

## NOTES FROM CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

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### STONHAM ASPAL.

Last winter, owing to the long continued frost, there was great mortality amongst the birds, song thrushes especially suffered so much from the inclement weather, that but few survived to the spring. Curiously enough the intense cold did not seem to affect the blackbirds, who were but little reduced in numbers.

There were but few bats to be seen during the summer months, either the common bat (*Vesperugo pipistrellus*), the great bat (*Vesperugo noctula*) or the long-eared bat (*Plecotus auritus*). Perhaps they also suffered owing to the severe weather of the early spring.

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During the summer of 1917, George Girling, a labourer who lives in the village, whilst digging in his garden, found a large medal which appears to belong to some Derbyshire archery club. It is dated 1823, and the engraver is B. Wyon.

The medal is made of some heavy metal, is gilt, and is seven inches in circumference.

*Obverse.* A stag's head cabossed, and behind it a bow, a sheaf of arrows and a target, above all the word, "Derbyshire."

*Reverse.* A female in Greek costume standing on a pedestal ornamented by a crescent. She turns to the right and places a laurel wreath on the head of another female holding a bow, whilst on the left stands a man holding a bow. Beneath is an inscription in Greek.

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In connection with the valuable paper by the late

J. T. Micklethwaite, F.S.A., which appeared in the "Proceedings" for 1916, the following extract from "The Diocesan Magazine" may be of interest.

#### SERVICE AT THE OLD MINSTER AT SOUTH ELMHAM.

A great open-air service was held on Sunday evening, the 15th July, at this famous ruin, the oldest church in East Anglia, indeed, according to Mr. J. T. Micklethwaite and other antiquaries, one of the seven oldest church buildings in England. The extraordinary archæological interest of this little shrine has been considerably lost sight of by reason of the controversy now perhaps impossible to determine, as to whether this or the Minster at North Elmham was the cathedral of the early bishops after they had vacated Dunwich and before they moved to Thetford and to Norwich. It is generally agreed that the Minster at South Elmham is of a date not later than 670, and that it was probably founded by Bisi, fourth Bishop of Dunwich. It is situated on land long owned by the bishops of Norwich (now the property of Sir Shafto Adair, Bart.), and near by is the old manor house of the bishops (South Elmham Hall), with its internal stone doorways, and with some ruins of mediæval buildings in its grounds.

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Mr. J. Reid Moir reports that the workmen engaged in the Middle Glacial gravel pit, in the brick field of Messrs. A. Bolton & Co., Ltd., Henley Road, Ipswich, have from time to time during the year brought in excellent fashioned flints from the glacial deposit under exploitation. Although unfortunately precluded from doing excavation work himself during 1917, Mr. Moir has written various scientific articles and papers, of which the following is a summary:—