

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

WEST STOW AND HENGRAVE, JULY 22, 1852.—*The Rev. Henry Creed, M.A., in the Chair.*

The company assembled in the fine brick gate-house of West Stow Hall, the residence of Mr. J. Steel, where were arranged a number of antiquities of the Anglo-Saxon period, that had been found on the neighbouring heath. The Honorary Secretary read a brief paper on the Hall, the Church, and the Anglo-Saxon burial-place; after which the company proceeded to an old chamber within the gate-house, where are still the remains, in very perfect order, of some rude distemper paintings of the time of Queen Elizabeth. Over the fire-place are four figures or groups, representing four periods in the life of man. One, a youth hawking, has this inscription: "Thus doe I all the day." Another, a young man making love to a maiden, is inscribed: "Thus doe I while I may." The third, a middle-aged man looking at the young couple, has this inscription: "Thus did I when I might;" and the fourth is an aged man hobbling onwards, and bitterly exclaiming, "Good Lord! will this world last ever?" A large room on the north side of the house, with massive beams and panelling, is nearly all that now remains of the old hall.

The company having partaken of the liberal hospitality of Mr. Steel, then visited the church, and paying a passing visit to the excavations on the Heath, proceeded to Hengrave Hall, which, by the kind permission of Sir Thomas Rokewode Gage, Bart., had been opened to the Institute; and where, in the dining-room, a variety of specimens of ancient art, &c., had been arranged. Besides those enumerated in p. 338, there were two rolls of vellum, containing the pedigrees of the Bostocks of Cheshire; one of the rolls being by Randle Holme, "deputy of y^e office of Armes, 1634"; and a bronze circular brooch, inscribed "Ave Maria gracia plena," that had been found within the walls of the Grey Friars at Dunwich. It was presented to the late Sir Thomas Gage by the Rev. Mr. Douglas, the author of the "Nenia Britannica," and has been engraved in Gardener's "History of Dunwich", p. 118.

The company then walked through the various rooms, in which are numerous original portraits and much curious painted glass; and having assembled in the inner court, the Secretary read a short paper on the historical associations of the spot (See p. 321). After which the visitors were invited, through the Rev. Henry Creed, the Chairman, in the unavoidable absence of the kind and courteous proprietor, to partake of a luncheon which had been set out in the old hall, the bay window of which is so fine an object. The company then visited the church and grounds, and the proceedings of the day were closed by a cordial vote of thanks to Sir Thomas Gage, for his kindness and hospitality.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, OCT. 7, 1852.—*The Right Hon. the Earl Jermyn, M.P., in the Chair.*

The Institute met at the Angel Hotel. The noble lord having taken the chair, briefly addressed the meeting, referring to the very gratifying recognition of the Society's usefulness by the Society of Antiquaries—the head of all kindred societies—as shewn by the handsome present of a copy of their transactions and proceedings for the past two years. Alluding to the extensive excavations now in progress at Pevensey, in Sussex—the *Anderida* of the Romans—under the direction of Mr. Roach Smith, one of the Honorary Members of the Institute, and of Mr. M. A. Lower, the noble lord observed that those gentlemen had kindly invited the members of this Institute to witness their operations, which are more extensive and satisfactory in their results than anything hitherto explored in this country. Referring to the usefulness of this Institute, and the interest excited by its proceedings, his lordship observed that a desire had been expressed by so many gentlemen in the other division of the county, that the sphere of its labours should be extended to the entire county, that the Committee had felt it their duty to request him to notice the subject that it might be brought under the consideration of the members, with a view to its discussion at the annual meeting.

The following presents were then announced as having been received since the last meeting:—

A penny of Henry III., recently found under the roots of a very aged pollard oak in Ickworth park; presented by the Marquis of Bristol.

A dagger, with scabbard and hilt of iron, elaborately wrought with fine chasing—of German manufacture of the beginning of the 17th century; and a grotesque figure in lead, fixed in a piece of conglomerate, the history of which is unknown; from H. R. Homfray, Esq., through Mr. Gedge.

