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The
Kent Archæological Society

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

THE Council present their eighty-sixth Report with the Accounts for 1944.

It is with satisfaction that they are able to report, for the first time since 1939, an increase in the membership, from 751 to 763. There is much ground to be regained in this direction and they look with confidence to all members of the Society to be active in obtaining new members, especially as the opportunity for the revival of archæology may be not too distant.

The Council note with regret the death during the year of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D., D.Litt., a Vice President of the Society, of the Right Hon. Lord Justice Luxmoore, one of the Trustees, and of Mr. Frank Godwin, a member of the Council.

Major M. Teichman Derville, D.L., F.S.A., the President of the Society, has been appointed a Trustee and one vacancy remains to be filled.

The General Meeting was held at Maidstone on 31st May. The President took the chair and between thirty and forty members attended the morning meeting, whilst a considerably larger number of members and their friends were present at the afternoon lectures. The lecturers were Mr. W. P. D. Stebbing, who addressed the meeting on the *Letters of the Rev. Nicholas Carter, D.D., to his daughter Elizabeth, between 1729 and 1773*, and Mr. A. L. Congreve who spoke on *The Survival of the Wolf in Great Britain*. Both addresses were heard with interest and the lecturers were heartily thanked.

A generous gift of Kent books and papers from the library of the late Mr. George S. Elgood, R.I., R.O.I., who was a member of the Society for over thirty years, has been received from his niece, Miss Jane O. S. Elgood, who stated that her uncle had desired her to offer them to the Society. Among the books, a list of which is given below, are duplicates of volumes already in the Society's library and Miss Elgood has suggested that any duplicates which the Society does not wish to keep may be passed on to "branch societies in Kent, or individual workers", or wherever they will be useful.

The list of books is as follows, volumes already in the Society's library being marked with an asterisk:—

Darts' Canterbury, 1726, *Dart's Westminster Abbey*, *Hasted's History of Kent* (octavo edition, 12 volumes), *Kentish Genealogies*, Wm. Berry, 1830, *Philipot's Kent*, 2nd Edition, 1776 (two copies), *MS. Index to Philipot's Visitation of Kent*, *MS. Visitation of Kent*, 1619, from MS. copy in the Surrenden Library, copy made by Philipot, Rouge Dragon, *Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*, No. 1, *History and Antiquities of Tunstall*, by

