

MEETINGS OF THE INSTITUTE.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, JULY, 1857.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervev, President, in the chair.*

The Institute met in the Lecture Hall of the Athenæum.

The Secretary read the following Report :—

“The Archæological Meetings have been well attended, and may be said to have been successful in interesting those who attended them. Two parts of the *Proceedings* have been printed during the year, and issued to the Members. The Committee attach great importance to this branch of their operations.

“The Committee cannot but advert, in terms of deep sorrow, to the sad loss which archæology and literature have sustained in the premature and most unexpected death of that eminent scholar Mr. Kemble. They were daily expecting to hear from him to fix a day for visiting Bury, and selecting from the Museum specimens of Anglo-Saxon antiquity for the Exhibition at Manchester. He had expressed the warmest feelings of attachment to Bury, and his wish to be an Honorary Member of our Institute, a wish which the Committee would have been proud to meet. But the next thing they heard of him was that he was no more.

“Very large and important additions have been made to the Museum during the past year; and the Geological section has been arranged upon an entirely new plan. Fossils and specimens, to the amount of £30—which sum was raised by private subscription—were purchased at the sale of the late Rev. Thomas Image's effects, and are now, with the specimens previously in the Museum, so arranged as to exhibit at a glance an epitome of the series of fossiliferous rocks, in a descending order, beginning with the present surface of the globe, and passing downwards through the tertiary, secondary, and primary deposits to the igneous rocks, which are also very fully represented.

“The various subdivisions of the different formations, with the characteristic fossils of each, are carefully marked and exhibited, and the student of Geology is enabled to pursue his studies in the Museum itself, so as to acquaint himself with the nature and productions of strata which are diffused over the whole island. It is not, of course, pretended that this department is yet perfect, and fossils from many of the formations, especially the New and Old Red Sandstone, will be very acceptable. Specimens of fossils from the coal of South Wales, and from the *lias* of Yorkshire, have been promised, and will prove, it is expected, valuable additions to the collection.

“In connection with the Geological department should be mentioned the series of important meetings held in the Museum for conversations on geological subjects, conducted by the Rev. J. B. P. Dennis. These meetings have been attended by most of the Members interested in scientific pursuits; and probably no better means could have been devised for turning the Museum to its real use, namely, for making it an important instrument in promoting scientific education.

"To turn to other departments of the Museum, a number of additions have been made by the Rev. J. B. P. Dennis to his collection of birds, and that part of it which is devoted to British Hawks promises soon to be one of the finest in the kingdom. An extensive and beautifully preserved collection of British Plants, which will be of the utmost value to all botanical students, has kindly been placed in the Museum by Mr. Skepper, and is accessible to Members and others, on application to the Honorary Curator.

"Some progress has also been made in classifying the Archæological Section, by separating the foreign specimens from those belonging to our own country; and distributing the home antiquities into the Early-British, Romano-British, Anglo-Saxon, and Mediæval periods.

"Additions have also been made to the Library of the Institute."

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1856-7.

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Subscriptions, 1856	28 15 0	Balance paid	9 13 3
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Balance due to Treasurer	14 18 8	Expenses of Meetings	11 16 10
		„ Museum	10 6 5
		Postage, Parcels, &c.	5 1 10
		Payment to Athenæum	9 17 6
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The Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes of the meeting, in the Institute's Proceedings.

The following presents were announced as having been received since the February meeting.

From H. J. OAKES, Esq., of Newton Court, Bury St. Edmund's:—Three English head pieces and soldier's canteen, temp. Charles I.; an old flag-staff head (iron), found on the Haberdon, Bury; a pair of antique Turkish stirrups; a South American Indian fish spear.

From J. B. EDWARDS, Esq., of Bury St. Edmund's:—Three flint and bronze celts; an earthen plate with the arms of Southwold, and the letters B above G. S. and the date 1676; a hatchet from Southwold cliff, and shot imbedded in the cliff probably during the famous battle of Solebay; a key from Dunwich; with other objects.

From F. G. PROBART, Esq., M.D., Bury St. Edmund's:—An ancient Burmese MS.

From J. W. BROMLEY, Esq.:—Upwards of seventy volumes of old Authors, in folio, &c.

From MR. HAYWARD:—A collection of Australian minerals, including specimens of gold, antimony, and copper ore; and a fine specimen of the *Ornithorynchus paradoxus*.

From MR. WARLAND, through MR. ARTHUR LEASE:—Specimens of the fishes popularly known as shovel-nosed shark, parrot fish, saw fish, and stingaree; a collection of Indian shells, and Indian fan of the barktree; an ostrich egg, model of a messulah or Madras surf-boat, and a catamaran for crossing the Madras surf.

From MR. ADAMS:—A collection of Stonesfield slate and chalk fossils.

Some curious tracery in wood, of the 13th century, from the Fleece Inn, at the corner of College Street, Bury; and some of the 15th century, from the lately demolished kitchen of the Guildhall.

A paper on the tracery discovered at the Fleece Inn, by Mr. Johnson, architect, was read by Mr. G. Scott; and another by Professor Corrie, on some items in the Churchwardens' books of Boxford, relating to the performances of Plays and Church Ales in the 15th century, was read by the Secretary.

Thanks having been voted to the authors of papers and the donors and exhibitors of antiquities, &c., the company proceeded to Rushbrooke Hall, the seat of Major Rushbrooke, who most courteously invited them to partake of refreshments, and, after some notes of the history of the Hall had been read by the Secretary, conducted them over the house, pointing out and explaining the old portraits, the many tapestried rooms, the crimson old bedsteads, with antique hangings; and the numerous other relics of olden time which are here preserved with so much care. Crossing the pleasure grounds, the archæologists visited the church, which has many attractions in the interesting memorials of the Jermyn and Davers families here assembled, and in the large quantity of carved work, from the hands of the late Colonel Rushbrooke, M.P., by whom the church was fitted up in the collegiate style. Returning to the Hall, the Rev. H. Creed, who acted as President, in the absence from domestic causes of the noble President of the Institute, expressed the warm thanks of the company to their hospitable and friendly host.

The party then proceeded to Rougham and Barton Churches, where Mr. Tymms pointed out to them the features of most interest in these two fine churches, and the day's excursion did not close until quite the evening.

HADLEIGH, OCTOBER 9TH, 1857.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The company met in the Town Hall, around the walls of which were arranged a large collection of rubbings of brasses, chiefly from churches in the county, mounted by Mr. Growse, junr., of Bildeston; and some rare etchings by Rembrandt, pictures by Rubens, and other old masters, contributed by Mr. Robinson. On the table were arranged a number of early Charters, Registers, and MSS. connected with the history of this ancient town, curious as to their contents, as well as fine examples of calligraphy and illumination. The small illuminated charter of a market and fair granted by Henry VI. was much admired for its rarity and beauty. There were also a number of Roman and other antiquities, from the Ipswich Museum and the collection of Miss Kersey: some curious Egyptian relics exhibited by the Very Rev. H. B. Knox; and a bag of silver coins, nearly 1,000 in number, of Queen Elizabeth, James the First, Charles the First, and the Commonwealth, found in 1856, at Overbury Hall, Langham, obligingly sent by Mr. Strutt. Connected with the same place were some curious pieces of iron-work, carvings, and old keys, contributed by Mr. Spooner, who also exhibited an old jewel-box of the 15th century. Mr. Robinson also sent a rock crystal scent-bottle, gold mounted, and a gold

chatelaine, of rich design, with costly appendages of lapis lazuli, &c., together with some early books, coins, &c. Mr. Fitch sent a number of impressions of ancient seals attached to charters connected with the district, autographs, and MSS. including an autograph of John de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, married to Elizabeth Plantagenet, sister to King Edward IV (deed dated 1491); a Licence for Mortmain for Lands in Cringleford, Norfolk, in A.D. 1333, for the Hospital of St. Giles, in Norwich; and Great Seals of Kings Edward III. and Henry VI.

The chair having been taken by the noble President, his Lordship briefly addressed the company on the pleasures and advantages of a study of antiquities, expressing a hope that the present meeting might stimulate a spirit of enquiry in the district, the fruits of which might be reaped at a future gathering of the Institute. The Rev. Hugh Pigot, Curate of Hadleigh, then read a paper on the history of the town, at the close of which the archæologists proceeded to the Guildhall, a fine open-roofed chamber of the 15th century; thence to the Rectory gate-house, a good example of the red brick-work of the 15th century; after which the church, a noble edifice, exhibiting examples of Early English, Decorated, and Perpendicular styles, was visited. Here Mr. Pigot read another paper, on the history of the church. From thence the party went to the house of Mr. Robinson, sen., in the High-street, formerly the abode of the Mayors of Hadleigh, where is a fine timbered ceiling to one of the rooms, and much curious parqueting. Of this style of decoration there are many examples in the town, some of a date as early as the reign of Henry VIII. the most remarkable of which were pointed out by Mr. Pigot as he conducted the visitors through the streets to the Place Farm, where is another old brick gate-house; and to the old memorial stone of the martyrdom of Rowland Taylor, the glory and pride of the place, on Aldham Common.

