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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, 1880-1.

DURING the Annual Meeting held at Tenterden, on July 28th and 29th, 1880, the programme, printed in Vol. XIII, pp. xlv, xlvi, was satisfactorily carried out.

Members who reached Headcorn Station by the early train inspected two ancient houses, formerly cloth-halls, near the Church, now occupied by Mrs. Paige and Mr. Goodwin. In the latter the spandrels of the tie-beams, in the roof, bear the monogram "i. R." and a rebus formed of the letter "A.," and a chess-rook. These suggest that the house was probably built by some one named Rook, whose initials, coupled with those of his wife, were I. and A. R.

At the meeting for despatch of business, held in the Literary Institute, at Headcorn, the Earl Amherst presided; and around him were seated, Viscount Holmesdale, Sir Edmund Filmer, M.P., Sir Walter Stirling, W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, Esq., M.P., Archdeacon Harrison, Capt. Tylden-Pattenson, Canon Jenkins, Charles Powell, Esq., Robert Furley, Esq., G. E. Hannam, Esq., J. F. Streatfeild, Esq., H. B. Mackeson, Esq., Wm. Walter, Esq., Rev. A. J. Pearman, Canon Scott Robertson, General Dixon, Major Parker, Capt. Hatfeild, J. F. Wadmore, Esq., Canon Weldon, etc., etc.

The following Report was read by Canon Scott Robertson, and adopted by the meeting:—

In presenting the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Kent Archæological Society, the Council can once more congratulate its Members upon its progress and prospects.

They are happy in being able to announce that all the papers for the Thirteenth Volume of *Archæologia Cantiana* are now printed. The illustrations are also complete, and a portion of the Index is already in type.

Nearly two years have elapsed since Volume XII was issued; and the Council would desire to draw attention to the fact that, although the Society is now entering upon the twenty-fourth year of its existence, the number of volumes already issued is only twelve. Consequently the average rate of issue of our *Archæologia* has, on the whole, been little more than one volume in two years.

As the illustrations of the forthcoming Thirteenth Volume are forty-five in number, and its letterpress occupies about 600 pages, the value of this volume will be fully equivalent to the amount of two years' subscriptions.

The balances standing to the Society's credit at the bankers amount to the sum of £292, all of which, and more, will be required to defray the bill of the Society's printers for printing and binding 940 copies of the forthcoming volume. The main cost of its expensive illustrations has already been defrayed.

The Society's numbers continue to increase, notwithstanding the lamented deaths of many Members, and the withdrawal of others. Forty-eight Members have joined the Society during the past twelve months; and fifteen candidates await election at your hands to-day.

For the convenience of Members who may desire to possess an unfolded copy of the chromo-lithograph of the principal fresco in the Crypt Chapel of St. Gabriel, in Canterbury Cathedral, the Council caused fifty copies of it to be prepared on larger paper for sale to Members at 5s. a copy. About one half of these copies still remain for sale to those who wish to preserve them unfolded, in a portfolio or framed.

The remarkable and unique early frescoes in the Crypt at Canterbury being very little known, your Council have caused fifty sets of the illustrations prepared for our *Archæologia* to be worked off on large paper for publication. Each set of plates, being accompanied by 120 pages of descriptive letterpress, will form a handsome royal quarto volume, to be sold to the public at £2 2s. 0d. each.

During the early part of this year the site of the Premonstratensian Abbey of St. Rhadegund, at Bradsole, near Dover, has been excavated; and many discoveries have been made respecting the Abbey Church and buildings. Your Council gladly assisted by contributing £5 towards the cost of the excavations. A plan of the Abbey site has been prepared, and a copy of it will be found in our temporary museum at Tenterden.