Catalogue of the Egyptian Museum, Liverpool, and a beautiful anastatic *fac simile* of the MS. of Sprott's Chronicle of Profane and Sacred History, with a translation by Dr. Bell; presented by Joseph Mayer, Esq., F.S.A., of Liverpool, through Mr. Roach Smith. The original "Chronicle," written on parchment (the only one in existence), is in the possession of Mr. Mayer, at whose expense it has been copied and translated.

Archæologia, or Transactions of the Society of Antiquaries, volumes 33 and 34, and volume 22 of the Proceedings of the Society; from the Society of Antiquaries.

Report on Excavations made at Lymne, in Kent, in 1850; an Account of British silver coins found at Weston, in Norfolk; and an Account of Inedited Roman coins; from C. R. Smith, Esq., Hon. Member.

Reports and Papers of the Associated Architectural Societies, 1850-51; from the Societies.

Report of the Leicester Library and Philosophical Society for 1852; from the Society.

Mr. C. C. Smith exhibited a curious convex wooden shield, with a helmeted head painted thereon, that had been found between the walls of two old houses just pulled down in Guildhall-street. It had evidently seen some service in the revels or pageants of a former time, but is in admirable preservation.

Mr. Johnson Gedge exhibited a coloured sketch of a curious picture, in the possession of the Rev. R. C. Cobbold, of Wortham, representing the conjunction of the Cabal of Clifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Ashley and Lauderdale (the initials of whose names make the word *Cabal*) with the Pope and Lord Mayor of London to overthrow the Church of England.

G. R. Corner, Esq., F.S.A., communicated a list of Manors in Suffolk where the custom of Borough English, or descent to the youngest son, exists; and solicited information of other manors where that custom, or that of Gavel-kind, or descent among all the sons, prevails.

Mr. Tymms, the Honorary Secretary, then proceeded to call the attention of the meeting to the proposed visit to the Monastic ruins, and after reading some curious particulars of the Angel Hotel, the Angel Hill, formerly called the Mustow, and the

Bury Fair, conducted the visitors to the Botanic Gardens, where the company, now increased by the presence of Lady Arthur Hervey, Lady Alfred Hervey, Lady Elizabeth Hervey, Miss Seymour, &c., assembled in front of the Library, where the Secretary read a brief history and description of the magnitude of the Abbey. They then proceeded to visit in succession the various remains of the monastic buildings, the conductor noticing at each place the historic associations attached to it, and pointing out as they passed the sites of buildings of which no vestige remains above ground, such as the Guest-house and St. Lawrence's Chapel on the south-west of the Great Court; the Abbot's Mint, within the Palace Garden, of which the finely embattled wall is still in a very perfect state; the Dormitory, Scriptorium, &c., on the south side; the Great Cloister, between the Refectory and the north side of the Abbey Church; the Chapter House to the east of the Cloister, between the Abbot's Palace and the Lady Chapel; the Cemetery of the Brethren and Prior's House (below the Abbey Church), of which a very accurate plan was exhibited, taken by Mr. John Darkin when the excavations were made under the directions of the Institute; the Bath near the "Dove-house," more probably the "Pleasaunce," or summer house, on the bank of the old course of the Linnet; the Prison Tower, on the north wall next Mustow-street; and the abbot's stables and offices, between the wall of the Great Court and the outer wall, now enclosed in the premises of the Bull Inn, &c. The party were then received by Mr. Muskett in his grounds, between the massive piers yet remaining of the great central tower of the Abbey Church, the history of which was read by Mr. Tymms, and the sites of its various chapels pointed out, the apsidal chapel at the north of the eastern apse being still left open, as excavated by the Institute, and shewing the sedilia of the priests. Crossing over the churchyard the attention of the Institute was drawn to the sites of St. Margaret's Church, or chapel as it was shewn more correctly to be called; the monastic free Grammar School, now occupied by the Shirehall; St. Margaret's Gate, opposite the Court-house; and the Song School, nearer the Church. The company then entered St. Mary's Church, where they were received by the Rev. C. J. P. Eyre, and where the Secretary, having given a brief history of the edifice, proceeded to describe the exquisite carvings and curious decorations of the nave roof. But as the hour was getting late, and the noble Chairman had an engagement which he could not put off, it was agreed to defer till another meeting the full examination of this beautiful Church, and the proposed visit to St. James's Church, to the Norman Tower, and to the sites of several mortuary chapels in the churchyard.