The peregrinations of the company were brought to a close at the White Lion Inn, one of the ancient hostels of the town, where is a gallery on which the "Mysteries" were formerly enacted for the entertainment and instruction of the weavers' leisure hours. Here the company sat down to a liberal repast, presided over by the Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, who thanked the people of Hadleigh for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the Institute, and had, through Mr. Pigot and the Local Committee, done so much towards the gratification of its members, and the promotion of the objects for which it had been formed. In the course of the evening, Mr. Pigot read a third paper on the "Worthies of Hadleigh." A request having been made that Mr. Pigot should give the public an opportunity of participating in the pleasure which the company had been privileged to enjoy, that gentleman was requested to allow his various papers to be printed in the Journal of the Institute.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, JANUARY 7TH, 1858.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The following presentations were announced:—

From the REV. ALFRED LENNOX PEEL:—Bronze ornaments, consisting of an anklet, bracelets, brooch, &c., with glass beads, belonging to the late period of the Roman occupation, found at Great Chesterford, on the 27th of April, 1857, in a grave containing two skeletons buried in a sitting posture, the large ring enclosing the ankle-bone of one of them at the time of their discovery.

From ARTHUR BIDDELL, ESQ., of Playford:—A Roman urn found at Playford, accompanied by the following account of its discovery, in a letter addressed to the President, and dated October 15th 1857.

"In the excavations for the railway by the road in this parish, a great many fragments of large urns and pottery were discovered and carried to the embankment and deep buried before either my son or myself heard of them. We afterwards watched for similar fragments and bones, of which we could only identify the remains of a very large deer. In what had been a deep fosse a solitary urn was found, which I take the liberty of sending directed to your Lordship. I don't think this had been disturbed. Bones were found near it, but so much decayed as to prevent their being identified as human. From an examination of the urn, I think it had originally contained something moist, probably a heart.

"If your lordship be interested in the obscure antiquities near Playford, there are a vast number of burial mounds, on which no history that I know of gives any information; they offer a wide field for conjecture; they must have been the effect of important events.

"The Seven Hills" at Nacton, are frequently mentioned in topographical works, and are the most southern of a *great many* that extend northward to Playford. I know no place of a similar extent, where so many of these barrows have been. Many have been levelled, but many are visible; all I believe have been opened more or less: one on my son's heath had been partially opened, but when men searching for stones dug deep about thirty years ago (when Mr. Barry had the farm), a great many large handsome urns were discovered, in which were half burnt bones. They were very tender, and if the workmen had endeavoured to get them out whole, very few (of I think fifteen or sixteen) could have been preserved. The two best were sent to Ickworth, by Mr. Barry."

From the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, United States, Honorary Member:—

1. Annals of the Observatory of Harvard College, 3 parts.
2. United States Japan Expedition, 3 vols.
3. Explorations for a Pacific Railroad, 2nd and 3rd vols.
4. Owen's Geological Survey, 1 vol. and Maps.
5. United States Commercial Relations, 1st vol.
6. Medical Statistics, United States Army, 1 vol.
7. United States Coast Survey, 1855, 1 vol.
8. Smithsonian Reports, 1855 and 1856.
9. Report on the Finances, 1855-6.
10. Executive Message and Documents, 1856-7, 3 parts.
11. Agriculture of Massachusetts, 1856.
12. Industry of Massachusetts, 1855.
13. Census of Massachusetts, 1855.
14. Franklin Statue Memorial.
15. Pilgrims of Boston.
16. Quincey's History of Boston Athenæum.
17. Reports of Prison Discipline Society, 3 vols.
18. Transactions of American Antiquarian Society, 3rd vol.
19. Transactions of Massachusetts Society for Promotion of Agriculture, 1856.

20. First State Agricultural Exhibition.
21. Bye-Laws and Charter of Massachusetts Historical Society.
22. Proceedings of Massachusetts Historical Society.
23. Report of Annual Meetings of Massachusetts Historical Society.
24. Address at the Boston Musical Festival, by Mr. Winthrop.
25. Connecticut Association Festival.
26. Triennial Catalogue of Harvard University, 1857.
27. Map of Central America.
28. Report on the use of Camels for Military purposes.
29. Report on propagating the Gospel among the Indians.

From MR. PETER ROYAL, of Sydney:—A fine collection of Australian minerals, including gold, malachite, &c., collection of Australian shells; skins (for stuffing) of various Australian animals; two fine boomerangs; two war clubs; two waddies; one very curious native battle axe, the head being made out of a flat piece of green stone, resembling flint; and some Australian native ornaments.

From MR. JAS. WAKELING:—Ancient keys, &c., from Little Thurlow.

From the HON. and REV. EDWARD PELLEW:—Chinese scriptures, on the leaves of an exotic endogenous plant.

From SIR THOMAS R. GAGE, Bart.:—Life of Cardinal Wolsey, by George Cavendish.

From the REV. J. B. P. DENNIS, F.G.S.:—Plate of whale-bone, as taken from the jaws of a whale caught at Yarmouth, in January, 1857.

Through the PRESIDENT:—Fossil elephant's tooth, from the drift, at Ballingdon-hill, Sudbury.

From A. COLLETT, Esq.:—Collection of very fine upper green sand fossils.

From the REV. J. W. RAWLINSON:—Collection of fossils, including a very fine dorsal spine of a fish.

From the HON. and REV. A. PHIPPS:—Collection of lias fossils, from near Whitby.

From LORD HERVEY:—Collection of Silurian fossils, containing some very fine trilobites, from Frenton Falls, New York.

From the REV. CHARLES ROE, of Sicklesmere:—Rhinoceros tooth from the drift, at Sicklesmere, near Bury St. Edmund's; collection of coralline crag fossils; flint arrow heads, from Icklingham, &c.

The President in announcing the donations, called special attention to the very handsome set of books from Mr. Winthrop, and added that these repeated tokens of the interest taken in their Institute by so distinguished an American citizen was, he was sure, most gratifying to the members in general, and to himself in particular; and that their vote of thanks to the donor would not be a cold formality, but an expression of the most cordial feeling on their part.

This sentiment was warmly responded to.

Mr. Tymms, Honorary Secretary, communicated a transcript of a letter, dated Philadelphia, April 25th, 1743, from the Rev. Henry Neale, to Sir John James, Bart., formerly of Bury St. Edmund's; giving an interesting picture of the state of society in that State more than a century since.

G. A. Carthew, Esq., contributed a paper on Mendham Hall.

A letter was read by the Rev. Charles Roe, containing Professor Owen's account of the fossil tooth, from the drift at Sicklesmere, which Mr. Roe has presented to the Museum. The writer says:—"The Professor pronounced it to be the third molar of one of the nine extinct species of the rhinoceros. . . . bits of a species of larch, growing as far north as seventy degrees of north latitude, have often been found in those cavities in its teeth which you may observe in your specimen."

HARLESTON, AUGUST, 1858.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, in the chair.*

On this occasion the Members of the Institute were joined by those of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society.

The company having assembled at Harleston, proceeded direct to Redenhall Church, in the county of Norfolk; and thence to Flixton Hall, the seat of Sir Shafto Adair, Bart., where the visitors were received in the kindest manner by Sir Shafto and Lady Adair; the mansion being entirely thrown open for inspection. A series of old and modern drawings of the Hall were arranged on a table in the entrance-hall, with a sketch of a singular Saxon interment built of flint, found in the old parish church. A variety of elegant and rare objects of antiquarian interest were displayed on the tables of the drawing room.

From the Hall, the company went to Flixton Church, which has been entirely re-built, through the munificence of Sir Shafto Adair, and under the direction of Mr. Salvin, the architect, in strict accordance with the design of the old church; one of the few ecclesiastical fabrics assigned to an earlier period than the conquest. It was stated that when Mr. Salvin examined the upper part of the old tower he found the marks of what is architecturally called a double saddle-back, which led him to conclude that the real termination was a squat pointed roof similar to that of Sompting Church, Sussex. He, therefore, rebuilt the Flixton roof in accordance with the indication he had discovered. All the other portions of the tower were copied with fidelity, even to the just admeasurement of the spaces between the "long and short work" at the angles.

"Old Minster," in the parish of South Elmham St. George, was the next point of interest. Here Mr. Tymms, the Honorary Secretary, read a paper by G. B. Woodward, Esq., F.S.A., on this curious and too little known ruin.