With reference to the earlier and more important branches of English archaeology, very interesting discoveries of Roman and Saxon remains have been made during the past twelve months by an active member of our Society, who is one of our local secretaries, Mr. George Payne, jun., of Sittingbourne. Previous and similar results of his researches have been described by him in several volumes of our *Archæologia*. His recent discoveries were made upon three different sites—two in Sittingbourne and one in Milton. One site yielded remains of three interments of Romans, and Mr. Payne preserved works of art in glass and in bronze, of the purest Roman period. Another site in Sittingbourne disclosed two interments, one being that of the child of some noble or wealthy Roman. The child's leaden coffin bears ornamentation which is unique, and with it were found *armillæ*, and a ring, as well as other objects of interest and value. On the third site, which is in Milton, Mr. Payne opened five Saxon graves; having in previous years noted the opening of twenty-five other and similar Saxon graves in the same field. He has kindly permitted some of the Roman remains to be exhibited in the temporary museum at Tenterden.

Another discovery of Saxon interments has occurred in Cliffe at Hoo, during the present month of July, by labourers who are making the Hoo Railway.

Friends in Tenterden, and its neighbourhood, have evinced a lively interest in our meeting, and have done all they can to promote its success. Although little or nothing remains of the monastic house at Mottenden, in Headcorn; or of the Abbey of Losenham, in Newenden; and although the original mansions of the great families of Hales, Harlakenden, and Guldeford, have for the most part gone to such decay that they would not repay the trouble of a visit; yet there are interesting churches which will be inspected, and the Council believe that Members will enjoy the meeting. They will, at all events, be enabled to examine the height, the symmetry, and the solidity of that steeple at Tenterden, which has been proverbially associated with the origin of Goodwin Sands.

Mr. George Payne, junior, was added to the Council; Mr. R. C. Hussey and Canon E. Moore were re-appointed as Auditors; and nineteen gentlemen were elected Members of the Society.

The Churches of Headcorn, Smarden, and Woodchurch were then visited. Papers read there are printed in this volume, or will be inserted in the next volume.

The Annual Dinner, held in the Town Hall at Tenterden, under the presidency of Sir Edmund Filmer, M.P., was attended by 129 ladies and gentlemen.

After dinner, the Evening Meeting was held in Freeman's Auction Room, where an admirable museum had been kindly arranged with great labour and care by the Rev. Francis Haslewood, Mr. J. Ellis Mace, Mr. Willsher, and other gentlemen. There was a fine collection of coins, charters, municipal maces, pictures, etc. At the Evening Meeting the chair was at first occupied by Captain Tylden Pattenson, and afterwards by the Mayor of Tenterden. Papers were read by Mr. Furley (*On the Early History of Tenterden*), the Rev. R. Cox Hales (*On the Hales Family*), Canon Jenkins (*On the Guldeford Family*), and the Rev. A. J. Pearman (*On Tenterden Church*).

On the second day Appledore Station was the place of *rendezvous*, whence visits were made to the Churches of Appledore, Stone in Oxney, and Wittersham. Luncheon was held in Wittersham Girls' Schoolroom, under the presidency of the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. S. H. Parkes. Thence one party drove to Smallhythe Church, and back to Appledore Station. The greater part of the company, however, visited the Churches of Rolvenden and Newenden, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Selmes at tea on their lawn at Losenham Abbey, whence Mr. Selmes conducted the party to inspect the Newenden earthworks. They then drove over the marshes by Maytham Wharf back to Appledore Station.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28th, 1880, the Council met at Canterbury at the house of Canon James Craigie Robertson, who kindly permitted its Members to assemble in his library. Twelve of the Council attended, and the Earl Amherst presided.

The Secretary laid on the table the earliest copy of *Archæologia Cantiana*, Volume XIII, stating that it contained papers written by twenty-eight different authors, that it was illustrated by fifty plates and woodcuts, extended over 630 pages, and was the fifth volume which Canon Scott Robertson had enjoyed the privilege of editing for the Society.