The company having re-assembled at the Angel Hotel, Earl Jermyn expressed the great obligations of the meeting to Mr. Tymms for the valuable information which he had afforded them, and a vote of thanks for his interesting and instructive communication was proposed by the Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, and cordially agreed to. After this, the very curious vaulted cellars of the Angel Inn, probably of the 14th century, were inspected. The day was concluded with a collation, at which the Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey presided.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, JAN. 13, 1853.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, V.P., in the Chair.*

This meeting was made special to consider so much of the report of a Committee appointed at a public meeting to draw up a scheme for consolidating the various literary and scientific institutions of Bury St. Edmund's into one efficient and dignified institution, as related to the Archæological Institute and to the Bury Museum.

The noble chairman having recapitulated the principal details of the scheme, it was resolved unanimously to adopt the plan submitted to them, and to take the necessary steps to carry the same into effect. It was also resolved unanimously to extend the operations of the Archæological Institute over the whole county of Suffolk.

The meeting then resolved itself into the usual quarterly meeting, when the following presents were announced :—

A fine Roman urn, of large dimensions, presented to the Institute by R. Gwilt, Esq., of Icklingham; it had been found in 1851, in a sand-pit in that parish, whence many skeletons have at different times been exhumed.

A glass unguentarium, or bottle for holy oil, found near to the remains of a skeleton on the site of Mr. Farrow's house, in the churchyard, Bury; presented by Mr. N. S. Hodson.

Sir Thomas G. Cullum, Bart., exhibited an earthen vessel of the 13th century, found in digging for brick earth on the premises of Mr. Reed, Bury St. Edmund's.

Mr. Golding exhibited a curious bust of Our Saviour crowned with thorns, forming part of a full length figure in stone.

Mr. Tymms exhibited impressions in gutta percha, gilded, of the seals of Tiltey Abbey, Essex, and of the borough of Dorchester, Wilts.; and a small bronze buckle, found near the Gaol, in Bury. The Secretary also exhibited, by permission of Mr. W. C. Kitchener, two steel matrices for seals. One of them has three facets and a spring in the handle by which to hold the seal steady while in use. On the different facets are the arms, crest, and cipher of the Kitchener family. The other seal, found at Newmarket, has on the obverse the head of Lud. xv. D. Gra. Fra. et Navare; and on the reverse a cross within a crown, and the English motto, "Be thou faithful unto death."

A paper was read by Mr. Tymms on the "Charnel House" of the Abbey of Bury, with a translation of the charter of its foundation by Abbot John de Northwold.

A vote of thanks to the donors and exhibitors of Antiquities, and the noble Chairman having been passed, the meeting broke up.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, APRIL 13, 1853.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, V.P., in the Chair.*

This being the Annual Meeting, the following Report of the Committee was read :—

"The Committee, in making their Fifth Annual Report, have to inform the members that in pursuance of Resolutions unanimously agreed to at a Special Meeting held on the 13th day of January, 1853, arrangements have been made for placing the Institute in union with the Bury St. Edmund's Athenæum; by which the valuable collection of specimens hitherto known as the Bury and West Suffolk Museum will come under the direction of the Institute; and for the temporary reception and display of which a commodious house has been provided. It has therefore been deemed advisable to widen the range of the Society's action, by taking in the whole county of Suffolk, and to extend its sphere of research by embracing every department of the Natural History as well as of the Archæology of the district. With this view it is proposed to alter the title of the Society to the Suffolk Institute of Archæology and Natural History.

"To extend the existing Museum and Library, and to form a Gallery of Art, to which each member shall have access for himself and friends.

"To hold, as usual, four meetings in the year, for the exhibition of objects and specimens, and for reading communications explanatory thereof, or in elucidation of any subject connected with the objects of the Society.