At Fressingfield church, the next object visited, the Rev J. Bedingfield read a description of the fabric.*

From Fressingfield the company passed onwards to Wingfield church, where the edifice and the fine series of monuments to the Wingfields and De la poles were described by the Rev. C. R. Manning, Honorary Secretary to the Norfolk Archæological Society.†

The party then proceeded to Wingfield Castle, where the Secretary read the Annual Report:—

"The Archæological Institute continues its career with success. Its meetings in the year have been full of interest. On the occasion of the visit to Rushbrooke Hall, the members were kindly received and entertained by Major Rushbrooke. At Hadleigh the reception by the gentlemen of the town was most warm; and through the exertions of a Local Committee, presided over by the Very Rev. H. B. Knox, an extensive exhibition of local antiquities was gathered together, and the Members were conducted over the town by the Rev. Hugh Pigot, who acted as a most intelligent guide to many singular examples of domestic architecture still remaining.

* This paper, with another by the Rev. J. J. Simpson, which the want of time prevented being read, will be found printed in this volume.

† This paper is printed in the present volume.

"The Committee regret that it has been found impossible to issue any further part of the Society's Proceedings to its Members, but this has arisen from the time necessary to prepare the illustrations to the valuable contribution to the genealogical history of the county, in the noble President's "Memoir of the Family of Hervey." The Members will have no reason to regret the delay which has occurred when they see the concluding part of the second volume of the Society's Proceedings, which will be issued without any delay.

"Another feature is deserving notice and of being prominently put forth. It has been determined to issue, at frequent though not regular intervals, a sheet of *Notes and Queries*, about matters in every branch of the Institute's inquiries. This it is hoped will be a means of intercommunication among the Members, and of discovering and rescuing many an important fact.

"During the ensuing summer a joint meeting of the Archæological Societies of Norfolk and Suffolk will be held in a border town. All who remember the great and interesting meeting on the previous occasion of the two Societies coming together, will anticipate much gratification and much good to Archæology from this friendly reunion.

"Considerable additions have this year been made, by presentation and purchase, to the Archæological, Geological, and Natural History departments of the Museum, and its Library has been enriched by many valuable Books.

"The want of a permanent fund for purposes of Natural History having long been felt, a subscription has lately been opened for this purpose, and it is hoped that a considerable sum will be contributed. A catalogue of the Books in the Museum Library has been prepared."

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1857-8.

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		" Museum	3 12 7
		Postage, Parcels, &c.....	3 18 0
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SAMUEL TYMMS, *Treasurer*.

The party afterwards inspected the remains of this "castellated house"; and the Rev. J. Bulwer having read some notes on its history, the meeting broke up.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, JANUARY 26TH, 1859.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President in the chair.*

The Institute met in the Lecture Hall of the Athenæum.

The following presentations were announced as having, among others, been made since the previous meeting:—

From the HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, United States, Honorary Member:—A further collection of American Books.

From the REV. H. W. JERMYN, Archdeacon of St. Kitts, through the President:—Heraldic Insignia of Suffolk Families, arranged in alphabetical order, with the coats of arms emblazoned in colours; 20 vols.

E. LITCHFIELD, Esq., exhibited a large number of gold, silver, and copper coins, including a very rare gold coin of the Emperor Posthumus, the effigy being surmounted with a helmet, decorated with the *biga*; a gold daric, brought by Mr. Layard from Assyria, &c.; a copper medal, originally gilded, representing Mucius Scævola, with the legend "Constantior:" an extremely rare British gold coin with TASCRI RICON; a very fine dagger of the 17th century, found in the walls of the rooms in the Black Bear Inn, at Cambridge, in which, tradition says, Oliver Cromwell and his council used to hold their meetings; bronze swords, of British or Roman manufacture; a large number of leaden pilgrim's signs, found in the Thames, in the construction of a dock, in such quantities as to lead to the supposition that a vessel laden with these trinkets for the Crusaders had been wrecked on the spot; a piece of concrete, found in excavations in Billingsgate-market, in which were embedded several coins of Vespasian, and other Roman Emperors; a very beautiful collection of rings, some being of Saxon workmanship, others with antique gems, from the Pontiatowski collection; an old pistol, temp. Charles I.; warder's keys, temp. Elizabeth; a cup, ornamented with Limoges enamel, subject—Melchisedec and Abram with the spoils of the four kings, remarkable for the beauty and skill of its design; with fibulæ, swords, celts, and spear-heads, in great variety.

The REV. S. BANKS, of Cottenham, exhibited some bronze swords, and equipoises of Roman steelyards, one of them having a remarkable fine head of the Emperor Hadrian.

MR. JOSEPH WARREN, exhibited some Roman and Saxon coins, spear-heads of British workmanship, and several rare fibulæ. Some of these, in a most beautiful state of preservation, are represented in the annexed plate, which has been kindly engraved by that gentleman for the use of the Institute.

Fig 1. A fibula of the Saxon period, found in Ixworth, the lower end finished to represent the head of a Pike.

Figs 2 and 3. Fibula of the Roman period, found at Icklingham, by men digging for gravel.

Fig 4. A Roman fibula, found in a sand pit in Icklingham; the engraving hardly does justice to the beautiful workmanship.

Figs 5 and 6. Fibula and Bracelet, found at Pakenham, adjoining Ixworth. With the bracelet was found two spear-heads of iron, and some Roman pottery. The middle of the fibula No. 6 is filled with white enamel, around which has been a small circle of silver. It was found by a boy employed in picking grass.

MR. H. BARKER, exhibited a fine copy of the Sancroft silver medal, bearing on the obverse the head of Archbishop Sancroft, and on the reverse the seven Bishops; and a large brass handbasin, carried off at the sacking of Delhi by Mr. G. Garwood.

Some very curious bricks of the time of Edward VI., moulded with bas-reliefs of different designs, some representing passages in the story of Susannah and the Elders, and discovered near Wolsey's-gate, at Ipswich, were exhibited by MR. BARNES, of that town.

Among the books exhibited were an Aristotle, with notes in the handwriting of Porson, and a Sarum Manual, belonging to Mr. GEORGE FENTON; and Records of the families of Jermyn, Dewes, Hervey, Davers, Gage, Spring, exhibited by the PRESIDENT.

The Rev. Rev. HUGH PIGOT, M.A., of Hadleigh, read portions of an interesting paper on the Superstitions of Suffolk.

BOXTED, JUNE 29TH, 1859.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The company met at Coldham Hall, in Stanningfield, the residence of R. Gough, Esq., and the property of Sir Thomas Rokewood Gage, Bart., and proceeded thence to Stanningfield Church,* Hartest Church, and Boxted Hall.

At Boxted Hall, the seat of J. G. Weller Poley, Esq., the party, to the number of between forty and fifty, were most hospitably invited on their arrival to partake of luncheon.

In the Hall, the walls of which were hung with fine old family portraits, a numerous collection of objects of interest were arranged for inspection, including a variety of early documents connected with the hall, and family of Poley.

A fine copy of the *Nuremberg Chronicle*; a Prayer Book of the time of Edward the Sixth; some very fine English gold coins found in the immediate locality; a curious friar's begging box; a number of rubbings from Suffolk brasses, taken by a lady of the house; a marble basin dragged up off Dunwich; a superbly carved sideboard of the time of James I.; some exquisite china; and a quantity of articles of vertu, &c., were contributed by MR. POLEY, MISS HALLIFAX, MR. ALMACK, &c.

* The papers on Coldham Hall and Stanningfield Church, are printed in the present volume.

The noble President having taken the chair, moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. R. Winthrop, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, for a third munificent donation of works bearing on the history and science of the United States. The President also acknowledged the kindly feeling of the sister Society of Norfolk towards the Institute, as shewn in the honor they had conferred upon himself in making him a Vice-President of their Society; and then proposed at [this, the first occasion that had offered itself, to pay the same compliment to Sir J. P. Boileau, Bart., President of the Norfolk Society, by placing his name in the list of the Vice-Presidents of this Institute. Both propositions were most cordially responded to; and the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, M.P., Lord Jermyn, M.P., Lord Alfred Hervey, M.P., and Major Parker, M.P., &c., were also requested to accept the office of Vice-Presidents.

The Annual Report was presented:—

“The Committee have again to make a satisfactory report. The number of Subscribers continues to increase, the meetings have been well attended, and much new light has been thrown on the history and archaeology of the county. At the meeting in Autumn last, the Institute was honoured by the junction of the Norfolk Archæological Society; and the Members and friends of the two bodies were most kindly received at Flixton Hall, in this county, by Sir Robert Shafto Adair, Bart., to whom their best thanks are due for the facilities afforded by that gentleman for inspecting the treasures of his own house, and the curious remains on his estates at South Elmham and Wingfield. Their thanks are also due to the Clergy of the churches visited; and the Committee flatter themselves that these visits are alike productive of good in promoting a more sound knowledge of church architecture, and in bringing into more friendly communication gentlemen of kindred tastes and pursuits.