The Secretary reported that, on the 24th of September instant, Mr. Neale's facsimile drawing (made at the Society's expense from a wall painting in Canterbury Cathedral Crypt), representing *The Naming of St. John the Baptist*, had been placed, duly framed and

glazed, in the Library of the Dean and Chapter. Subsequently the Council passed a resolution authorising the Secretary to deliver to the Rev. Canon James C. Robertson (Librarian of the Chapter Library) the other drawings made by Mr. Neale, and used in the illustrations of *Archæologia Cantiana*, Volume XIII, upon the distinct condition that the said drawings shall be exhibited within the Library, in perpetuity, and shall on no account be removed from the Cathedral precincts. Canon James C. Robertson guaranteed that this condition should be complied with.

Votes of Thanks for assistance rendered at the Society's Annual Meeting, at Tenterden, were then accorded to Captain Tylden-Pattenson, for making all the preliminary arrangements respecting carriages and the dinner; to Mr. Furley, Canon Jenkins, the Rev. F. Haslewood, the Rev. R. C. Hales, the Rev. A. J. Pearman, the Rev. W. B. Staveley, the Rev. E. M. Muriel, and the Rev. M. D. French, for Papers read by them; to the Rev. F. Haslewood, the Rev. S. C. Tress Beale, Mr. J. Ellis Mace, junior, and Mr. S. Willsher, for much help with the Museum; to Mr. Outram, of the London and County Bank at Tenterden, for kindly issuing the tickets; to Mr. and Mrs. Selmes, of Losenham Abbey, for hospitality and great assistance at Newenden; to Rev. F. B. Wells and Mrs. Whelan, for hospitality; to Mr. T. H. Oyler, for much valuable assistance at Headcorn; to Mr. George Payne, junior, for directing the carriages during both days; to Sir Edmund Filmer, for presiding at the Dinner.

It was resolved that the Secretary should investigate and report upon the feasibility of holding the next Annual Meeting at Canterbury with a view to visiting Wingham.

Mention was made of the discovery of wall paintings in Brooke Church, near Wye, and of the Archbishop's desire that something might be done to rescue the ruins of the chancel of St. Pancras Chapel (near St. Augustine's College, Canterbury) from the degradation it now suffers at the hands of its owner.

The Bodleian Library at Oxford, and seven other applicants for membership of the Society, were then elected to that privilege.

On Thursday, Dec. 30th, 1880, the Council met at Maidstone, in the Society's Rooms. The Earl Amherst presided, and ten members of Council attended.

It was resolved that the next Annual Meeting shall be held at Canterbury, and that Wingham shall be visited on the second day. Seventeen new Members were elected.

On the 21st of March, 1881, the Council met at Canterbury, in the Library of the Dean and Chapter. The Dean of Canterbury presided, and ten members of Council were present,

The Report of the Local Committee for arranging the Annual Meeting was fully discussed.

Nine new Members were elected.

On the 21st of June, 1881, the Council assembled at the house of the noble President in Grosvenor Square. The Earl Amherst took the chair, and nine Members were present.

The Secretary reported that he had visited Reculver, and in response to his representations, the Director of Admiralty works, Colonel Pasley, C.B., had courteously ordered that the work necessary for protecting the newly exposed portion of the core of the wall of the Roman *Castrum* at Reculver, shall be so arranged as to leave visible the greater portion of the ancient work.

He reported likewise respecting the excavations at St. Pancras Chapel, Canterbury, which the Bishop of Dover and Canon Rutledge are conducting.

The programme of the Annual Meeting was finally settled.

Nine new Members were elected.

On Wednesday, July 27th, 1881, the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Society was commenced, at Canterbury, by holding the Business Meeting in the Schoolroom, or ancient upper hall (of the time of Richard II or Henry IV), in the Hospital of St. Thomas, at Eastbridge. The Earl Amherst presided, and around him were seated the Bishop of Dover, Sir Walter Stirling, Archdeacon Harrison, Canon J. C. Robertson, General MacQueen, Robert Furley, Esq., G. E. Hannam, Esq., the Rev. W. Temple (Master of Eastbridge Hospital), Lionel Fletcher, Esq., W. O. Hammond, Esq., Captain Hatfield, the Rev. T. A. Carr, Mrs. Carr and Lady Oakeley, Colonel Hartley, General Dixon, the Rev. Dr. Reyner, the Rev. W. Benham, Canon Scott Robertson, etc., etc.