"And as these important extensions can only be carried out by a large increase of funds, it is proposed to raise the subscription from 5s. per annum—a sum hitherto felt to be too small—to 10s. per annum; and earnestly to invite all who take an interest in any branch of Natural History, and who desire to see the science of their county adequately represented and set forth, to give their countenance and support to the Society.

"As various alterations in the Rules are necessary to meet the new requirements of the Institute, the Committee have adopted the following code:

I. That the Society be called the Suffolk Institute of Archæology and Natural History; but shall extend to all parishes which, although not locally situated in the county, form part of the Archdeaconries which take their titles from places within the county.

II. That the objects of the Society shall be:

1. To collect and PUBLISH information on the Archæology and Natural History of the District.

2. To form a MUSEUM and LIBRARY of *Natural History and Antiquities*; and a GALLERY OF ART, with especial reference to original portraits of *Suffolk Worthies*.

3. To procure careful observation and preservation of Antiquities and other specimens discovered in the progress of public works, such as Railways, foundations of buildings, &c.

4. To encourage individuals or public bodies in making researches and excavations, and afford them suggestions and co-operation.

5. To oppose and prevent as far as may be practicable, any injuries with which ancient Monuments of every description may from time to time be threatened; and to collect accurate drawings, plans, and descriptions thereof.

III. That each Member pay an Annual Subscription of TEN SHILLINGS, to be due in advance on the 6th of April, and each Member shall be considered to belong to the Institute until he withdraw from it by a notice in writing to the Secretary. Donors of the amount of 10 years' subscription shall be life members. An additional subscription of 16s. will entitle the member to admission to the News-room, Library, Lectures, &c. of the Bury Athenæum.

IV. That each Member be entitled to three admissions to the Museum, Library, and Meetings of the Institute, and to a copy of the Printed "Proceedings."

V. That the affairs of the Institute, except so far as they are otherwise provided for by any of these Rules and Regulations, shall be under the direction and management of a Committee of six members, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, together with the President, two Directing Vice-Presidents, and three Members of the Council of the Bury St. Edmund's Athenæum. The six elected members to retire annually, but be re-eligible. Members not residing in Bury may vote by proxy in writing (general or special) intrusted to some other member who shall be present at the annual meeting.

VI. That the Committee shall appoint a Secretary, who shall thereupon become an *ex-officio* Member of the Committee, and shall act as Treasurer; shall supply any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year; and shall have power to nominate Honorary Members.

VII. That the Committee shall meet once in every month; three to be a quorum, and the Chairman to have a casting vote.

VIII. That Four General Meetings be held on some day in the months of March, June, September, and December, for the Exhibition of Antiquities, Works of Art, and specimens of Natural History, and the reading and consideration of communications from Members or others.

IX. That Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee when they think advisable.

X. That all papers printed by this Society shall be considered the property of the Society; but the Committee shall receive communications from Members, who are writing with other objects in view, and return the same, after perusal, to the Authors.

"A sixth part of the "Proceedings" has been issued during the year, and a seventh, which will conclude the first volume, will speedily be ready for delivery.

"For the permission to hold the General Meetings in the Council Chamber, at the Guildhall, and the Committee Meetings in the Library of the Botanic Gardens, the thanks of the Institute are due to the Trustees of the Guildhall Feoffment and to Mr. N. S. Hodson.

"The Report of the Treasurer shews that the income of the Institute for the past year has been £55. 3s. 0d.; and that the sum of £71. 8s. 2d. has been expended; leaving a balance against the Society of £16. 5s. 2d. This balance is not occasioned

by increased expenditure, but has arisen solely from the difficulty of collecting the subscriptions within the year. A portion of the arrears has since been received; but as it is desirable that the accounts to the end of the year 1852 should be completely closed at an early period, the Committee earnestly request the members to remit their arrears to the Secretary at their earliest convenience."

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

March, 1853.

