

March 31st, 1913. Bi-Monthly Meeting, held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. A. O. JAMES, M.A., in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Col. G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P., Mrs. Fielding-Johnson, and S. Perkins Pick, Esq.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, for Parts 2 and 3, Vol. XVI., of the Proceedings; the Essex Archæological Society, for Part 1, Vol. XIII., of the New Series of the Transactions; the Editor of Lincolnshire Notes and Queries, for the January number; the First Commissioners of H.M. Office of Works, for Report of Inspector of Ancient Monuments for year ended 31st March 1912; the Royal Archæological Institute, for No. 276 of the Journal; and the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society, for Vol. XXXV. of the Journal.

The Rev. S. T. Winckley reported that the Society would note with satisfaction that the London House of Convocation had adopted a resolution on practically identical lines with that adopted by the Society in January last. Their resolution was as follows: "That it is desirable that in every diocese a competent Advisory Board should be appointed by the Bishop, which should be consulted before a faculty is issued for structural alterations in our ancient churches."

The question of the Society's Excursion was discussed, and upon the proposition of Mr. T. Fosbrooke, seconded by Major Freer, it was RESOLVED to visit Bath and Bristol in June, the details to be left for the Hon. Secretaries to arrange.

Mr. Fosbrooke moved a RESOLUTION that the Society's library should be moved from its present position in the Old Town Hall to the Permanent Library, and Mr. Spencer seconded.

After discussion, Mr. H. Deane moved an AMENDMENT that the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee to consider and report on the desirability of moving the library, and as to the re-cataloguing of the books, and generally as to the best means whereby the members of the Society can view them. This was seconded by Mr. T. Bailey, and CARRIED, the previous resolution being first withdrawn.

The following new Members were elected :—The Rev. Edward J. Sing, Bitteswell Vicarage, Lutterworth ; W. H. Bailey, Esq., Town Clerk, Taunton, Somerset ; J. Roberts, Esq., Knighton Grange Road, Leicester : Sidney Herbert, Esq., Millstone Lane, Leicester ; and J. H. Davis, Esq., Friar Lane, Leicester.

The following were exhibited :—

BY MAJOR FREER (for MR. HARRY ROBERTS) : A Cannon Ball found recently during excavations in Asylum Street ; also a Silver-plated Spur.

BY MR. S. P. PICK : A Drawing showing the portion of Roman Pavement recently found in the garden at the back of a house in Highercross Street, Leicester.

BY MR. H. T. TRAYLEN : A Photograph of a Stone recently discovered in the chancel of Ashby Folville Church, during restoration.

BY MR. T. H. FOSBROOKE (for LADY MAUD HASTINGS) : A Book of Accounts relating to the building of the Manor House of Kirby, by William, Lord Hastings, commencing on November 4 in the twentieth year of the reign of Edward IV., and completed on the 7th December in the first year of the reign of Richard III.

VOTES of thanks to the Exhibitors, and to the Chairman for presiding, ended the Meeting.

May 30th, 1913. Bi-Monthly Meeting, held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. A. O. JAMES, M.A., in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Col. G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P., Mrs. Fielding Johnson, Rev. W. G. Whittingham, M.A., Col. C. F. Oliver, and T. W. Everard, Esq., D.L.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, for No. 37 of the Octavo Publications—a Calendar of the Feet of Fines for Huntingdonshire ; the Viking Society, for the Report for 1912 and the Year Book ; and the Suffolk Institute of

Archæology and Natural History Society, for Part 3, Vol. XIV. of the Proceedings.

The Rev. S. T. Winckley read a Programme which he had prepared for the proposed visit to Bath, Wells, and Glastonbury, on the 16th and 17th June next.

The matter was fully discussed, and after certain amendments had been considered and voted on, it was RESOLVED that owing to want of time the visit to Glastonbury should be postponed until another year, and the thanks of the Meeting were given to Mr. Winckley for his kindness and trouble in the matter.

Major Freer presented the Report of the Conference of Representatives of the Associated Archæological Societies, held on May 8th, at the Stony Gate, Leicester, when there were present: Major Freer, D.L., F.S.A., and Mr. J. W. Wartnaby (Leicestershire); the Rev. Canon Cole, the Rev. Canon Sutton, and Dr. Mansel Sympson, F.S.A. (Northamptonshire); and Mr. A. H. Whinfield (Worcestershire).