“The Committee, with a view to bring the intelligence and research of all its Members to bear more effectually on the obscure and disputed points of historical inquiry, have commenced the publication of a series of Notes and Queries on matters connected with the ancient district of East Anglia. In this they have been aided by the countenance of the Antiquarian Societies of the district, and by the contributions of some of the most learned and pains-taking of their Members. Three numbers of the East Anglian have been issued, and delivered to the members free of cost, and in recommending this particular effort of the Society to the more especial consideration of the Members and friends, they feel that they are strictly and advantageously promoting the objects for which the Institute was founded.

“One part of the Society’s “Proceedings”—larger and more highly illustrated than usual—has been issued during the year; and the Committee cannot refer to it without expressing their obligations to their noble President for having devoted so much research to this important, and to every member of the Institute most interesting contribution to the genealogy of Suffolk; and to the present Marquis of Bristol, and himself, for so liberally defraying the cost of the many curious and beautiful plates that illustrate that valuable paper. Another part of the “Proceedings”—the first part of the third volume—is in the press and will be issued without delay. It will embrace the interesting series of papers read by the Rev. Hugh Pigot, at the Society’s meeting at Hadleigh, during the previous year.

“But among the gratifying incidents of the past year, none stands more conspicuously forward for kind goodwill, liberality, and friendship, than the very handsome donation of useful American books, which has for the third time been received from our Transatlantic friend, the Hon. R. C. Winthrop, the illustrious President of the Massachusetts

Historical Society. Upwards of 60 volumes of general interest have been received on this occasion; and it is with pride and pleasure that the Committee comply with the request of Dr. Josiah Quincy, expressed on the fly-leaf of his Memoir of the President, John Quincy Adams, "to permit this volume a place in their Library."

"Presentations to the Museum of specimens of Natural History and Geology, and of Archæological and other objects, have this year been received from the family of the noble President, Rev. Charles Roe, Rev. J. B. P. Dennis, Hon. and Rev. Augustus Phipps, Mrs. Deck, Mr. J. Deck, Mr. R. Deck, Mr. Croft, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Bedells, jun., Beckford Bevan, Esq., Mr. De Carle, Mr. Standage, Mrs. Bailey, &c. The collection is slowly increasing, although the limited amount of funds is severely felt. The Natural History Fund collected last year is nearly exhausted, and contributions to it are much required.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1858-9.

DR.			CR.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions 1858	23	0 0	Balance paid	17	9 8
„ from Athenæum Members	24	5 0	Printing Proceedings vol. II.		
„ 1857	10	10 0	No. 7, and wrapper	46	8 0
„ 1856	2	10 0	Printing Rules, Notices, &c.	2	15 6
„ 1854-5	1	0 0	Printing 300 copies of 12 plates		
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myn and Lord Arthur Her-			printing 300 copies	19	17 0
vey, towards the cost of No.	21	13 8	East Anglian, Nos. 1 & 2, 300		
7 of Proceedings; in addition			copies	4	10 0
to the presentation of			Books for Library, Stationery,		
the various plates.			&c.	3	4 8
Balance due to Treasurer	36	0 7	Expenses of Meetings	1	4 2
			„ of Museum (including		
			a charge of £5. 5s., for car-		
			riage of Mr. Winthrop's		
			donation of Books	8	6
			Postage, Parcels, &c.	5	19 0
			Payment to Athenæum	9	5 0
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SAMUEL TYMMS, *Treasurer.*

The noble President then read a paper on the history of the hall, and of the ancient knightly family of Poley,* and Mr. Almack explained the arms in the windows of the hall.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Poley for their great kindness, having been most warmly accorded and expressed, the company walked through the grounds, in which are some magnificent elms, stated to be the finest in the county, to the church, where Mr. Almack read some particulars of the persons whose deeds are recorded by a series of costly monuments. In consequence of the prolonged stay at Boxted Hall, the contemplated visit to the church of Glemsford was abandoned.

* This paper is printed in the present volume, p. 358.

FRAMLINGHAM, OCTOBER 7TH, 1859.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The Institute met in the Castle Hall.

A number of costly and truly beautiful objects were arranged for exhibition. The collection of rings, brooches, and other articles of jewellery, arranged in periods, exhibited by Mr. Whincopp, excited the greatest interest and admiration. Among these were a silver ear-ring; in the form of a serpent (emblem of eternity), found at Thetford; a beautiful gold torque, found at Colchester; a pair of silver bracelets bent to fit the wrists, being a mark of serfdom; a crystal ball, supposed to have been used in divination, found at Hasketon, near Woodbridge; and another of green glass, ornamented with stripes; all of the Druidical or ancient British period. There were also upwards of thirty gold and silver rings of the Anglo-Roman, Saxon, and Norman eras, episcopal, cabalistic, espousal, and mourning, all of much interest. One ring, with a female figure at an altar, cut in amethyst, set in silver of Anglo-Roman work, was found at Mildenhall. Nine rings were of silver, of various types, but the mode of fastening the hoop and the soldering was very similar in all, the ornamentation being chiefly beads and punched work. A bronze hatchet, or battle-axe, found in the Thames, with the edge of iron, of the Anglo-Saxon period, was a beautiful object for form and workmanship. Of the same period was also a fibula, with the head of a fox, and the tail of a fish, also found in the Thames. A silver brooch, found at Dunwich in 1858, was much noticed. It was inscribed on one side, "Ihesvs Nazarenus Rex Judeorum," and on the other, which is ornamented with escutcheons and flowers, "Ami Amet X deli pendet." This was of the medieval period; as was also a very beautiful half-crystal ball, set in gold, shewing within the crystal the story of our Saviour driving the money-changers from the temple. This appears to have been worn on the belt or girdle. There were also a gold ring, inscribed, "Honour et Joye;" and a mourning ring, inscribed, "Pax huic animæ." Two silver cabalistic rings of early English date, probably used by astrologers to deceive the ignorant. One had the sun on the hoop, with the moon, stars, and maze; the other, the moon, stars, dagger, &c. In the same collection was a beautiful key—the palace-key of the celebrated Countess of Suffolk, in the time of George the First.

A very fine Roman patera, found at Herringfleet, with the maker's name, "Q. Attinus," on the handle, was sent by H. M. Leathes, Esq., of Herringfleet; with an impression of a bronze seal, dug up in Somerleyton churchyard, when the church was being rebuilt.

Mr. Joseph Barker, shewed a number of objects of local interest, principally found in Framlingham, or its vicinity, some of them of the Anglo-Saxon period.

The Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, having taken the chair, briefly addressed them on the historical interest of the place, and urged upon all present to take into their consideration the great work which was yet to be done in

elucidating the history of Suffolk; and to agree among themselves on whom the mantle of the late Gage Rokewode, who had done his part so admirably, should fall, that Suffolk may no longer labour under the stigma of being without its own county history.

His Lordship concluded by calling upon Mr. Phipson, the Society's Local Secretary for Ipswich, to read his paper on 'the Castle. At the close of this paper, which will be found in p. 386—393, Mr. Phipson conducted the company around the extensive ruins, both in the interior and exterior, pointing out every feature and detail of interest.

On the motion of Charles Austin, Esq., the thanks of the company were warmly accorded to the lecturer.

Quitting this magnificent remain, the archæologists proceeded to the Church, where a paper was read by T. Shave Gowing, Esq.; and another paper by G. O. Edwards, Esq., of Framlingham, was read by Mr. S. Tymms, the Honorary Secretary, in the absence of the author.

The company now took horse, and proceeded to Dennington Church. Here they were met by the Rev. E. C. Alston, the Rector, who conducted the visitors over the church, and read a paper on its history and architectural features that had been prepared by Mr. S. Tymms. The magnificent parclose screens of the two chapels of our Lady and St. Margaret; the effigies in alabaster of Lord William Bardolph, one of the heroes of Agincourt, and Joan, his lady, erected about 1450, and a more beautiful specimen of the military and female costume of the 15th century cannot be found; the open benches, with their profusion of elegantly designed panelling on backs and ends; the priests' chamber over the vestry, and fine old chests, elicited much admiration.

At the close of the inspection the company were invited to the Rectory, where an elegant luncheon had been prepared by their hospitable host and hostess, of which upwards of fifty ladies and gentlemen partook.

The next point of rendezvous was at the remains of the Old Hall at Parham, the ancient seat of the Lords Willoughby of Parham, the successors here of the De Uffords, Earls of Suffolk. A portion of the old hall, of the date of the fifteenth century, the walls of which are washed by a wide and spacious moat, and the entrance gateway, an elegant and well preserved fabric of stone of the Tudor era, with much interesting heraldry, remain to gratify the visitor. A brief paper on the Hall and Church having been read by Mr. Tymms, the company proceeded to the church, where is a tolerably perfect rood-screen, with much of the original painting remaining; and a singular instance of the Poor Man's Box chained to the rails of the communion table.

This brought the programme of the day's proceedings to a close. Most of the company now separated to their homes; but a few ladies and gentlemen met together again at the Crown Inn, and dined with the noble President.