E. R. Mores, 1780, *Lesnes Abbey*, A. W. Clapham, 1915, *Thorpe's Registrum Roffense*, 1769, *Index to Monumental Inscriptions in Thorpe's Registrum Roffense*, *Memorials of Old Kent*, Ditchfield and Clinch, 1907, *Knole House*, Lionel Sackville West, 1906, *Sketch of Knole and the Sackville Family*, John Bridgeman, 1817, *History of Salehurst*, L. J. Hodson, 1914, *Tenterden, Old and New*, J. Ellis Mace, 1902, *Denton near Gravesend*, G. M. Arnold, *Beckenham, Past and Present*, R. Borrowman, 1910, *The Story of Royal Eltham*, R. R. C. Gregory, 1909, *Teynham Manor and Hundred*, Mrs. E. Selby, 1936, *The Manor of Minster (Thanet)*, H. W. Aldred, 1889, *Lays and Legends of the Weald of Kent*, Lilian Winsor, *The Sidneys of Penshurst*, Philip Sidney, 1901, *History and Topography of Wye*, W. S. Morris, 1842, *Kentish Heraldry*, MS., Blazon only, Families in Alphabetical Order, *Heraldica Cantiana* (one volume of three), drawn by Richard Miles, 1842 (two copies), *History of Gavelkind*, Silas Taylor, 1663, *Lambarde's Perambulation of Kent*, 1576, *Lambarde's Perambulation of Kent*, 1596, *History of the Abbey and Church of Faversham, Priory of Davington, Maison Dieu of Ospringe and Parish of Bocton Subtus le Bleyne*, John Lewis, 1727, *Memorials of Herne*, Rev. J. R. Buchanan, 1888, *The Stained Glass Windows of Nettlestead Church*, W. E. Ball, 1908, *Antiquarian Jottings relating to Bromley, Hayes, Keston and West Wickham*, G. Clinch, 1889, *A Parcel of Kent*, F. J. Harvey Darton, *Rambles round Old Canterbury*, Cross and Hall, 1882, *The Parish Churches of the Diocese of Canterbury*, T. H. Oyler, 1910, *Canterbury of our Grandfathers and of To-day*, Gordon Home, 1927, *Loddenden and the Usbornes of Loddenden*, H. S. Cowper, 1914, MS. *Visitation of Kent*, 1619, with additions in 1770 by Henry Howell, *Custumal Roffense*, John Thorpe, 1788, MS. *Church Notes, Kent*, (4 vols. folio and 1 vol. royal quarto), **Views of Seats in Kent*, T. Badeslade, c. 1720, **Hasted's History of Kent*, vols. 1 to 5 (octavo edition), **Hasted's History of Kent*, continued by H. H. Drake, *The Hundreds of Blackheath*, 1886, **Excerpta Cantiana—Prospectus of a History of Kent*, T. Streatfield, 1836, **Villare Cantianum*, T. Philipot, 1659, **Charters of Cumbwell Priory, Kent*, **History of St. Laurence, Thanet*, C. Cotton, 1895, **Memorials of Canterbury Cathedral*, Woodruff and Danks, **Furley's History of the Weald of Kent*, 1871, **Sutton Valence and East Sutton*, Rev. J. Cave Browne, 1898, **History of Brasted*, J. Cave Browne, 1874, **Luddesdown, a Kentish Manor*, W. B. Peake, 1920, **Short History of Bapchild*, Rev. H. F. Lord, 1926, **Cathedral and Monastery of St. Andrew, Rochester*, W. H. St. John Hope, 1900, **History of Brickwall in Sussex with Northiam and Brede*, A. L. Frewen, 1909, **Rambles in Kent*, J. C. Cox, 1913, **Kentish Brasses, Vol. I.*, W. D. Belcher, 1888, **Report on Excavation of Roman Cemetery at Ospringe*, Whiting, Hanley and May, 1931, **Hartley through the Ages*, Bancks, 1927, **Ighitham*, 2nd edition, F. J. Bennett, 1917, **A Corner of Kent, Ash next Sandwich*, Planché, 1864, **History and Antiquities of Dartford, Dunkin*, 1844, **The Churches of Kent*, Glynn, 1877, **The Churches of Kent, Sussex and Surrey*, Hussey, 1852, **Bibliotheca Cantiana*, J. Russell Smith, 1837, **Gentleman's Magazine Library, Part VI, Kent and Lancashire*, Gomme, 1895, **History of Fordwich*, Rev. C. E. Woodruff, 1895, **Dode*, G. M. Arnold, 1905, **Monumental Brasses in Kent*, Griffin and Stephenson, 1922, **Guide to Knole*, J. H. Brady, 1839, **A Topographic or Survey of Kent*, Richard Kilburne, 1659 (two copies), **A Treatise of Gavelkind*, William Somner, 1726, **History of Gavelkind*, Silas Taylor, 1663, **Pedigrees from the Visitation of Kent*, 1663-8, Howard and Hovenden, **Church of St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks*, Rev. J. Rooker, 1910, **Memories of Malling and its Abbey*, Rev. G. H. Fielding, 1893, **St. Mary, Lewisham*, L. L. Duncan, 1892, **Antiquities of Richborough, Reculver and Lymne*, C. Roach Smith, 1850, **Memorials of Smarden*, Rev.

F. Haslewood, 1886, **A Walk in and about Canterbury*, W. Gostling, 1825, **English Metal Work, Reproductions of 93 Drawings*, by W. Twopenny, (23 examples from Kent), 1904, **The Parish of Davington*, T. Willement, 1862, **History of Dover Castle*, Rev. W. Darell, 1797, bound with *A Provincial Glossary*, Francis Grose, 1811, **Monuments and Painted Glass of Churches in Kent*, P. Parsons, 1794, **Visitations of Kent*, Harleian Society, 1530-1, 1574, 1663-8, **Etchings of Antiquities in Kent*, F. W. L. Stockdale, 1810, **History of Kent*, John Harris, 1719 (two copies), **Victoria History of Kent*, Vol. I.

The Council will be ready to consider applications received by the Hon. General Secretary before the 31st December, 1945, from Societies and individual workers for particular volumes here listed as duplicates. The grounds of such applications, and whether they are made in order to replace volumes lost by enemy action, should be stated.

Other additions to the Library and Collection for the year 1944 include the following: *Parsons' Monuments*, Index, copied with permission from the Index in the Library of the Society of Antiquaries by Mr. Frank W. Tyler and presented by him to the library, *Canterbury Cathedral Priory, A Study in Monastic Administration*, by R. A. L. Smith, purchased, Parcel of Drawings of Kent Church Plate which belonged to the late Canon Scott Robertson, presented by the Rev. Canon S. W. Wheatley, *An accurate Map of the County of Kent*, by Eman. Bowen, (circa. 1760 ?) presented by Mr. H. de Beaufort Saunders, *Archæologia Cant.* five Vols. presented by Sussex Arch. Soc., and two vols. presented by the Librarian of Southend-on-Sea Public Library.

Sergeant R. C. Stone, a member of the Society, has sent to the Society a MS. description of Roman ruins at Tipasa in Algeria, together with a copy of the Report of the *Service des Monuments Historiques de l'Algérie* covering the years 1927-9 and including work done at Tipasa.