The following Papers were ordered to be printed in the forthcoming volume of the Associated Societies' Transactions:—

Leicestershire: "The Leicestershire Inventories, Temp. Edward VI.," by the Rev. E. H. Day, D.D., F.S.A.; "The Newarke," by Mr. Skillington; "The Bretts of Rotherby," by the Rev. W. Done Bushell; and "The Ancient Monuments Bills of 1912," by Major Freer, D.L., F.S.A.

Lincolnshire: "Churches Visited by the Society in 1912"; "The Battle of Hatfield"; "Anglo-Saxon Remains"; and "Observations of Gervaise Holles, Lincolnshire Notes."

Northamptonshire: "Barnwell Castle, Northants.," by Mr. C. A. Markham, F.S.A.; "Ashby St. Ledger Brasses," by the Rev. R. M. Sergeantson, F.S.A.

Worcestershire: "Legendary History of Worcestershire," By Mr. J. W. Willis Bund, F.S.A.; "Prince Arthur's Chantry, Worcester Cathedral," by Mrs. McLean; "Little Malvern Priory," by the Rev. F. T. Marsh; "Introductory Notes to some of the MSS. now shown in Worcester Cathedral," by the Rev. Canon Wilson, D.D.; and "Ancient Guilds, Worcester," by Mr. H. Leicester.

It was also RESOLVED that all Papers be sent in by May 31st, and that the meeting next year should be at Northampton.

A letter was read from the Diocesan Registrar with regard to the resolution that had been passed by the local Society on the Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendments Bill, and the granting of faculties by the Chancellor. The letter stated that the Chancellor would be prepared to submit particulars of applications for faculties issued by the Archdeaconry for a small payment.

It was RESOLVED that the application be accepted on behalf of the Leicestershire Society as soon as a reply was received from the Society of Architects.

A discussion arose with regard to the Society's library, and Major Freer stated that the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the matter would meet next month, and he hoped would be able to report at the next Meeting.

The following new Members were elected:—Duncan Henderson, Esq., Cluan Beag, Glebe Road, Leicester; and Albert Pickard, Esq., C.C., Burton Lodge, Desford.

Mr. S. P. Pick reported the find of part of a Roman Pavement during the course of excavations in Friar's Causeway.

The following were exhibited :—

By MR. C. W. KILBY : An Earthenware Puzzle-Bottle, supposed to be of mediæval origin.

By MR. WILFRID MOSS : A Pewter Casket, with Cover, found during recent excavations at Gracedieu Abbey.

VOTES of thanks to the Exhibitors, and to the Chairman for presiding, ended the Meeting.

July 28th, 1913. Bi-Monthly Meeting, held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. A. O. JAMES, M.A., in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Fielding-Johnson, Col. G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P., the Rev. W. G. Whittingham, M.A., S. Perkins Pick, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., T. H. Fosbrooke, Esq., and the Rev. E. H. Day, D.D., F.S.A. (Hon. Editorial Secretary).

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, for Part 1, Vol. XVII., of the Proceedings, the Place Names of Suffolk, and List of Members; the Leicester and Leicestershire Society of Architects, for the Fortieth Annual Report; the Yorkshire Archæological Society, for Part 3, Vol. XXII., of the Journal.

The Rev. S. T. Winckley presented the Accounts for the Society's Annual Excursion to Bath and Wells last June, which were considered very satisfactory.

On the proposition of Mr. Hartopp, seconded by the Rev. E. Jackson, a VOTE of thanks was passed to the Hon. Organising Secretary, and to all those who contributed to make this year's excursion such a great success.

It was also RESOLVED if possible to visit Bath and Glastonbury Abbey next year, either the last week in May or the first week in June.

Major Freer reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Peach, with regard to some old and valuable books which used to be in the Church at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and which were now in the attic in the Vicarage, and asking if the Society could not bring pressure to bear upon the custodians to have them put into a more suitable place.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the matter had been referred to Mr. Leonard Fosbrooke, the Hon. Local Secretary for Ashby, to inquire into the matter and report.

An appeal was read on behalf of the restoration of Thurstaston Church, and after discussion it was RESOLVED to give £2 2s. towards the object.

Major Freer also reported that the Special Committee dealing with the question of the Society's library had met, and would report at the next meeting.