The following Report was read and adopted :—

The Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Kent Archæological Society is being read at Canterbury, where the First and Eleventh Annual Meetings were held in 1858 and 1868. This fact reminds us that the Society has now visited almost every ancient town in Kent which possesses accommodation sufficient for the numbers that annually attend its meetings. In future, therefore, the Society will probably find it needful to meet again at towns which its members have already examined. Nevertheless, as during the present meeting a route entirely new to the Society will be taken for the excursion, so around many of the other towns already visited many villages not yet explored by the Society can be found which are worthy of attention.

Since the last Annual Meeting the Thirteenth Volume of *Archæologia Cantiana* has been issued; its entire cost has been defrayed; the sum of £105 has been invested in Consols; and the Society now has standing to its credit at the bankers the sum of £275 15s. 4d. The Council therefore feel fully justified in preparing to issue another volume of *Archæologia Cantiana*. Several sheets of the Fourteenth Volume are already printed, and it is hoped that the whole may be ready for issue about Christmas.

It is satisfactory to the Society to know that its volumes are sought for not

only by Kentish antiquaries but by great libraries at home and abroad. Since the last Annual Meeting the entrance fee has been given and the Annual Subscription paid by the Bodleian Library at Oxford and by the Sydney Free Library in Australia.

The number of new Members who have joined the Society since last July is considerably above the average. Sixty-two have already been elected, and sixteen await election at your hands to-day.

Interesting discoveries of foundations containing Roman masonry have been recently made at St. Pancras ruins, in the cemetery of the ancient Abbey of St. Augustine, outside the city of Canterbury. These will be shown by the Society to-day. Other discoveries have been made near Canterbury and Wingham by Mr. Dowker, who will explain them this evening and to-morrow. The fruits of other discoveries made at Faversham and Canterbury will be seen in the temporary museum, where they have been placed by Mr. Brent and Mr. Sheppard. At the Roman castrum of Reculver, the demolition of certain wooden outbuildings has exposed to view a portion of the core of the Roman wall, not before seen. Owing to a slight landslip, this masonry needs to be underpinned. The Admiralty had resolved to underpin it and to face it with new brickwork. Your Secretary having represented the state of the case to Colonel Pasley, the Director of Works, who is a member of our Society, that gentleman has most kindly ordered that instead of a complete masking wall, nothing more than piers necessary for support shall be placed over the old wall-core. At the same time he expressed his pleasure in being able to comply with the wishes of your Council.

The retiring Members of Council were re-elected; Mr. R. C. Hussey and the Rev. Canon E. Moore were again reappointed as Auditors; and the Rev. H. G. Rolt was elected Honorary Local Secretary for Canterbury, in place of Canon E. Moore (who is leaving Canterbury), to whom the thanks of the Society were accorded for his kindly services.

Sixteen gentlemen were elected Members of the Society.

The crypt of Eastbridge Hospital, the groining piers of which have round abacuses, of about A.D. 1180, was then inspected; and Mr. James Neale, F.S.A., described a good fresco (of about the same date) discovered last year when a modern fireplace and chimney, within the lower hall of the Hospital, were removed.

St. Martin's Church was visited under the guidance of Canon Routledge, whose paper (printed in this volume) was supplemented by some remarks from Mr. Loftus Brock, F.S.A., Secretary of the British Archæological Association. At the ruins of St. Pancras Chapel, within the grounds of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canon Routledge described the Roman foundations of the walls of the western porch, nave, and south-western chantry. His paper is printed in this volume. Mr. Loftus Brock drew attention to the base of a Roman column in situ, first noticed by him this morning, in the southern pier of the chancel arch. The Rev. E. R. Oger drew attention to a mound (south of St. Pancras) on which he said the campanile had stood. The high-way once ran between it and St. Pancras. Passing into the garden immediately behind the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, the Members inspected the Norman north wall of the north aisle of the Church of St. Augustine's Abbey. The Rev. E. R. Oger (lately Sub-warden of St. Augustine's College) and the Rev. Canon Bailey (lately Warden of that College) described the ruins of the Abbey Church, of which there remain

much of one moiety of the western walls, and the base of the north-west tower (called Ethelbert's). The Rev. E. F. Taylor and some students of the College had dug away the soil, and exposed to view an original tiled floor of the north aisle; the tiles being of the fifteenth century probably.