SOMERTON HALL, APRIL 27TH, 1860.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The company met at Brockley Church, where a paper was read by the Rev. H. Creed, and a conversation arose as to the object of the intermediate space (of narrow dimensions) between the nave and chancel, suggesting the idea that it had been originally intended to build the church on the cruciform plan. Another peculiarity observable is that the chancel is nearly as long as the nave, the former being 28 ft. 8 in., and the latter 30 ft. The church is of the Decorated period, but the tower is in the Perpendicular style, erected, it is supposed, mainly at the cost of the "Ricardus Coppingng," or Coppinger, whose name appears on the enriched panelled base on the south side. The examples of iron-work in the handles, &c., of the various doors of the church were much admired for their design and skill. Here too is observable, by the side of a Jacobean pulpit bearing the date 1614, the iron frame for a hour-glass.

The company next proceeded to Somerton Church, where Mr. Tymms read a paper on its architecture. In this small church the variety of architectural details is very great. The north doorway has a well-preserved and well-designed Norman arch and lateral columns. The chancel is Early English, and has on its south side what is generally called a second chancel, of the same period, but which was probably a memorial chapel; now used as a school. The tower, built in the fifteenth century, contains several bells of great interest. Three of them bear the dates of 1573 and 1578, and the name of the maker, Stephen Tonni, of Bury St. Edmund's, concerning whom and other Bury bell-founders, Mr. Tymms read some curious notes that had been kindly furnished him by the Rev. J. J. Raven, of Bungay. The fourth bell is inscribed, "1681 Miles Graye made me."

The next place visited was Somerton Hall, the residence of J. E. Hale, Esq., who had kindly permitted the Institute to have its accustomed exhibition of antiquities, &c., in his house. Among these were a cabinet of coins, containing some fine specimens of British, Roman, Saxon, and English moneys; several matrices of seals, one of them bearing the device of a man kneeling before the head of a stag surmounted by a cross (the emblem of St. Eustace), and having the legend s. EVSTATII MERCERII; also a small plain silver tea-pot which had once belonged to Dr. Johnson, and of which one side was completely covered by a long inscription, stating the circumstance of its purchase in 1788, by H. C. Nowell, Esq., when about to be melted down. There were also on the table a large collection of deeds relating to Brockley (including a *comptus* of 17 Edw. III., 1344, and some court rolls, temp. Henry III. to 1661), sent by J. F. Brooke, Esq., of Ufford, the lord of the manor; and some other deeds relating to Rede, Somerton, &c., contributed by Mr. C. Mills of Somerton.

After partaking of the liberal hospitality of Mr. Hale, the company proceeded to Hawkedon Church, where among other details is a singular font of the Norman period, which has been engraved in one of the earlier

numbers of the Institute's Journal, in illustration of a paper on fonts contributed to the meeting at Clare by J. H. P. Oakes, Esq. Of this parish it was stated that Anthony Sparrow, afterwards Bishop of Norwich, was rector, being ejected by the "Committee of Religion" in 1648-9.

From the church the visitors went to the curious hall of the manor of Thurston Chase, an ancient possession of the old knightly family of Clopton, one of the earliest progenitors of the race being named Thurston de Clopton. It is now the property of H. J. Oakes, Esq., of Nowton Court, who is lord and patron.

The next place visited was Stansfield Church, where the Rev. E. J. Phipps, the Rector, pointed out the various features of interest; and the party lastly went to the fine Perpendicular church of the College of Regular Canons at Denston, where the carved work of the roof, screens, and seats is excellent, abundant, and in admirable preservation. The church is lofty, has a fine clerestory, and a magnificent east window of five transomed lights, filled with old stained glass, collected from different parts of the building. The stalls in the chancel and miserere chairs with falling seats remain, as does the lower part of the rod-screen, which is continued across the nave and aisles, and the large embattled candle-beam over it across the nave, and at some height above it. At the north aisle of the chancel is an open-worked altar-tomb, enclosing the effigies of a man and woman in their shrouds; but to whose memory it was erected is not known.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1859-60.

Dr.						Cr.	
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions 1859	21	0	0	Balance paid	36	0	7
„ from Athenæum	23	15	0	Printing Proceedings No. 1, vol.			
„ 1858	1	10	0	III.	86	0	0
„ 1857	1	0	0	„ 130 8vo, and 30 4to			
„ 1856	0	10	0	copies of Hadleigh, 302 pp.,			
Proceedings sold	30	0	0	for separate sale, bound in			
Balance due	128	17	2	cloth	21	6	6
				Printing Notices, &c.	5	1	6
				East Anglian, Nos. 3, 4 & 5	6	15	0
				Engravings	23	14	0
				Books, Stationery, &c.	5	6	3
				Meetings	5	11	9
				Museum	2	0	9
				Postage	8	15	10
				Payment to Athenæum.....	6	0	0
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SAMUEL TYMMS, *Treasurer.*

WOODBRIDGE, OCTOBER 24TH, 1860.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The proceedings of the day commenced at the Lecture-hall, where a large collection of antiquities was brought together; the principal exhibitors being W. Colchester, Esq., F.G.S., W. Whincopp, Esq., F. Spalding, Esq., John Loder, Esq., Mr. Baker, and many others; including a large number of old county engravings and maps, MS. deeds, trays of keys, Saxon and Roman jewellery, implements of warfare, &c.

There were also two large sheets of engravings of celts and stone hatchets, found in the post-pliocene beds near Amiens and Abbeville, in France, as well as in our own country; and a long and beautifully-written parchment scroll, sent by the Rev. Mr. Maude, of Hasketon. The roll is voluminous, and begins with the Noachic flood. It describes Shem, Japhet, and Ham, as the first roots descending from the flood. It then proceeds by a long descent through Æneas, Anchises, &c., till it arrives at Brutus, who, it is said, brought the Britons to this island, and so it works on to Hengist, parenthetically deriving that individual's descent from Woden. The roll was written in 1460, and drawn up to prove that Edward, Duke of York, descended from Lionel, Duke of Clarence, third son of Edward III., had a better title to the throne of England than Henry VI., who was descended from John, Duke of Lancaster, fourth son of Edward III.

The table and chair set apart for the President, very curious, of the seventeenth century, were contributed for the occasion by F. Alexander, Esq. The back of the chair was made to turn over the seat and form a low octangular table. The chair came from Acton-hall, Sudbury, the seat of the Jennens family; and the table, which was a rude form of telescope, had formed part of the furniture of a former meeting-house of the Friends at Woodbridge. There was also a very-fine chest, beautifully carved in front, with the date 1539 upon it, sent by the same gentleman.

The President having taken the chair, glanced rapidly at the principal objects of interest in the collection, and then proposed the Earl of Gosford, Sir Charles Bunbury, Bart., and Sir Wm. Parker, Bart., as Vice-Presidents of the Society; who were elected. His Lordship then called upon Mr. Colchester, who read a paper upon the "Celts of the Post-Pliocene Period."

After the reading of the paper, the company adjourned to St. Mary's Church, where a descriptive paper was read by Mr. S. Tymms, the Honorary Secretary.

The next visit was to the Abbey, a fine mansion near the church, the residence of the Rev. P. Bingham. It occupies the site (or very nearly so) of a priory of Augustines which existed there a few centuries ago. The only room examined contained some carved beams, and a finely executed chimney-piece of the time of James I.

Quitting the Abbey, the company proceeded to Seckford-hall, now a farm-house, but a fine specimen of Elizabethan architecture. The great attraction was the hall of the building, which stands pretty much as the builders left it three hundred years ago, and reaches from the floor to the

roof. A manuscript book, illustrated by water-colour drawings, the work of the Rev. E. J. Moor, Rector of Great Bealings, and Rural Dean, containing notes on the Deanery, chiefly taken from the Davy papers in the British Museum, was offered for the inspection of the party; and here Mr Tymms read a paper illustrating the history and genealogy of the Seckfords, who were seated here about three centuries, from the time of Edward II. to the Restoration, when the family became extinct.

The visitors next proceeded to Great Bealings Church and Rectory, and then went on to Playford-hall, a large mansion, surrounded by a moat, and remarkable chiefly as having been the residence of the Feltons, and in later times of the philanthropist Clarkson. Here a paper was read by the President on "Playford and the Feltons."

The company were most hospitably entertained by T. Clarkson, Esq., the occupier of the mansion.

Grundisburgh Church and Hall were on the list to be visited, but time did not allow of a full examination, and the party instead repaired to the house of the late Mr. E. Acton, where an inspection of the collection of antiquities, formed by that gentleman during thirty years' residence at Grundisburgh, brought the proceedings of the day to a close.

JULY 4TH, 1861.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The Members and their friends met at Great Saxham Church, where a paper, written by the Rev. H. K. Creed, was read by the Honorary Secretary.