He also reported that the Committee dealing with the scheduling of earthworks, ruins, and buildings, which is to be printed by the County Council, had drawn up the following preliminary list of places to be scheduled, and they would be glad to hear from members of any other places which in their opinion should be included.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

EARTHWORKS.—The Castle Mound; Raw Dykes remains of Leicester; the Camp, Billesdón; the Bulwarks, Breedon-on-the-Hill; Burrough Camp, Burrough-on-the-Hill; the Beacon Hill, Woodhouse; Bury Camp, Ratby; the Camp and Castle Hill Camp, Hallaton; Castle Mount Moat, Gilmorton; Castle Hill, Groby; the Camp, Belton, near Whitwick; the Castle, Whitwick; Old Ingarsby Moat, Ingarsby; King John's Entrenchments, Croxton Kerrial; Moat and Entrenchments and site of Hall, Kirby Bellars; site of Sapcote Castle, Sapcote.

RUINS, ETC.—Ashby-de-la-Zouch Castle; Asfordby Village Cross; Bradgate Park Ruins; Frisby Village Cross; Gracedieu Priory; Glenfield Church Ruins; Hemington Church Ruins; the Jewry Wall Ruins; Leicester Abbey Walls and Ruins; Peacock Pavement, opposite St. Nicholas' Church; Roman Pavement under G.C.R.; Dishley Church Ruins; Old Ingarsby Grange; Scraptoft Church Ruins; Lindley Abbey Ruins.

Mr. Peach reported that he was preparing a list of County Awards, etc., and the places where they were to be seen, and he wished to know if the Society were prepared to print it when completed.

Major Freer stated that ninety-nine of them were in his possession as Clerk of the Peace for the County, and some time ago he himself made a list, which he had presented to the Society's library.

Mr. Peach said that he would compare this list with the one he was now arranging, with the idea of making it more complete.

On the proposition of Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Hartopp, Major Freer was appointed to represent the Society on the Advisory Board for the Archdeaconry of Leicester.

Major Freer read the following Paper on

“THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS BILL OF 1913.

“We cannot proceed to consider this Bill until we place on record our deep sense of the great loss that all interested in this subject have sustained in the death of the late Lord Avebury, who was the pioneer of this important movement in the eighties and after. The Congress may fairly congratulate itself on the progress made, since three Bills were before the Joint Committee of Both Houses of Parliament last year; and our thanks are also due to our

valued Hon. Secretary, Dr. Martin, for the useful evidence that he gave before the Committee.

“The new Bill (in the main) follows the lines of the Government Bill of last year, with some important amendments.

“Part 1.—By Section 1 ‘any local authority’ may now purchase ‘an ancient monument’ by agreement. (This authority is defined to mean County Councils, and County Borough Councils (*see* Section 21.) By Section 2 any person may give such ancient monument to the Commissioners of Works.

“Part 2.—By Section 3 an owner may constitute the Commissioners guardians thereof. Section 4 provides right of access. Section 5 defines ‘owners.’

“Part 3.—Section 6 empowers the Commissioners to make a Preservation Order (if so advised by the Ancient Monuments Board (*see* Section 16)) to be in force for 18 months, and no longer, unless confirmed by Parliament. By Section 7, while such order is in force, the monument may not be demolished, or altered; and the Commissioners may repair in case of necessity. By Section 8 the Commissioners may give expert aid as to treatment. (This part of the Bill does not apply to buildings used for ecclesiastical purposes or as dwelling houses. Section 9.)

“Part 4.—By Section 10 the Commissioners may receive gifts of money for maintenance of ancient monuments. By Section 11 the Commissioners and local authorities may transfer the custody of such monuments to one another. By Section 12 a local authority may take charge of any monument at the request of the owner, and undertake, or contribute to, the cost of preservation, maintenance, or management. (Note: power should be given to the local authority to charge the public for admission. This might be done by adding a paragraph to Clause 14.) Section 13 provides for publication, by the Commissioners, of a list of monuments which are of national importance, and of such other monuments as ought to be included in such list. Section 14 provides for access by the public, *see* note to Clause 12. (Note: but a paragraph should be added to give a right of entry in the case of a recalcitrant owner.) Section 15 provides that injury done to monuments may be dealt with by a fine not exceeding £5, and in addition the cost of repairing the damage, or a month’s imprisonment. Section 16 provides for the establishment by the Commissioners of an Advisory Board, which may be altered by an Order in Council. By Section 17 the Commissioners, with the consent of the Treasury, may

appoint and pay one or more Inspectors of Ancient Monuments. Section 18 provides for the alteration of buildings and bye-laws by local authorities. Section 19 provides for the making of bye-laws, and regulating advertisements. Section 20 makes the Commissioners of Works a body corporate. Section 21 defines 'Local Authorities' as Councils of Counties and County Boroughs. Section 22 defines an ancient monument, and is similar to that in the last Government Bill. Section 23 relates to Scotland. Section 24 repeals the old Acts on the subject. Section 25 defines the Act as 'The Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment Act, 1913.' The Act is not to apply to Ireland.