Passing through a doorway in the north wall forming the base of Ethelbert's tower, the company entered the Courtyard of the Missionary College of St. Augustine. There on the eastern terrace Mr. Orger gave a vivid description of the ancient Abbey. Subsequently he led the Members up the ancient staircase to inspect the old Guesten Chapel (now restored and enlarged as the Chapel of the College), and to the antique Guesten Hall, on the opposite side of the staircase, which has been restored and is now used as the College Dining Hall. Thence Mr. Orger led them down another staircase into the ancient gateway built by Abbot Fyndon *circa* A.D. 1308.

From St. Augustine's Gateway the Members passed directly across Lady Wootton's Green to the postern gate (of the precincts) in the ancient city wall. Through the kindly arrangements of Archdeacon Harrison and his nephew Mr. Thornton the Society's progress was thus greatly facilitated. On the bowling-green of the Chapter, which is bounded by the city wall and one of its towers (fitted up as a dove-cot), Archdeacon Harrison delivered a discourse upon the ancient history of the spot, and thence conducted a large party to the Cathedral Church entering by the south-west door. The Rev. Canon J. C. Robertson kindly received another party upon the lawn of his Canonical house, where he pointed out the mound upon which formerly stood the campanile of Christ Church directly south of the central tower. Emerging from his garden, Canon Robertson courteously guided his party to the south-west gate of the cloisters, and having described the scene of Becket's murder, led them through the Cathedral Church, explaining the various points of interest in the able manner so characteristic of him.

A third party was led by Canon Scott Robertson to the north-east door of the Crypt. Upon their entrance the Crypt was at once illuminated by gas jets, which the Dean and Chapter had, through their able and active Surveyor, Mr. H. G. Austin, caused to be inserted specially for the visit of the Society. The entire Crypt was inspected, including the French Church and the Black Prince's Chantry. Canon Scott Robertson drew attention to the westernmost wall of the Crypt, scraped clear of plaister and white-wash specially for this visit, and stated Mr. James Parker's belief that in the rubble wall thus exposed to view some part of Augustine's original building may remain. Attention was likewise drawn to the huge masonry of two coigns north and south of the crypt, about seven feet from the same west wall. The difference between the masonry of these coigns, and all the other masonry of the Crypt, was discovered last year by Canon Scott Robertson, who first called attention to the matter in the Preface to his History of this

Crypt, pages v, vi, and in *Archæologia Cantiana*, XIII, p. 25, note, and on the plate opposite thereto representing a plan of this part of the Crypt.

At three o'clock there was Divine Service in the Choir, which was attended by a large number of the Members and their friends.

The dinner was provided in the Music Hall, St. Margaret's Street, at 4.15 P.M. The Earl Amherst presided, and was supported by the Dean of Canterbury and Mrs. Watkin, Lady Oakeley, Sir Walter Stirling, Archdeacon Harrison, Canons Bailey, Colson, Routledge, Griffin, and Jenkins, Generals Dixon and MacQueen, Colonel Hartley, Major Parker, Captains Tylden-Pattenson and Hatfield, Canon Scott Robertson, Robert Furley, Esq., Dr. Furley, etc., etc., the company numbering about 250.

After dinner the Dean of Canterbury and Mrs. Payne Smith hospitably received the Members at a garden party, refreshments being served in the large dining-room, the walls of which are hung with portraits of former Archbishops and Deans. A large number of ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Dean's courtesy for inspecting the city walls which bound his garden, and examining the pictures within the Deanery.