At Denham Castle, to which the party next proceeded, Mr. Harrod, F.S.A. gave a *viva voce* explanation of the plan upon which this and many other of the ancient castles in this part of England have been constructed. These strongholds, it was stated, were originally the forts of aboriginal Britons, and consisted of a circular keep, formed by a high earthwork and moat, adjacent to which was an inclosure of an irregular horse shoe form, also made by an embankment and ditch, in which the occupants of the fort were accustomed to collect and preserve their cattle when threatened by an enemy—a plan still adopted, as was stated by a member of the Society, by the natives of some parts of India. The only access to the castle and castle meadow was by a causeway over the moat, at its remoter end, a similar entrance connecting the two parts of the fortifications. Other outlying works were also added in several instances, as was shewn by a number of interesting plans of castles exhibited by Mr. Harrod. The original structures have in nearly every case been used by the Normans, who have added defences easily distinguished by the straightness of their lines, and have erected upon them massive walls of flint and stone. The thanks of the Society were accorded to Mr. W. Halls, for having excavated and displayed a part of the foundations of the Norman tower which once flanked the outer entrance to the now buried works at Denham.

The following Report of the Committee was read :—

“The Committee have again the pleasure to report that its numbers have been sustained ; that in the districts visited during the past year, the Institute has, as heretofore, met with the most gratifying reception ; and that they have been instrumental in bringing to light much valuable historic and archæological information connected with the respective localities ; and the members and their friends have been permitted to inspect many choice and otherwise unseen stores of ancient art. To J. E. Hale, Esq., of Somerton Hall, and Thomas Clarkson, Esq., of Playford Hall, the best thanks of the society are due for their ready aid and most hospitable entertainment.

Another part, being the second of the third volume of the Society's Proceedings is nearly ready, and will shortly be issued to the members.

Four Nos. of the East Anglian Notes and Queries have been issued to the members, free of cost, during the past year ; but the Committee fearing that if they continue to make this gratuitous issue they must encroach somewhat on funds that would otherwise be devoted to their printed “Proceedings,” have determined to do so no longer. It is, however, considered that a publication which has been found to be of use to those engaged in historical and genealogical research, as well as to the Society itself, should not be discontinued ; and Mr. Tymms having consented to publish it on his own account, if the proposal meets with sufficient support, it is requested that such of the members as may be desirous of subscribing to it, should, at as early a period as possible, inform Mr. Tymms of their wishes in that respect.

The Committee have much pleasure in acknowledging another presentation of books from the Massachusetts Historical Society, received through their president, the Hon. R. C. Winthrop. They have also to acknowledge the presentation of maps, books, Archæological and Natural History objects from H. C. Robinson, Esq., Mr. W. O. French, of Little Thurlow, C. Beard, Esq., Mr. Dyer, Jun., E. Everard, Esq., and the Messrs. Witt, Jun., of Pakenham.

The Committee cannot conclude their report without adverting with deep sorrow to the loss which the Institute, and especially its Museum, has sustained during the past year, in the premature death of the Rev. J. B. P. Dennis.—Whilst his contributions to Natural History, and to Microscopical Science were of great interest, and of universal importance ; our Museum in particular was so deeply indebted to him for eminent services of every kind, that his lamented death falls upon us with peculiar weight ; and has caused a void amongst us which will not soon be filled up.”

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1860-1.

Dr.			Cr.		
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Subscriptions 1860	29	10 0	Balance brought forward	128	17 2
" " Life.....	10	5 0	Printing Notices, &c.	3	16 0
" " Athenæum	19	17 6	Printing East Anglian, 4 Nos.	9	0 0
" 1859	8	0 0	Meetings.....	5	19 11
" 1858	4	10 0	Museum, and Mr. Scott's Ex-		
" 1857	4	10 0	penses (£1. 14s.)	1	19 0
" 1856	2	10 0	Postage	6	3 7
" 1855	0	10 0	Athenæum	14	0 0
Received by Mr. Scott	6	10 0	Books and Stationery	0	15 9
Balance due	84	8 11			
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SAMUEL TYMMS, *Treasurer*

The company next walked to Denham Church where, among other objects of interest, is the very beautiful tomb, erected by his widow, to Edward Lewkenor, one of the former possessors of the hall, whose death,

at the age of 21 years, is recorded in an elegant and touching inscription, and whose only child carried the estate to the first Viscount Townshend, his widow afterwards marrying the famous Dr. Gauden, of Bury school, and *Ikon Basilike* notoriety.

After partaking of luncheon at Denham Hall, provided by the liberal hospitality of Mr. Halls, the company drove on to Kirtling Tower, a fine Tudor gate-house.

A paper was read by the Rev. W. I. Chavasse, the incumbent, shewing the past connection of Kirtling with the North family, and the glories of the house when Queen Elizabeth in one of her progresses was entertained there with royal magnificence.

A second refection was here set out by order of Col. North, the present owner of the estate, which, however, was to the majority superfluous. At Kirtling Church, Mr. Chavasse read the remainder of his paper, including an account of the deeds by which some of those by whose tombs he stood have gained a place in the history of their country.

The church and castle at Lydgate concluded the list of objects set down in the day's programme. At Lydgate, the moat and earthworks are on a much larger scale than at Denham, the horse-shoe enclosing the site of the church, and an additional line of defence running to the southward. The church is perhaps most noteworthy for some very good early Decorated work. Here again the party were treated with the same open-handed hospitality which they had already twice experienced in the places which they had visited, and the majority of them wound up the proceedings of a very pleasant and instructive long day by partaking of tea and coffee, provided at the rectory by the Rev. R. H. Cave.

BUNGAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1861.—*The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

On this occasion the Institute was joined by the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society.

The company met at the King's Head Hotel, the walls of which were covered by a large collection of rubbings from monumental brasses chiefly belonging to the two counties, and contributed by Mr. Thomas Tallak, the Rev. J. J. Raven, and Mr. Graystone B. Baker. A variety of local antiquities were also arranged on a table in the centre of the room, chiefly from the collection of Mr. Graystone Baker, of Bungay. Among those which attracted most notice were—a leaden bulla of Celestine III., 1192, in admirable preservation; a brass circular matrix of a seal inscribed *S' DENNIS DE. LE HARNESSE*; another with the device of St. Hubert, (a stag's head with a cross between the antlers), bearing the legend *TIMI DEVM*; part of a chimney-piece in marquetry-work, representing the interior of a court-yard, and bearing upon it the date 15— and the arms of Bedingfield, removed from an old carved-fronted house in Olland-street, Bungay; an elephant's tooth, and a roughly chipped stone celt, found on

the common; brass coins of Antoninus Aurelius, Faustina the younger, Nero, Carausius, &c., dug up in various parts of the town; and a tray of 150 minimi, selected from a thousand or more ploughed up in 1812 on the outside of the common.

A leaden shield, apparently *temp.* Hen. VII., bearing a horse-shoe, hammer, pincers, mane-comb, nails, &c.; and a somewhat mutilated stone bottle or vase, formerly glazed, in the shape of an equestrian knight, with elongated sharp-pointed shield, found at Ditchingham, adjoining Bungay.

An Anglo-Saxon cinerary urn, with a large portion of a second one, and a flint arrow-head barbed, found at Broomeheath, near Bungay, where are still to be seen earth-mounds.

A variety of fragments of Roman Pottery, with a few pieces of Samian ware, found with a larger number of pieces and calcined bones in 1856, in what had unquestionably been a burying-ground in the Roman period at Wainford, Bungay.

A fine round brass seal, *temp.* Hen. IV., circumscribed SIGILL' WILLI : DELATOVR, found in 1825, at St. Margaret's, South Elmham; and a circular brass fibula, of a cabalistic character, circumscribed with the letters O V I S variously placed, found on the top of a circular mound at St. John's, South Elmham, in 1828.

A fine polished stone celt, and two brass ones of the common form, with loop on one side, found in 1847, near the castle at Mettingham; and a brass spoon taken from out of the moat there in 1824.

Rev. S. W. King exhibited a Roman cinerary urn found at Hedenham, and a fine Anglo-Saxon urn found in an earth-mound near the church at Earsham; and Mr. Baker also sent a horse's bit of unusual power, found when removing another mound on the same spot.

Mr. George Baker exhibited an antique lantern formerly in the old carved-fronted house before alluded to; besides various plans of the town, castle, &c.

By permission of the Churchwardens, the old Churchwardens' Book of Bungay St. Mary, commencing 15 Hen. VIII. and coming down to 1853, a large volume of great interest, was placed on the table for the inspection of the company.

The chair having been taken by the Rev. LORD ARTHUR HERVEY, the President of the Suffolk Society, his lordship expressed the deep regret which all must feel at the absence of Sir John Boileau, Bart., the President of the sister Society, who was to have presided on this occasion; and most sincerely and deeply did he sympathize with him in that dark cloud of domestic affliction which had produced this regretted absence. As the day was not very fine, he would ask Mr. Woodward to give them in the room that information about the famous castle of Bungay which he had kindly promised to do amid its majestic and venerable ruins.

