

ANNUAL REPORT for 1910.

DURING the past year twelve members have died, and nine have resigned; on the other hand, eighteen new members have been elected, leaving a net loss of three members in 1910.

Among our losses through death we have specially to mention and lament that of our Patron, the Right Honourable Sir William Brampton Gurdon, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk. For many years, as Vice-President and afterwards as Patron until illness prevented him, Sir Brampton Gurdon was a regular attendant both at Council Meetings and General Meetings of the Institute; and his knowledge and help were most valuable. It is not easy to exaggerate our loss, and to fill his place.

We have also lost a distinguished antiquary among our Vice-Presidents in the person of Dr. Copinger, F.S.A., etc. Not usually resident in Suffolk, he could not attend all our meetings, but his interest in us was keen; and he was ready to supply material for our Transactions if ever we were in difficulty, and would apply to him. His volumes on the Manors of Suffolk, and the immense industry displayed in them, and his many other works on antiquarian or genealogical subjects are an abiding proof of his extraordinary capacity for work, and of the loss which our Institute, in common with many other Societies, has sustained by his death.

We have also lost by death one of our three Honorary Members, Mr. J. J. Muskett, well known for his knowledge of and interest in archaeology; and among our ordinary members, Dr. Bensley, whose

acquaintance with the documents under his care, and whose courteous readiness to put both them and it at the disposal of enquirers, are well known to many of our members and far beyond the limits of our Institute.

The Marquis of Bristol has been added to our list of Vice-Presidents; the Rev. Lord Manners Hervey and Dr. Charles Low to our Council; and Mr. H. R. Barker, Curator of Moyses Hall Museum, has been appointed Librarian in the room of the Hon. Librarian, the Rev. S. H. A. Hervey, resigned.

A difficulty is arising in connection with our Library. Partly in consequence of the limited available accommodation at Moyses Hall, partly owing to the increasing number of volumes, an increase largely due to the generosity of one of our members, Mr. H. W. B. Wayman, our book room is nearly exhausted.

A moveable bookcase projected into the room, arranged to hold books on both sides, would temporarily but not permanently remove the difficulty; and the Council has accepted a tender for the provision of one.

The Annual Excursions in 1910 were made (1) to Sudbury and Clare; (2) to Peterborough. An account of both Excursions will be found later on in this Volume.

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