (XI.)

On the second day, July 27th, St. Mary's Church was first visited, under the guidance of Mr. Scott Robertson, and then the ruins of St. Martin's old Collegiate Church, of which the north chancel aisle (in Mr. Gregory's yard), the groined roof of that aisle's western bay (in Mr. Humphrey's yard), the north pier and spring of the chancel arch, and the clerestory passage through the pier, were pointed out by the same gentleman. In the ancient churchyard the grave of the poet Churchill was seen. In the adjacent "Tavenor's Garden," the owner, Mr. Dickeson, pointed out the tombs, and hospitably furnished light refreshment to all.

The ruins of St. Martin's Priory were then inspected, under the able guidance of Mr. J. Tavenor Perry, by the kind permission of the Dover College Company, and of Mr. Coleman, their present occupants.

After procuring light luncheon at the Town Hall the members entered carriages, and were conveyed to the Church of St. Margaret's at Cliffe, where they were kindly received by the vicar, the Rev. E. C. Lucey, who supplemented the addresses of Mr. C. Baily and Mr. Scott Robertson with some valuable remarks.

The company then returned to Dover, through East Langdon, where they entered the parish church, dedicated to St. Augustine, and were kindly received by the vicar, the Rev. J. Astley. An ancient relic of fifteenth century embroidery, part of a velvet cope, representing the Annunciation, and powdered with elaborately wrought flowers containing the monograms "M.R." and "I.H.S.," was described by Mr. Scott Robertson, who likewise called attention to the handsome hour-glass stand upon the pulpit, and the mouldings of the abaci of the simple Norman Chancel arch. The ancient, disused font was inspected in the churchyard, where it had been preserved by the vicar.

The Council met on the 31st of August, in the Society's Rooms, at Maidstone. Five members attended, and Earl Amherst was in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary produced a portion of Volume X., complete up to page ciii.

The Council received, with great regret, the announcement of the death, on the first of August, of Mr. W. J. Lightfoot, who had for ten years taken charge of their rooms and collections at Maidstone, and whose courteous bearing and artistic taste were much valued by the Society.

It was resolved that Mr. Edward Bartlett be appointed "*Clerk and Curator*" to the Kent Archæological Society, at Maidstone, at a salary of £30 per annum, and that in respect of his duties he shall be directly responsible to the Honorary Secretary. His engagement as the Society's Clerk and Curator shall be determinable upon two month's notice, or upon Mr. Bartlett's vacating the office of Curator of the Maidstone Town Museum.

It was resolved that the Hon. Sec. be authorised to draw up a circular which may be printed, and placed in the hands of Honorary Local Secretaries, to remind members of the Annual Subscription due from them.

Permission was granted to Mr. Edward Twopeny to purchase an additional copy of '*Archæologia Cantiana*,' Vol. VIII. and of Vol. IX.

It was resolved that in the next volume of the Society's '*Archæologia*' a note shall be inserted, requesting any members who would wish to obtain a complete Index to the first ten volumes thereof, to send in their names to the Honorary Secretary, or to the London Local Secretary.

Six new members were elected.

Thanks were voted, for help at the Dover Meeting, to Mr. Knocker, Dr. Astley, Mr. Mummery, Dr. Kersey, Mr. Tavenor Perry, Mr. J. H. Parker, Mr. G. T. Clark, Mr. C. Roach Smith, Mr. Mackeson, Mr. Gregory, Rev. E. C. Lucey, Rev. J. Astley, Rev. W. Bell, Mr. Coleman, Rev. Canon Puckle, Mr. Dickeson, Dover College Company, and the Mayor of Dover; also to Mr. Finlason, Mr. Furley, and Major Luard Selby, for gifts to the Library.