Mr. B. B. Woodward, F.S.A., regretting that pressure of engagements lately should have prevented his reducing his facts and opinions to writing, proceeded, with the aid of a large map prepared by Mr. George Baker,

to point out what in his opinion shewed that Bungay had been, first a stronghold of the Britons, then a fortified place of considerable importance in the Roman period, and finally a castle of the Normans; continuing to be a place of strength and power, notwithstanding many vicissitudes, till a late date.

The Rev. T. Clarkson read a paper on some old records found in the parish chest of St. James, South Elmham, quoting extracts between the years 1383 and 1684 to shew the customs and manners of the times, and to stimulate others to make similar researches in other localities.

The party then adjourned to the Castle, and the day having become beautifully fine and warm, Mr. Woodward pointed out those parts of the earthworks and fortifications which indicated the different periods into which he had divided the history of the castle.

From the castle outworks the company proceeded to Trinity Church, where the Rev. J. J. Raven, Master of the Grammar-school, Bungay, read a paper on "The Ecclesiastical Remains of Bungay;" shewing that the tower of Trinity Church, which is round in form, is of the time of Edward the Confessor; a fact which was confirmed, among other things, by a small window or opening in the north wall, formed of that kind of masonry which is now generally believed to indicate an earlier period than the Conquest. Mr. Raven next conducted the visitors to the Church of Holy Cross, and to some remains of the old conventual buildings within the same enclosure. The reverend gentleman then referred to the destroyed church of St. Thomas; the chapel on the bridge, of which nothing remains; the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen, probably connected with a lazaret, and of which a Perpendicular doorway and some fragments of wall remain in the premises of Mr. Watson, blacksmith; and of the Grammar-school, founded, on the dissolution of the priory, in "the chapel in the church-yard." The present school premises were given to the town in 1580, or thereabouts, by Lionel Throckmorton, but the school suffered much by fire in 1688; a disaster commemorated by a stone tablet over the principal entrance.

Carriages were then ordered, and the numerous party proceeded to Mettingham Castle, the residence of the Rev. J. C. Safford, lord of the manor and rector of the parish, and who kindly invited the company, as they arrived, to partake of an elegant luncheon most hospitably provided for the occasion. After justice had been rendered to Mr. Safford's good cheer, the Rev. C. R. Manning read a paper on the Castle and College.

From Mettingham the archæologists journeyed to Earsham Church, Norfolk, the details of interest in which, as well as in the neighbourhood, were pointed out by Mr. Woodward, in whose opinion the church, the walls of which might date anterior to the Conquest, was situated close to the site of two Roman cemeteries and a Saxon pagan temple.

At this place the day's perambulation closed. The company returned to Bungay, and in the evening, to the number of near fifty ladies and gentlemen, under the presidency of the Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey, dined together at the King's Head Hotel.

HAVERHILL, JUNE 13TH, 1862.—*The Right Hon. and Ven. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

The company met in the Court-room. W. W. Boreham, Esq., having addressed the visitors, pointing out more especially the vestiges of the Romans in Haverhill and its neighbourhood, proceeded to conduct the party to the Church, where the curious monumental memorial of the Rev. John Ward, father of the eminent Puritan divine, and grandfather of one of "the Pilgrim Fathers," excited much interest. The company then proceeded to the Above-town (now called Button End) churchyard, where a part of the foundations of a very small Norman apsidal church had been exposed to view for the gratification of the visitors, and thence to the house of Mr. Boreham, where a good collection of local and other antiquities, Roman, Saxon, Etruscan, Egyptian, &c., contributed by Mr. Boreham, Mr. Parfitt, F.S.A., Mr. Gent, Mr. J. Clarke, of Saffron Walden, and others, had been arranged in the drawing-room.

Having inspected these, and partaken of luncheon with their kind host, the visitors started for the excursion.

The first halt was at Little Wrattling Church, a small Norman edifice with Early English and Decorated details. Thence they proceeded to the village of Ketton, the spacious church of which is full of interest to the archæologist, having a fine carved roof, good benches, screen, stand for the pulpit hour-glass, poor's-box, &c., and a splendid array of monumental effigies of members of the old knightly family of Barnardiston. The latter were pointed out and illustrated by Mr. Almack, F.S.A., in a paper of great interest and much research.

Great Wrattling Church was the next point. Here there are some fine sedilia, a piscina with shelf, and two deeply-recessed aumbries, very unusually placed in the east wall behind the altar, which gave rise to considerable speculation.

Withersfield Church was then reached; another fine church, with a good carved screen; a small brass tablet, recording the building of the north aisle by one Robert Wyburgh; some very fine poppy-heads to the benches; a Jacobean pulpit; and a very noticeable iron-ring-handle to the door leading from the porch into the church, with two basilisks thereon. At these places, owing to the time being short, no papers were read, but Mr. S. Tymms, the Hon. Secretary, pointed out from his notes the features and details most deserving attention.

The party next proceeded into Cambridgeshire, to Horseheath, the magnificent abode of the ennobled race of Allington for more than three hundred years; and of whom there are several fine monuments with whole length effigies in brass and stone in the church. These were explained and appropriated by Lord Arthur Hervey, who gave a brief sketch of a race of distinguished men now entirely passed away. Of the noble park which William Allington, Treasurer of the Exchequer for Ireland, had licence to make in 1448, and of the magnificent mansion built, at a cost of 70,000*l.*, by William, the first Lord Allington, in 1665,

and improved a few years after at a further cost of 30,000*l.*, scarce a vestige remains. The splendid mansion was sold in 1777 for the sake of the materials; and the park, which contained nearly a thousand acres, was disparked.

Bartlow Church, and those four remarkable sepulchral mounds, the Bartlow Hills, were the only objects left unvisited; the company were compelled by the lateness of the hour to give up this part of the programme, and make their way back to Haverhill, where they dined with the noble President.

The following Report of the Committee was produced :—

"The Committee have again to report the continued prosperity of the Institute. Two gratifying Excursions have been made during the past year; one in West Suffolk and one in East Suffolk. In July the members and their friends visited among other places, Great Saxham Church; Denham Castle, Hall and Church; Kirtling Tower and Church; and Lidgate Church and Castle. In October they visited Bungay Castle, Priory, and Churches; Mettingham Castle and Church; and Earsham Church, in Norfolk. On both occasions and in every place, they met with the most cordial reception; and were enabled—by means of the papers read and information elicited on the spot from parties who had given to the antiquities of the various places visited their especial attention—to excite an interest in these beautiful and curious vestiges of the earlier periods of our history. At the Bungay meeting the members had the additional pleasure of meeting their Achæological brethren of Norfolk, who again held their annual excursion on the same day in that ancient and most interesting border Town. To Colonel North, the proprietor of Kirtling Tower, Mr. James Halls, of Denham Hall; The Rev. R. H. Cave, Lidgate Rectory, and Mr. F. Pawsey, Lidgate Hall; and to The Rev. J. C. Safford, Mettingham Castle, the best thank of the Institute are due for their very kind hospitality on these occasions.

"Another part of "The Proceedings" has been issued to the members, and it is hoped that a further number will shortly follow, to complete the third volume of this permanent record of the utility of the Institute.

"The two engravings of Coldham Hall in the newly issued part have been contributed by Sir Thomas Rokewode Gage, Bart., the proprietor of that ancient mansion; and the plate of the brass of Sir Nicholas Hervey, Kt., by the Marquess of Bristol, and the Rev. Lord A. Hervey. The use of the plate of Saxon remains found at Ixworth, was kindly granted by Mr. Joseph Warren; the wood block of the Arms of Hadleigh, by the proprietors of the Gentleman's Magazine; and that of the early Rokewode Seal, by J. G. Nichols, Esq., F.S.A., one of the Honorary Members of the Institute.

"The Exhibition held in the Museum and Lecture Hall of the Athenæum by the Institute in August last, is too important an event in its history to be passed over in silence. By the kind co-operation of the gentry in the town and neighbourhood, the Corporations of the county, and other collectors and owners, the Committee were enabled to bring together and exhibit the largest and most interesting collection of Pictures, including upwards of 140 Portraits, chiefly of Suffolk families, works of art and vertu, antiquities and objects of natural history, which was ever seen in Bury St. Edmund's. This exhibition was open every week-day from August 20th till September 4th both inclusive, with three evening openings, and attracted no fewer than 3,107 visits, besides the frequent attendance of the holders of personal and family season tickets. The whole sum received amounted to £184 16*s.* 2*d.*, and after the payment of all expenses, there resulted a clear gain of £102 15*s.* 1*d.*, of which £25 13*s.* 9*d.*, was paid to the Bury Athenæum and the remainder £77 1*s.* 4*d.* went to the purchase of the Acton Collection of Antiquities, the Dennis Collection of British Birds, and other Museum purposes. The Committee have the liveliest pleasure in adding, that all objects entrusted to them, with one slight exception, were returned uninjured to their owners, and that irrespective of the pecuniary result, they were amply rewarded for any labour

or trouble they may have incurred, by the satisfaction and rational pleasure the exhibition seemed to give to their numerous visitors. Forty of the exhibitors and others interested in the exhibition dined together at its close, the President in the chair.

