corroded but perfectly legible, reads as follows:

Prey for the Soules of Thomas Bostok and Maute
hys wyl and for the soules of ther slatter & mother the whych
Thomas & Maute dyed upon seynt Edmundys day last past
in the yer of our lord god m°ceccc°biii°

The problem now is to identify this Thomas Bostock, who died in 1508 and to elucidate his connection, if any, with the parish of Hoxne. There appears to be no suitable matrix in the church, but this is not surprising after several 'restorations'; nor does the name occur in the registers, which begin in 1548, or in other parish documents.¹ No will can be found at Norwich or Ipswich. No family of this name is known, at that period, in Suffolk or Norfolk, although it occurs sporadically in other parts of Suffolk (see Subsidy Return, 1524; Boyd’s Marriage Index). A Thomas Bostock was parson at Egmere, in north Norfolk, nearly a century later, in 1602 (East Anglian, vol. ii, o.s., p. 225). The family flourished in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cheshire and it is, I suppose, within the bounds of possibility that the brass was for some reason brought from one of those counties to Hoxne and there thrown away, but this seems most unlikely.

Here, then, is a conundrum awaiting solution by Suffolk antiquaries.

L. Dow.

¹ I am indebted to Major Palgrave Raven for particulars of the finding of the pieces and also for searching Hoxne parish records.
BRASS INSCRIPTION FROM HOXNE.
REPORT FOR 1949

The Council has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for 1949 and in doing so would like to draw attention to the very satisfactory increase in membership which has taken place as a result of the letter issued during the year and the exertions of members. If we are to maintain and augment our activities, especially with regard to publications, it is still necessary to recruit more members and it is hoped that efforts will not be relaxed.

Membership.—Since the revision of Rule IV in 1946, it has been possible for a husband and wife, to join the Society at a composite subscription of £1, if paid by bankers' order. In the statement of membership contained in the Annual Report for 1948 (Proc., vol. xxiv), each of these double members was counted as a full member; this is felt to be misleading and so it is proposed in future to list them separately, one as an annual member and the other as an "associate" member. The roll, as at 31 December, 1949, is therefore as follows, the previous figures being added for comparison:

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A list of the 73 members and 19 associates who were elected between April and December 1949 follows this report; in future a similar yearly list of new members will be printed, while it is hoped to include a full list of members in the final part of each volume.

We have to record with regret the deaths, amongst others, of Sir Shafto Adair, Bt., of Flixton and Miss Crisp of Little Wenham.

Excursions, Lectures and Meetings.—Four excursions were arranged during the summer: (1) 28 May to Grundisburgh, Seckford Hall, Farlingay Hall; (2) 18 June to South Elmham, Rumborgh, Wisset, Spexhall; (3) 1 July to Stoke-by-Nayland, Thorington Hall, Gifford's Hall, Little Wenham, Capel St. Mary; (4) 1 Sept. to Thetford Priory, the Anglo-Saxon excavations and Castle Hill. In the autumn the following lectures were given: (1) 6 Oct. at Bury, "Dutch Influence in East Anglian Architecture" by C. L. Cudworth; (2) 26 Nov. at Beccles, "Adventures in Tomb Cleaning" by Miss Janet Becker; (3) 30 Nov. at Ipswich, "A Caliph's Residence near Jericho, 8th cent. A.D." by R. W. Hamilton, M.A., F.S.A.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Ipswich 19 May, when the excavations at Castle Hill were inspected. The Council met 7 April and 6 Oct. at Bury.

Publications.—An exceptionally thick part (vol. xxiv, pt. 3) was issued to commemorate our Centenary; the cost was also exceptionally high and so the current part must revert to the former size and there future issues must remain until we can increase our membership, and thus our income, still further. For this reason it is not proposed to take up valuable space by printing each year a full list of members, societies in union, the rules or accounts of excursions and lectures. It is, however, hoped to include some of these in the final part of each volume. Members are reminded that the Indexes to the Proceedings, Vols. I-XXIV are obtainable separately bound in paper covers, from the Ancient House, Ipswich, price 2/6. The honorary editor will be glad to receive from members, or others, articles or notes on subjects relating to Suffolk history, with a view to publication in the Proceedings.
Library.—Not only has practically no binding been done for many years, but a good many of the unbound publications of other Societies, with whom we exchange, were found to be missing. Completing these sets, where possible, has been a long and difficult task, but in most cases it has now been accomplished, with negligible expense owing to the kindness of the Societies concerned. A start has been made in binding these completed sets and will be continued as funds permit. Some of the early, and scarce, volumes of *Archaeologia*, of which we now have a complete run up to date, have been repaired. Other books urgently require similar treatment.

In order to provide money for this essential work, the Council has decided to sell certain books which have no bearing on Suffolk archaeology or history, but which are believed to have a market value; these include a number of American books of a non-historical character.

Members are reminded that a Library Fund has been opened, for which contributions will be gratefully received by the honorary financial secretary. The re-arrangement and cataloguing of the books should be finished this year.

Finance.—The Hon. Financial Secretary reports:

The year 1948 left us a cash balance at the Bank of £117/9/2 on deposit, and £367/1/7 on current account. There was a welcome addition to subscriptions, the whole totalling £275/10/0 as compared with £222/12/0 the previous year. £30 was received from Life compounders, and this sum was put into the Trustee Savings Bank.

Printing and publishing the (1947) Proceedings cost us £205/9/10, Lectures and Excursions £16/19/4, and our Library at Bury St. Edmunds, £63 15/3. This last expense is a new but very necessary one, and £50 was voted by your Council to be expended during the year; donations to this new Library Fund were £13/12/0, so that the expenditure was just covered.

At the end of the year the total cash balance to carry over to 1950 was £463/16/1. But as the special Centenary number of Proceedings (for 1948, published in 1949) cost £495 in addition to cost of the 1947 Proceedings, this balance will be wiped out. We did not have to pay the bill for the special number until 1950 so that, by then, the receipt of 1950 subscriptions provided for the debit balance and a little over. The cost of the next (1949) Proceedings, when it has to be met, may have to be taken partly from savings.

The fact that extraordinary costs have been met without, so far, breaking, into our deposit account and our savings shows our finances to be sound, and gives good prospects for the future.
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**THOS. PANTHER,**  
*Hon. Secretary.*  
**ARTHUR WELFORD,**  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

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I CERTIFY that the above Receipts and Expenditure Account has been prepared from the books, documents and information furnished to me and that the same is in accordance therewith.

**HENRY M. TURNER,**  
*Chartered Accountant.*

_Framlingham, 16th March, 1950._
NEW MEMBERS

(as at 31 December, 1949)

Any errors, omissions, changes of address, etc., should be notified to the Honorary Secretary, who will also be pleased to receive applications for membership.

Life members are distinguished thus *

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