The Evening Meeting was held within the Library of the Dean and Chapter, which had been temporarily lighted with gas for the occasion. The thanks of the Society were especially due to Mr. H. G. Austin, the Chapter's surveyor, for the very skilful and ingenious manner in which this temporary introduction of gas-pipes was so rapidly and effectively carried out. A temporary museum of very great interest had been arranged in the Library, under the courteous superintendence of Canon James C. Robertson, by Mr. J. Brigstocke Sheppard and Mr. John Brent, F.S.A., ably assisted by Mr. J. Russell Hall.

Amidst the bright accessories of this museum the Evening Meeting was held under the presidency of the Dean of Canterbury. Canon Jenkins enunciated an opinion that close-jointed masonry was introduced into England by Archbishop Lanfranc. His arguments were met by others advanced by Mr. Loftus Brock and Mr. Wadmore, Archdeacon Harrison, and others, who took an opposite view.

Mr. James Neale, F.S.A., then read a long paper upon the wall paintings in the Cathedral, referring to the various copies of them made by himself, which were displayed in the room.

Mr. George Dowker, F.G.S., described a camp found by him in Fish Pond Wood, east of Canterbury, and drew attention to a Roman villa at Wingham, of which he had uncovered the fragment of a bath-wall encrusted with mosaic of black and white tesserae.

On Thursday, July 28th, the Society left Canterbury in the morning and proceeded to Ickham Rectory, where they were most hospitably received by the Rev. Edward and Mrs. Gilder, who had

provided coffee and light refreshments for the company on their lawn. The ancient portion of the Rectory-house was inspected. It consists of two storeys, each containing one large room. The lower room, now used as a kitchen, has a good square-headed window, of three lights, with shafted stone mullions of about the time of King Henry VII. The ceiling shews a large number of moulded joists and beams of similar age. The upper room, Mrs. Gilder's nursery, has a window of still earlier character. This fragment of the ancient manse is complete in itself, but is now flanked and enclosed by more modern portions of the house.

Ickham Church was described by the Rector, the Rev. E. Gilder. A paper thereon is printed in this volume.

At Wingham Church Canon Scott Robertson read a paper, which has been crowded out of the present volume, but it is intended to print it in the next volume. Walking south-west from the Church to a field on Mr. Robinson's farm, the members inspected Mr. Dowker's discovery of a Roman wall encrusted with mosaic work. A paper descriptive of the results of further excavations here will be found in this volume.

Two old houses formerly inhabited by Canons of Wingham were visited before luncheon was obtained in the garden of one of them, now occupied as an inn, The Red Lion. A sketch of these old houses, with a history of them, will be found three pages hence (pp. l-lii).

From Wingham the Society went to Adisham Church, where the Rev. H. M. Villiers welcoming the Members to his Church begged them all to kneel and say with him the Lord's Prayer, before he described the building. This was reverently done. Mr. Villiers' paper descriptive of his Church is printed in this volume.

Proceeding to Bifrons, the seat of the Marquess Conyngham, the Society was welcomed there by the Vicar, the Rev. F. T. Vine, and by Lord Conyngham's worthy steward, Mr. Robert Smith. The house (named from its having two handsome fronts) is not yet a century old, but in its side hall there is a fine collection of Saxon antiquities which were excavated from a Saxon cemetery in the Park a few years ago. After inspecting them the Members walked through the dining-room, the drawing-room, and the conservatory. The pictures by Holbein, Rembrandt, and Watteau, and many curious examples of Flemish art and Venetian furniture were duly seen and admired. Through the garden access was obtained to Patricksbourne Church, which was described by the Rev. F. T. Vine. A paper thereon is printed in this volume.

After a charming drive through Bifrons Park, Bridge, and Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne Church was reached. The Rev. T. Hirst kindly exhibited the Parish Register, signed at the foot of many a page by the "judicious" Richard Hooker. The autographs were examined with great interest by many, but by none with greater zest than by Master Richard Hooker, the young son of Sir Joseph Hooker of Kew, who, with Lady Hooker, had accompanied the Society to this scene of the great Hooker's labours and death.