"The First Schedule.—Representatives appointed by the following bodies: the Royal Commissions on Historic Monuments in England, Scotland and Wales, the Societies of Antiquaries of England and Scotland, the Royal Academy of Arts, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Trustees of the British Museum, and the Board of Education.

"The Second Schedule repeals the Acts of 1882, 1900, and 1910. There is also a Private Member's Bill in the House of Commons which need not be considered.

"I trust that this Congress will approve generally of the provisions of this Bill, whilst retaining and exercising its right to suggest certain amendments to clauses; for instance, those adopted at the second meeting of the 1912 Congress. I take this opportunity of reporting that the Chancellor of the Diocese of Peterborough has (with the Bishop's approval) agreed to submit copies of applications for faculties to an Advisory Board (of three) for the Archdeaconry of Leicester: one appointed by the Archæological Society, one by the Society of Architects, and one by the Archdeacon of Leicester, on the payment of 2s. 6d. for each copy."

The following were exhibited:—

By THE REV. E. JACKSON, M.A. (for MR. J. B. D'OMBRAIN): Document dated 31 May, 15 Henry VIII. (1523). Size 16½in. by 11in. In contracted Latin. Relates to Abbey of St. Benet of Holm, Norfolk, which was situated about thirteen miles from Norwich. Endorsement (in English), "A p'cept from the Abbott of St. Bennett and others to take the cities releas of all the cities ground within Christchurche." Oval seal attached, 2¾in. by 1¾in.

The following are mentioned:—

John (1) Abbot of the Monastery of "St. Benedict de Hulmo in com. Norff."

Nicholas Carr (2) Doctor of Laws. Commissary of the King.

John (3) Abbot of Wymondham.

William Stillyngton (4) Archdeacon of Norfolk.

(1) This was John Salcot (or Capon) who was elected Abbot of St. Benet of Holm in 1517. In 1530 he was preferred to the Abbey of Hythe. In 1534 he was elected Bishop of Bangor, and in 1539 he was translated to Salisbury. He died in 1557.

(2) Nicholas Carr, LL.D., Vicar-General to Bishop of Norwich, 1520.

(3) This was John Holt, Bishop of Lydda, who was elected Abbot of Wymondham in 1520. Wymondham is about ten miles from Norwich.

(4) William Stillyngton, Archdeacon of Sudbury, 1514; Archdeacon of Norwich, 1515; Archdeacon of Norfolk, 1522.

Particulars of old document:—

Dated Westminster 4 Edward VI. (1560). Size $16\frac{1}{2}$ -in. by 8-in. In contracted Latin. Relates to Thornehurst, Yorkshire. Endorsement John Holmes "generosus."

Thornehurst, £3 18s, 4d.

Mention is made in the Deed of Thomas Wentworth.

It is stated in Burton's *Monasticon Eboracense*, p. 308, that Thornhurst formed part of the possessions of Nostell Priory, "as King Richard II. granted the Canons free warren here."

Circular seal attached $4\frac{1}{4}$ -in. Diameter.

The following portions of the inscription round the seal can be made out:—

ANGLIC . . HIBERN R . . SVPREMI CAPIT . . (broken off) . .
IN TERRA.

VOTES of thanks to Major Freer for the Paper, to the Exhibitor, and to the Chairman for presiding, ended the Meeting.

September 29th, 1913. Bi-Monthly Meeting, held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

GEORGE GREEN, Esq., J.P., C.C., in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Col. G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P., Mrs. Fielding-Johnson, J. Russell Frears, Esq., S. A. Gimson, Esq., and H. H. Peach, Esq.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES of thanks were passed to H. H. Smith-Carrington, Esq., J.P., for a Pamphlet on St. Mary's Church, Ashby Folville; the Hertfordshire Archæological Society, for Part 1, Vol. V., of the Transactions; the Leicestershire Literary and Philosophical Society, for Vol. XVII. of the Transactions; the Thoresby Society, for Vol. XXI., and Part 1, Vol. XXII., of the Publications; J. R. Abney, Esq., for the Vestry Book and Accounts of the Churchwardens of St. Mary's, Leicester; the Essex Archæological Society, for Part 2, Vol. XIII., of the New Series of the Transactions, and Part 1, Vol. II., of the Feet of Fines; and the Oxfordshire Archæological Society, for the Report for 1912.