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Donations	6	1 0	&c.	9	2 0
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It was unanimously resolved:—

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Almack;

That the Report now read be adopted and printed with the Proceedings of the Institute; and that the following gentlemen, with the President, two Directing Vice-Presidents, and three gentlemen to be named by the Council of the Bury St. Edmund's Atheneum, be the Committee for the year ensuing:

The Rev. C. H. Bennet The Rev. Henry Creed N. S. Hodson, Esq.

The Rev. T. L. Clarkson The Rev. W. Hall John Kilner, Esq.

A letter was read from the Rev. Sir T. G. Cullum, Bart., communicating his kind intention to receive the Institute at his house in the month of June next.

The following presents were announced:—

Fosbroke's Encyclopædia of Antiquities, 2 vols. 8vo.; Fosbroke's British Monachism, 1 vol.; and Mallett's Northern Antiquities, 1 vol.; from the Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey.

Two parts of the published Transactions of the Society of Antiquaries, from Sir T. R. Gage, Bart.

A black letter edition (1640) of the Laws of England, collected by John Breton, Bishop of Hereford in the 13th century, from Mr. Wing.

Brand's History of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 2 vols. 4to., from Mr. Augustine Page.

A Collection of Minerals, from J. F. Dove, Esq.

An arrow-head, of iron, found at Ousden; from Rev. C. H. Bennet.

A small circular brooch and a bronze ornament, found near Southgate-green, Bury St. Edmund's, from Mr. J. Johnson.

Mr. Charles Hine presented an original letter from the Duke of Richmond, dated, "King's head quarters, Hanau, July 13, 1743," giving some particulars, of historical and local interest, connected with the battle of Dettingen, in which King George the Second and his son, the Duke of Cumberland, defeated the French Duc de Grammont, and displayed the greatest personal bravery.

The Rev. Lord A. Hervey exhibited some fine impressions of rare Roman coins; English silver coins; and a copper medal of Pope Urban VIII.

The Rev. H. Creed exhibited a gold ring, discovered in 1852, near Onehouse Bridge, in the silt of the river Gipping, with the device, on a small square facet, of an owl in the act of pouncing upon a mouse; a convex Roman intaglio on vitreous substance, representing a Roman sacrifice, set in silver as a seal; a fine gold seal-ring, discovered at Fareham, Hampshire, with the device of a rose-slip, on an oval facet;

and a silver-gilt ring, discovered July, 1852, in Wetheringsett churchyard. It has a lozenge-shaped agate, and the legend + THE NAZARENVS. REX. I.

Mr. S. Golding exhibited a number of antient documents connected with property in the county, several of them of a very early date, and others having fine impressions of royal and other seals attached.

Mr. Almack exhibited a deed of grant dated Oct. 27, 1569, from Nicholas Rabye to Anthony Butler and Henry Collyn, gentlemen, of the messuage "called the Guildhall, in Risbygate-street, which he had of the grant of Thomas Badbye, Esq., and John Holt, gent.

Mr. Warren exhibited some Roman and Anglo-Saxon brooches found in Ixworth and its neighbourhood; rings with devices; a flint celt, of large size and beautiful finish; and an embossed sword of the time of Elizabeth.

Mr. G. Fenton exhibited a gold ring, with pelican feeding her young, found in Bury; a Roman belt, from a tomb at Cumæ, Sicily, from the collection of the Count de Milano; and a presumed Celtic weapon of stone, found at Mildenhall.

Mr. Tymms then called attention to the projected demolition of the old Rectory-house at Hawsted, built by Dr. Joseph Hall, Bishop of Norwich, and read the pious prelate's own simple and touching account of his presentation to the living, his marriage, and stay in and removal from that "sweet and civill county of Suffolk, near to S. Edmond's Bury," as evidencing some "specialities of Divine Providence" in his life.

The thanks of the Institute were voted to the donors of books and specimens, and to the contributors of papers.

ERRATA.

P. 42, l. 6, *for lond read bond.*

148, l. 10 from bottom, *for Romano-British read Anglo Saxon.*

220, l. 3, *for fig. 4 read fig. 5; for fig. 5 read fig. 6.*

304, l. 8, *for that relics read that few or no relics.*

311, *for M. Boucher, the President, read M. Boucher de Perthes, of Abbeville, President.*