"In the Acton Collection of Early British, Saxon, and Roman Antiquities, connected with the County, a most important addition has been made to the Archæological department of the Museum; whilst in securing the splendid collection of British Birds, the members have the pleasure of possessing a monument of the skill and scientific knowledge of the late Mr. Dennis, and a lasting testimony to the high value which they set upon his many services to the Institute.

"Besides the above magnificent addition many others have been made by purchase.

"The Additions by presentation have been less numerous than usual, but amongst them is a very rare and beautiful Coin of Coenvulf, King of Mercia, A.D. 796, which derives great additional interest from its having been found in the garden of W. B. Wigson, Esq., Horringer, by whom it was kindly presented to the Museum.

"The Committee have much pleasure in reporting the greatly increased use which has been made during the year of the Archæological Library, and also that by means of its contents, they have been enabled to furnish to friends at a distance heraldic and archæological information, when other sources had failed.

"The Museum has been re-arranged as far as limited space will permit, but for the proper exhibition and arrangement of the increasing Archæological collection, more space, and additional glass cases are urgently required, as many of the finest objects cannot be shewn at all. Keeping this in mind, the Committee venture to hope for a continuance of the very liberal support which the Museum Fund has received during the past year.

"They would also earnestly impress upon the members of the Institute, the duty of securing, each in his own neighbourhood, every object of antiquarian interest which may be found, with a view to the enrichment of their Museum. This they have the more confidence in doing, now that a fund for the purpose is permanently established; and if country labourers and others were directed to take whatever they find in the first instance to the Museum Committee, most interesting relics of the successive races of colonists would constantly be secured, which otherwise are hopelessly lost to the county. In the absence of the objects themselves, a description of them, their locality, and destination will be a great value; as elucidating the remote history of the County."

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SAMUEL TYMMS, *Treasurer.*

BECCLES, OCTOBER 2ND, 1862.—*The Right Hon. and Ven. Lord Arthur Hervey, President, in the chair.*

On this occasion, the Institute was joined by the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society.

The Members of the Societies, and their friends, assembled in the Council Chamber, and the room was crowded. On the table were placed all the most curious and interesting ancient charters and records relating to the Corporation of Beccles Fen, and other principal endowments of the town; a selection of ancient books from the church library, as well as several contributed by John Kerrich, Esq., the Rev. S. S. Warmoll, S. W. Rix, Esq., and others; an autograph folio volume written by William Fiske, about 1640; the original autograph diary of Edmund Bohun, Esq., *temp.* William and Mary, with an illustrated copy of the printed edition; and a commonplace-book, from the library of Tom Martin, of Palgrave. There were also extensive and curious collections of ancient seals and rings, caskets, celts, and reliquaries; the sacramental cups (1570) of St. Michael's Church, Beccles, and of the Congregational church (1690). A jug and other pottery from St. Alban's Abbey, and tapestry from Tring-park, the residence of Nell Gwynn, were contributed by the Rev. J. Yelloly. Among the most remarkable objects exhibited were also a case of antique rings and personal ornaments, by W. Whincopp, Esq., of Woodbridge; a gold ring (found at Tannington) by Sir Shafto Adair: some bronze ring-money, found at Hunstanton, in Norfolk, by G. Edwards, Esq.: a collection of very fine celts in stone and bronze, by Mr. Spalding, of Westleton; a series of copies of antique caskets of various ages, and a case of interesting rings, fibulæ, &c., several of which were found at Dunwich, Leiston, Ringsfield, &c., by the Rev. S. B. Turner. There were various specimens of ancient sword and knife-hafts in ivory and silver, and one of brass, found in the river Waveney. C. Dashwood, Esq., contributed a series of miniatures of the Pettus and other old Norfolk families, including a curious locket containing miniatures of Oliver Cromwell and his wife. H. W. R. Davey, Esq., of Worthing, sent an interesting series of municipal and other seals. Around the room were a variety of curious sabres, Sir Robert Walpole's rabbit-gun, and other articles, contributed by John Kerrich, Esq.; who also exhibited an extremely rare Anglo-Roman gold ornament, found at Geldeston, Norfolk. There were also fossils from the railway cutting at Weston, and from the escarpment now going on at Dunburgh-hill, Geldeston; a supposed original portrait of Shakespeare, sent by T. Sanders, Esq., of Lowestoft; and a variety of rubbings and drawings illustrative of local objects, contributed by Mr. Wilton Rix. A portrait of Sir John Leman, Lord Mayor of London, and founder of the Beccles Free School, was exhibited by the Rev. G. O. Leman, as well as another full-length (unknown) portrait from the gallery of Mr. Leman's ancestor, Sir Robert Naunton, at Letheringham, accompanied by the venerable Alderman's signet-ring and seal, and a manuscript of Sir Robert Naunton's *Fragmenta Regalia*.

The President having taken the chair, directed attention, among other things, to two very curious objects which he had observed in the Assembly Room. One was the bust of a Roman emperor, which beside its intrinsic value, was especially interesting from the fact of its having been given by Pope Leo X. to Cardinal Wolsey, for the decoration of his palace at Hampton Court. The other object was an eagle which had been shot in the neighbourhood four or five years ago. He had not been until now aware that the king of birds was still to be seen in that part of the country. There was also in the room a supposed original portrait of Shakespeare, bearing the date 1603. It had belonged to the family of the gentleman who exhibited it nearly a century, and had always been considered an original portrait. He would also like to call attention to a little book which he had placed on the table that morning. It was the only extant copy of Tyndale's translation of the book of Jonah. Many of them were doubtless aware that it had long been a matter of dispute among antiquaries, whether Tyndale had ever translated the book of Jonah, and several treatises had been written to prove the contrary. Last year, however, whilst examining some old books which his father had given him, he had accidentally found this volume, which would put at rest any further dispute upon the subject. It had long been in the possession of his family, and contained the handwriting of Sir William Hervey, who lived in the time of Charles I. He could not sit down without adverting to the peculiar interest which attached itself to these border meetings, from the features of the country pointing out the division which nature herself had interposed between the "north-folk" and the "south-folk." It required very little imagination, when standing on the cliff overhanging the Waveney, to picture to oneself the time when the sea came up and separated the two counties.

His Lordship then called upon Mr. Tymms, the Hon. Secretary of the Suffolk Society, to read a communication he had received from Mr. Charnock, F.S.A., "On the Etymology of Beccles." In this paper several new derivations of the name were suggested, but the writer considered that the two most probable were that from *Beata Ecclesia*, proposed by the late Rev. A. Suckling, or that from the Norman *belle eglise*. This gave rise to some discussion; and the Rev. J. Bulwer read the opinion of the late Rev. W. Spurdens on the same subject, in favour of *Bello Clivo*, from the situation of the "Fair Cliff" overhanging the Waveney.

S. W. Rix, Esq., then read a paper "On the Antiquities of Beccles;" illustrating his remarks by a variety of Maps, Plans, &c., after which the meeting adjourned to the parish Church, where Mr. Rix, conducted the Company around the edifice, and at the request of the President, described the position of some niches, piscinas, windows, &c., which had been disclosed by the removal of the plaster in the course of some late repairs, and of which he had made a series of interesting drawings.

Lord Arthur Hervey and a party of visitors then inspected, in the house of Mr. George Woolnough, in the New Market, the ribbed and ornamented

ceiling, and the enrichment of a chimney-piece bearing the arms of Queen Elizabeth, with the date 1589.

The meeting next repaired to the Assembly Room, where an elegant *déjeuner* had been prepared. After the luncheon, his Lordship said he could not leave Beccles without expressing the thanks of the Societies to the Mayor and Corporation, for the kind manner in which they had granted the use of the Council Chamber and Assembly Room, and permitted their insignia and records to be exhibited for the gratification of the meeting.

In the afternoon there was an excursion to Gillingham Church, when that remarkable building was carefully inspected, and some account of its ancient history read by the Rev. C. R. Manning, of Diss. The Rev. John Farr, the rector, exhibited the ancient registers, and a portion of the old roodscreen, upon which is an inscription inviting the prayers of the faithful "for the soule of John Cordra, and the good life" of his survivors.

Admiral Eden invited the party into the Hall, to view the original pictures of Lord Keeper Bacon, Lord Bacon, his illustrious son, and Sir Butts Bacon, with other interesting matters.

The party returned, through Beccles, to Rose-hall, where a paper was read by Mr. Tymms; and thence to Barsham Church—where a paper was read by the rector, the Rev. John Yelloly. After an inspection of the edifice and of the remains of a Norman font lately brought to light, beneath the foundations of the present one, the meeting broke up.