Mr. Hartopp reported that he had been in communication with the Rev. Dimock Fletcher, F.S.A., who had suggested that a very useful Paper for the Leicestershire *Transactions* would be a list of Leicestershire Wills proved in London during the interregnum (say from 1643 to 1660). On the proposition of Major Freer, seconded by Mr. Hartopp, it was RESOLVED to fall in with Mr. Fletcher's suggestion, and have this done.

Major Freer reported that he had received the first application for a faculty for making certain alterations and improvements at Whetstone Church, and he was authorised to write to the Archdeacon requesting him to appoint his representative upon the Leicestershire Advisory Board.

With reference to the question of the removal of the Society's library, Major Freer reported that the Sub-Committee dealing with the matter had met that morning, and in view of the fact that the purchase of the Chantry House in the Newarke was still pending, recommended that the question should be deferred for the present. This was agreed to. It was RESOLVED, however, to proceed with the cataloguing of the Society's books with all speed, and that Mr. Fosbrooke, the Assistant Librarian, be given a duplicate set of keys to the book-cases.

The question of the preservation of the Chantry Houses was further discussed.

The Rev. C. F. Mortlock, M.A., reported that on September 1st an enjoyable afternoon, in spite of inclement weather, was spent in visiting Evington, Stoughton, Oadby, and Wigston Churches. The various points of interest were explained by Mr. S. Perkins Pick, F.R.I.B.A., and the party were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Miss Pochin, at the Manor House at Wigston Magna.

A VOTE of thanks was passed to Mr. and Miss Pochin for their hospitality; to Mr. S. P. Pick for his notes on the various places visited; to Mr. H. H. Peach, who had kindly arranged the excursion; and to the officials of the various churches, on the proposition of the Rev. C. F. Mortlock, seconded by Mr. Samuel Russell.

Major Freer read a Paper entitled--

"SOME NOTES ON THE SAVILES, LORDS OF THE MANOR
OF BLABY, IN THE COUNTY OF LEICESTER,"

by W. H. Bailey, Esq., Town Clerk of Taunton, which it was RESOLVED to publish in one of the parts of the Transactions, and a VOTE of thanks was passed to Mr. Bailey for the same.

The following were exhibited :—

By MR. SAMUEL RUSSELL: a fine series of Photographs of the visit of the Society this year to Bath, Wells, and Bradford-on-Avon.

By MR. E. E. LOWE: a Gorget of the Leicester Volunteer Regiment, and a Photograph of a contemporary portrait of Cardinal Wolsey, which was in Cheshunt Great House.

By MR. HARTOPP (for MR. G. BOUSKELL): a Parchment Survey of certain Lands within the Manor of Braunston, County of Leicester, both in the tenure of the Right Worshipful Walter Hastings, Esq., then Lord of the Manor, his tenants and the freeholders there, taken 10th October, 34th of Elizabeth, 1592.

The following new Members were elected :—Mrs. Wennington Green, Lansdowne House, Stoneygate, Leicester; and Bernard Clarke, Esq., Loughborough.

VOTES of thanks to the Exhibitors, and to the Chairman for presiding, ended the Meeting.

November 24th, 1913. Bi-Monthly Meeting, held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. A. O. JAMES, M.A., in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Col. G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P. (President), the Rev. E. H. Day, D.D., F.S.A. (Hon. Editorial Secretary), Mrs. Fielding-Johnson, the Rev. E. Jackson (Hon. Local Secretary), and C. W. Kilby, Esq.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Rev. E. Hermitage Day, D.D., F.S.A., for a copy of a History of Arnold, Nottinghamshire; the Lincoln Record Society, for the Second Annual Report; the Scapa Society, for the Nineteenth Annual Report, and a Paper on Advertisements and Disfigurement; the Shropshire Archæological Society, for Part 1, Vol. III., of the Fourth Series of the Transactions; T. M. Blagg, Esq., F.S.A., for a Catalogue of Phillimore's Parish Register Series; and the Surrey Archæological Society, for Vol. XXVI. of the Collections.