Miss Hooker has given to the Society an Iron Age gold coin (quarter-stater) of c.50 B.C. from Oldbury Hill, Ightham, and Sir Edward Harrison a gold stater of the same type, found in Kent but whether from Oldbury or elsewhere is uncertain. Both these coins are mentioned on page 161 of *Arch. Cant.*, Vol. LI.

The Accounts again show a satisfactory result, due largely to the limitation in content and consequently in cost, of the current volume of *Archæologia Cantiana*. The Council hope that their policy of continuing to publish an annual volume—even a slim one—during the war years meets with the approval of members. The delay in the issue of the new volume, which they regret, is due to unavoidable difficulties in printing and binding work under present conditions.

The expectation that volume XVI of KENT RECORDS, *The Register of Daniel Rough*, would be published during 1944, was unfulfilled. The MS. was completed and sent to the printer some time ago, but the present difficulties of printers and binders—difficulties which were accentuated during the latter half of the year—have regrettably but inevitably delayed the issue of the volume. To predict again, in this report, the probable date of its publication may seem hazardous; but unless any serious accident intervenes, the volume should be in the hands of subscribers to the Records Branch by the summer of 1945.

The Records Branch continues to give help and advice in connexion with the records preservation work.

Mr. W. P. D. Stebbing continues to watch the site of the ancient town of Stonar which is yielding unique examples of medieval pottery. It is hoped in due course to issue an important survey of the material.

Mr. John H. Mowll draws attention to the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Dover on 18th October, at the end of four years of cross-channel shelling. The Town Hall building, where their Majesties lunched, incorporates much of the former Maison Dieu which was founded by Hubert de Burgh under Royal Charter. It is understood that the last reigning monarch to visit the Maison Dieu was Henry VIII who afterwards dissolved it. Many earlier visits of English kings are recorded. Mr. Mowll has presented to the Society a special page to be inserted in Lyon's *History of Dover* showing the modern Dover Municipal Buildings on the Maison Dieu site.

Early in March a huge bone was dug out of beach gravel on the ground of the British Quarrying Company, near Lydd. The bone was identified at the Natural History Museum as one of the vertebrae of a whale, which must have been buried in the accumulation of beach for many centuries.

Mr. R. F. Jessup states that there has been serious destruction of the Iron Age lynchets and Saxon barrows on Barham Downs. He also reports as follows:

"The Canterbury Excavation Committee, to which I was appointed the Society's representative, was formed in April, 1944, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Canterbury Archaeological Society. The inaugural meeting, at which the late Archbishop of Canterbury took the chair, was held in July, 1944, and the Executive Committee formed on that occasion has met twice. The Committee was fortunate in securing, through the Ministry of Works, the valuable services of Mrs. Audrey Williams, F.S.A., as Supervisor of Excavations, and of Mr. B. H. St. J. O'Neil, F.S.A., as Technical Assessor. Our member, Major F. W. Tomlinson, F.S.A., combines the onerous duties of Secretary and Master of the Volunteer Diggers, who numbered some eighty in all. It was found necessary to employ four paid labourers for part of the time. A précis of the preliminary Report of the Committee, compiled by Mrs. Williams, appears in the 1944 volume of *Archæologia Cantiana*.

"The whole project was carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner, and the Canterbury Society is to be congratulated on its undertaking."

Members will recall the excavations at Oldbury Hill, Ightham, carried out under the auspices of the Society in 1938 by Professor J. B. Ward Perkins (*Arch. Cant.* LI, 137-181). The owner of the property, Mr. H. A. Hooker, has recently died and all antiquaries and lovers of places of natural beauty will be gratified to learn that he has devised the hill and its surroundings, 155 acres in all, to the National Trust. The area so devised includes all the wooded part of the early Iron Age hill fort. The northern half of the fort, which remains private property, incloses cultivated fields.

The Council support and heartily commend to all members of the Society the printed appeal for the *Restoration of Libraries* issued under the auspices of the *Conference of Allied Ministers of Education*, a copy of which accompanies the current volume of *Archæologia Cantiana*.

Mr. F. Burgess of 1 St. Stephen's Cottages, Broadham Green, Oxted, Surrey, a writer on English Sepulchral Monuments, would be grateful to any members who would send him notes, drawings or photographs of post-Reformation monuments, particularly of the seventeenth century, in country churchyards, or reminders of published references to such memorials.

The Council again invite all members to pay their subscriptions promptly. Subscriptions should be remitted, *not to the Hon. General Secretary*, but to the Collector, Mr. A. H. Taylor, 27 Nunnery Road, Canterbury.

Finally, they impress upon all members the value of their help in advancing the interests of the Society as soon as the close of hostilities makes possible the resumption of activities that necessarily remain dormant during the war.

By Order of the Council,

EDWARD HARRISON,

Hon. General Secretary.

April, 1945.