His mural monument on the south wall of the chancel was pointed out. Its inscription is often misunderstood; but it correctly states that Hooker died in A.D. 1600. The tablet itself was not erected until 1633, when William Cowper, Esq., was at the cost of placing it here. The Church was restored under the superintendence of the late Rector, Dr. Sandford, who is now Bishop of Gibraltar. In the tower, the west window has been filled with stained glass by Dr. Sandford's pupils, as a memorial of their regard.

In Bishopsbourne Rectory Mr. and Mrs. Hirst kindly admitted the Members to their dining-room, which was Hooker's study in which he died. The ceiling (decorated under Dr. Sandford's auspices) is of similar character to that seen in the morning at Ickham Rectory; but this at Bishopsbourne is of later date, and its beams are rather more elaborately moulded. In the Rectory-garden Mrs. Hirst gave tea and coffee to her visitors, at a table placed beside a thick hedge of yew which had been planted by the "judicious" Hooker little less than three centuries ago.

This was the last place visited by the Society, and on leaving, the Members, incited by Mr. Robert Furley, gave three hearty cheers for Canon Scott Robertson and Messrs. Payne, Spurrell, and Thornton, who had successfully conducted the Society's two days' excursions to a happy termination.

In the museum arranged in the Chapter Library at Canterbury by Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Brent, was seen the large collection of miscellaneous articles brought home from the Continent of Europe in the reign of Charles II by Prebendary Bargrave, and bequeathed by him to the Dean and Chapter. A large and varied collection of Manuscript Illuminations of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries was arranged by Mr. Sheppard; Roman and Saxon antiquities were contributed by Mr. John Brent and others; and a large number of prints and pictures illustrative of ancient Canterbury and its Cathedral added much to the interest of the museum.

The Council met on the 30th August, 1881, at Maidstone, in the Society's Rooms. Earl Amherst presided, and six Members of Council were in attendance.

Thanks were voted to Mr. J. B. Sheppard, for his untiring services in issuing the tickets, arranging the museum, and facilitating the proceedings in various ways; to the Dean of Canterbury, the Rev. E. Gilder, and the Rev. Thos. Hirst, for kindly hospitality; to Canon J. C. Robertson and Archdeacon Harrison, for much help in various matters; to the Chapter, for the use of the Library; to Canon Routledge, the Rev. H. M. Villiers, the Rev. F. T. Vine, and Lord Conyngham, for admitting the Society to their Churches and to Bifrons; to Mr. Geo. Payne, Mr. Spurrell, Mr. H. Thornton, Mr. J. R. Hall, and Mr. George Dowker, for their kindly help.

Votes of money for costs of excavations were made, viz., to Canon Routledge £5, for excavations at St. Pancras Church, Canterbury, upon which he and the Bishop of Dover have expended three times that sum; and £10 at once to Mr. George Dowker to enable him to prosecute the exploration of a Roman Villa at Wingham. If needed, it was resolved that a second sum of £10 might be contributed, if the Secretary of the Society thought fit, after at least £30 raised from other sources had been expended upon the work.

It was referred to the Secretary to examine and report upon the desirability of holding the next Annual Meeting at Maidstone.

Two new Members were elected.

On the 31st of January, 1882, the Council met at the Society's Rooms, Maidstone. The Earl Amherst presided, and ten Members of Council were in attendance.

It was resolved that the Annual Meeting shall this year be held at Maidstone; and that, on the second day, visits shall be paid to Leeds Castle and Lenham. The days suggested for the meeting were Wednesday and Thursday the 2nd and 3rd of August.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Dowker, having uncovered two tessellated floors and the sites of four rooms of the Roman Villa at Wingham, stopped his excavations for the winter, after he had expended about £20. Consequently no further grant of money was yet required. In the spring of this year, however, more extended excavations will be undertaken around the same site.

Eleven new Members were elected.

The plates and all the printed sheets of *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XIV, were laid on the table. It contains 33 Papers by 18 different writers, with 45 Illustrations, and will extend over 450 pages. It is the sixth volume which has been edited for the Society by Canon Scott Robertson.