Major Freer read the First Report of the Advisory Board for the Archdeaconry, as follows:—

“Since the last meeting of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, two applications have been made to the Chancellor for Faculties: one for the erection of a memorial tablet to the memory of Miss E. L. Gough, in the church of the Holy Trinity, Loughborough; and the other for the completion of the church of St. James the Greater, Leicester. The drawing of the tablet and the plans for St. James's Church have been carefully examined by the Archdeacon of Leicester and myself (the Leicestershire Society of Architects not having yet appointed its representative), and we have no objection to make in either case.”

Major Freer was thanked for the report, and it was RESOLVED to communicate with the Hon. Secretary of the Society of Architects, asking him what steps had been taken to appoint a member of their society upon the Advisory Board.

It was RESOLVED, on the proposition of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. S. P. Pick, to bring up for discussion at the Annual Meeting in January the question of charging an entrance fee of 10s. to new members, and also to decide whether the Summer Excursion to Bath and Glastonbury Abbey next year should be for two or three days.

On the proposition of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hartopp, it was RESOLVED to ask the Permanent Sub-Committee to consider whether it would be advisable to have periodical Half-day Excursions next year to places of interest in the neighbourhood.

Major Freer reported the finding of a mediæval Quern or Mortar during the course of some excavations at No. 9 New Street, and he also exhibited some photographs of the same which had been supplied by Mr. Cowdell, the architect for the new buildings.

The Rev. F. S. Edmonds, M.A., gave an interesting resumé of the work of restoration now being carried on at the church of St. Margaret at Stoke Golding, and also exhibited some measured drawings and photographs of the church.

On the proposition of the Rev. S. T. Winckley, seconded by Major Freer, Mr. Edmonds was heartily thanked for all the trouble he had taken with regard to the restoration of this church, the manner in which it is being carried out highly commending itself to the Society.

Mr. L. Fosbrooke made a report on the valuable books which had been removed from Ashby Church, and after full discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Hon. Secretary be requested to communicate with the present representatives of the Bate family, by whom the books were given; and also to ask Mr. Justice Joyce to help the Society in preserving the books.

Mr. S. Perkins Pick read the following Note on "Paving Discovered at High Cross":—

"Mr. Hugh Goodacre, Mr. Dyson, Mr. Harry Skillington, Mrs. Pemberton and myself have inspected a pebble pavement situated on the Leicestershire side of Watling Street, just inside the fence of the field a few yards east of the stackyard to High Cross farm. The pavement consisted of pebbles about 1-in. and $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. diameter, along the centre portion about 2-ft. wide, and made out 1-ft. 6-in. on each side, with 2-in. to $2\frac{1}{4}$ -in diameter pebbles. The top of the pathway is about 2-ft. 6-in. below the existing surface, which appears to run along the south side of Watling Street, and it is said that remains of this pathway have been found in the hedge-rows adjoining this Roman road in other adjacent places. Mr. Hugh Goodacre has had several trial holes made in this field, but this is the only case in which anything of interest was discovered. Owing to the fact that the pathway appears to run in a straight line along the side of Watling Street, and considering that it has

now 2-ft. 6-in. of earth above it, one may reasonably conclude that it is of Roman date. The pebbles are such as are ordinarily found in the drift clays and gravels of the neighbourhood."

On the proposition of Mr. S. P. Pick, seconded by Major Freer, it was RESOLVED to make a grant not exceeding £5 towards making further excavations in the neighbourhood, under the superintendence of Mr. Pick.

On the proposition of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Fosbrooke, the question of having a lunch, to be followed by a lecture, at the Annual Meeting in January, was left to the Hon. Secretaries.

On the proposition of Mr. T. H. Fosbrooke, seconded by Mr. Bailey, it was RESOLVED to ask the Hon. Secretary to write to Mrs. K. Grey, the owner of Ulverscroft Priory ruins, requesting her to place the ruins under the protection of the Board of Works, as provided by the Ancient Monuments Protection Act.

The following new Members were elected:—The Rev. Canon Nugee, St. Martin's Vicarage, Leicester; and William Henry Tompkin, Esq., 50, Harrow Road, Leicester.

The resignation of Mr. H. G. Coles was received with regret.

VOTES of thanks to the Exhibitors, and to the Chairman for presiding, ended the Meeting.

January 26th, 1914.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. A. O. JAMES, M.A., in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, the Marquess of Granby, F.S.A., the Rev. E. Hermitage Day, D.D., F.S.A. (Hon. Editorial Secretary), Mrs. Fielding-Johnson, W. Harley Hind, Esq., Col. C. F. Oliver, D.L.,