

Mr. Casley then moved that until the adoption by the members of a revised code of rules, Lord Henniker be elected president.

Mr. Casley's motion was passed, and on the suggestion of Mr. Dewing, seconded by Mr. White, Lord John Hervey was elected on the Council.

THE LUNCHEON.

A capital *déjeuner* was served in the large room of the hotel by Mr. George, at which a large party was present, the Revs. Manning and White, respectively occupying the chair and vice-chair. After dinner Mr. White said he had received letters of apology from Sir Louis Jackson, Mr. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., and Lord John Hervey. The Chairman formally proposed votes of thanks to the Mayor and Town Clerk, for the assistance given, and also to the Incumbents of the churches, and the readers of papers.

Mr. Dewing said he wished to return thanks to several gentlemen who had largely assisted towards the success of that meeting, namely to Mr. G. Bevan, Rev. J. Yelloly, and to Mr. Hodson, but he wished for a special vote for Mr. Hodson, because he could truly say that had it not been for his assistance they could scarcely have had that meeting at all; there had been almost daily letters between him and the speaker, and he (Mr. Dewing) therefore wished to express his own personal indebtedness to Mr. Hodson. Messrs. Ransom, the town clerk's sons, had also given valuable help in various ways.

Mr. Bevan and Mr. Hodson returned thanks.

CHILTON HALL AND CHURCH.

The excursionists then proceeded in vehicles to Chilton hall and church, and from thence to Acton church and vicarage. The party was much struck with the external appearance of Chilton hall, the old seat of the Cranes, with its massive walls and corner buttresses, washed by the waters of the enclosing moat, which is crossed by a fine stone bridge of several arches and by a wooden drawbridge. There is a corner turret and several quaint features in this old red bricked seat, but not much in the way of carving of interest inside. Behind are the thick coped and parapetted and moss and lichen covered walls, and near the church one of the ancient "stews" or fish ponds partly surrounded by tall rushes. The estate was for a long time in the possession of the famous Norfolk Wyndham family. The church is noted, among archæologists, for several fine alabaster (but much mutilated) altar tombs, and for a large painted mural monument with figures in several compartments.

Mr. Dewing read a paper on the Crane family, which was established in Suffolk, at Stonham, as far back as the time of Edward I., but now has entirely died out. They were generally noted for being "much married," and the pedigree tables are therefore somewhat involved.

Their estate was a large one, embracing manors at Waldingfield, Chilton, Newton, Acton, Cornard, and Sudbury. In 1620 (as now, in 1886) there was a great depression in trade and agriculture, for Sir Robert Crane stated in the House of Commons that within five years the Suffolk clothiers had lost £60,000 by bankrupts, and he also complained of the great talk and obstruction in the House.

ACTON CHURCH.

Here the visitors were met by the vicar, the Rev. A. Leahey, who escorted them to the Jennens chapel, which is used as a vestry, and where seats had been provided for the ladies. Here the silver communion plate was shown, and the oldest registers. The visitors were particularly pleased with the well known Jennens monument, the Bures and Daniels brasses, and several unique architectural features in the church, to which attention was called by the vicar in an interesting paper which he read. The noted brass of Robert de Bures, 1302, is the third in the country in point of age, but takes precedence on account of its preservation, it being perfect, while the others are defective. Boutell says that it is on the whole the finest military brass in existence. The brass of Alice de Bryan, heiress of Sir Robert, was also examined with interest, more especially because her Will was shown at the Town Hall. The well known story of Jennens the miser, of Acton Place, and of the celebrated law suits, were also briefly told.

Through the kindness of the Vicar and of Mrs. Leahey the visitors were then entertained at the vicarage, after which the Ipswich contingent was driven to Hadleigh station, the Bury party to Melford station, and the Sudbury party home, a very enjoyable day having been spent. Happily the weather was glorious.

The Council met at Bury, on the 17th of December, 1886. Mr. Beckford Bevan presided. Nine members were present.

It was decided that £5 be forthwith paid to Dr. Jessop, for the transcript of "The Condition of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk in 1603," and the same printed in the next part of the Society's Proceedings.

The Minutes of the General Meeting, so far as they related to the proposed amendment of rules, were read, and a draft of suggested rules kindly supplied by Sir Louis S. Jackson, was submitted to the meeting. These were read seriatim, together with (1) the rules as they then stood, (2) the original rules of 1849.

A code of rules was then drawn up, to be submitted to the Annual Meeting in May next.

The Council were informed of the Rev. Evelyn White's desire to relinquish the office of Honorary Secretary, consequent on his appointment to the Vicarage of Christ Church, Chesham. At the request of the Council Mr. White agreed to hold the office until the Annual Meeting.



SIR ROBERT DE BURES, A.D. 1302.

ACTON CHURCH, SUFFOLK.

On the 12th May, 1887, the Council met at Bury, at 12.30, when Mr. Beckford Bevan occupied the chair, and six members attended.

The General Annual Meeting was held at 2 p.m. on the same day. Mr. E. M. Dewing took the chair. Eight new members were elected.

The Rev. E. White, hon. sec., then read the Annual Report. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. C. Ford for making a new catalogue of the Library.

Considerable discussion took place upon the new rules, which had been printed and circulated among the members. All the rules were, however, ultimately accepted with but slight emendation, and are found printed herewith.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the Lord Henniker was unanimously appointed President of the Institute. After the vice-presidents and Council had been appointed for the ensuing year, the Chairman remarked he was sure all the members of the Society would feel that they were sustaining a great loss by the Rev. E. White's resignation of the office of hon. sec. During the time he had held the office Mr. White had been most active in his endeavours to promote its interests, and there could be no doubt that he had worked it up very considerably.

A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to the Rev. C. H. Evelyn White for his valuable services.

On the motion of the Rev. C. R. Manning, seconded by Mr. Bacon, the Rev. Francis Haslewood, F.S.A., was elected the honorary secretary, and on the motion of Mr. H. C. Casley, seconded by Mr. Lacy Scott, Mr. E. M. Dewing was elected co-secretary.

The Rev. C. H. E. White, F.S.A., was then elected an honorary member of the Institute. The late secretary said in response it had been a great pleasure to him to do what he had done, and that there was no honor he valued more than that which the meeting had so kindly and unanimously accorded to him, and he trusted that under the new officers the Institute would go on and prosper.

GENERAL MEETING.—DENSTON, WICKHAMBROOK,

BANSFIELD HALL, DENHAM, LITTLE SAXHAM, JULY 14th, 1887.

An unusually large party joined this excursion on Thursday, July 14th. The Ipswich contingent left by the 10.15 train, and were met at the railway station, Bury S. Edmund's, by those arriving from the western side of the county. Carriages then conveyed the excursionists through the pretty village of Horringer, and onward past Chedburg church, till they arrived at the fine Collegiate church of Denston. Here all alighted to explore the building, full of numerous objects of interest to archæologists, not only in regard to the architecture, but also various