

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.,

Col. G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P. (President), S. Perkins Pick, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., the Rev. L. Bradyll-Johnson, C. H. Page, Esq., and L. J. Fletcher, Esq.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES of thanks were passed to J. T. Spalding, Esq., J.P. (of Nottingham), for his handsome gift of his privately printed "English Topography in the library of J. T. Spalding," in five volumes; the Rev. E. Hermitage Day, D.D., F.S.A., for Louis H. Dahl's "The Roman Camp," and "The Irish Saint at Burgh Castle"; Major Freer, D.L., F.S.A., for J. P. Bushe-Fox, F.S.A.'s copy of a "Report on Excavations on the site of the Roman Tower at Wroxeter, Shropshire, in 1912"; the Royal Archæological Institute, for Part 2, Vol. XX., of the Second Series of the Journal; the Shropshire Archæological Society, for Part 2, Vol. III., of the Fourth Series of the Transactions.

A letter was read from the rector of Newtown Linford requesting the assistance of the Society in raising subscriptions towards a Memorial to Lady Jane Grey in Newtown Linford Church.

The matter was referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the roof and plaster in the old chapel at Bradgate ruins was being repaired, and the danger by rain that threatened the monuments inside was thus being removed. This was considered satisfactory.

The question of charging an entrance fee of 10s. to new Members was fully discussed, but on the proposition of the Rev. E. Jackson, seconded by Mr. L. T. Topham, it was RESOLVED to defer the matter for this year.

It was RESOLVED that the Excursion in June this year to Bath and Glastonbury should be for three days; the railway company having agreed to extend the availability of the tickets.

On the proposition of Major Freer, seconded by Mr. Hartopp, the Rev. A. O. James, M.A., Mr. S. P. Pick, and Mr. Joseph Young were added to the Excursion Sub-Committee.

The following new Members were elected :—The Rev. L. Bradyll Johnson, Newtown Linford Rectory, Leicester; C. F. Spencer, Esq., Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicester; the Rev. J. W. Watts, Hoby Rectory, Leicester; Dr. E. Lewis Lilley, New Walk, Lei-

cester; J. R. Gimson, Esq., 90, Sparkenhoe Street, Leicester; W. Ernest Arnall, Esq., Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough; George Stibbe, Esq., Avenue Road, Leicester: the Rev. H. F. Matthias, Cossington Rectory, Leicester; Miss Mary Walmsley, Girls' High School, Loughborough; and Miss Eleanor F. Roper, Girls' High School, Loughborough.

The resignations of V. B. Crowther-Beynon, Esq., and W. P. Stevenson, Esq., were received with regret.

Major Freer then read the Fifty-ninth Annual Report, for the year 1913, and presented the Accounts, which had been audited by J. W. Wartnaby, Esq.

THE 59TH ANNUAL REPORT.

Since the last annual meeting the Committee are glad to report that the interest in the Society's work has been maintained.

We have to deplore the loss by death of one valued Member, Mr. Samuel Goode, J.P., of Hinckley, who was elected a Member in 1903, and took much interest in our work. He was largely instrumental in establishing Sailors' Homes when Secretary to the late Rear-Admiral Sir William Hutchinson Hall, K.C.B. At one time he was Sub-Editor of the *United Service Gazette*. He died in July last, in his 75th year.

The following have resigned their Membership:—J. A. L. Beasley, Col. M. V. Hilton, D. C. H. Kitson, P. H. Lockhart and T. G. Paget, having left the County; and also E. L. Clare, G. Chitham, H. G. Coales, J. C. Eady, Rev. G. W. Hodges, H. N. Harding (New York) and A. T. Sawday.

On the other hand the names of the new Members are:—

In January. W. E. Grundy, Esq., 4, Salisbury Road, Leicester; A. E. Hawley, Esq., Leicester Grange, Hinckley; Miss S. J. Hind, Holmdale Manor, Ibstock, Leicester; The Leicester Museum and Art Gallery Committee per the Curator, C. E. Lowe, Esq.; W. G. Spencer, Esq., 20, London Road, Leicester; C. B. Marriott, Esq., 3, Hare Court, Temple, London, E.C.; R. H. Stephenson, Esq., 10, Salisbury Road, Leicester; Miss Humberstone, 2 Spencer Road, Coventry; J. A. Parsons, Esq., Friar Lane, Leicester; J. Chapman, Esq., jun., Rutland Road, Aylestone, Leicester; Charles Payne, Esq., Hastings Street, Leicester; H. P. Rodgers, Esq., J.P., Maplehurst, Ratcliffe Road, Leicester; Hardy Parsons, Esq., Kibworth, Leicester; O. B. Stanion, Esq., 26, Victoria Park Road, Leicester; J. G. Pickard, Esq., Manor Road, Oadby Hill, Leicester.

In March. The Rev. E. 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; J. H. Davis, Esq., Friar Lane, Leicester.

In May. Duncan Henderson, Esq., Cluanbeag, Glebe Road, Leicester; Albert Pickard, Esq., C.C., Bufton Lodge, Desford.

In September. Mrs. Winington Green, Lansdowne House, Stoneygate, Leicester; Bernard Clarke, Esq., Loughborough.

In November. The Rev. Canon Nugee, St. Martin's Vicarage, Leicester; W. H. Tompkin, Esq., 50, Harrow Road, Leicester.

Twenty-six in all, being a net increase of thirteen on the year.

Now we have a membership of over 300. The Committee hope that those Members who have not given Bank Orders will send in their subscriptions as early in the year as possible, and so reduce the work of the Hon. Treasurer.

WILLIAM WIGSTON'S CHANTRY HOUSE AND THE TWO OTHER OLD
HOUSES IN THE NEWARKE, LEICESTER.

Your Committee congratulate our members and those of the other Societies which have enabled the ten guarantors to purchase this property, which stands on an acre of ground, being one of the old bits of the town that are left.

After three years' work, the conveyance was made on the 23rd of December last, and the purchase money, £6,500 paid to the vendors; 495½ square yards of frontage to the Newarke had been contracted to be sold to the Corporation of Leicester for £1,000, thus making the total purchase money £7,500.

Three thousand pounds has been borrowed on mortgage, and all interested in the preservation of this charming bit of ancient Leicester are asked to assist by giving donations to the Fund. The Hon. Treasurer is S. Perkins Pick, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Millstone Lane, Leicester, and the Hon. Secretary, Major Freer, F.S.A., 10, New Street, Leicester.

The bankers are Parr's Bank, Ltd. (Leicester Branch), St. Martin's, Leicester.

Money is also urgently required for over-due repairs.

The following (amongst others) are deserving of our thanks for subscribing to this fund:—The London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., £500; Sir Edwd. Wood, J.P., £250; T. Fielding Johnson, Esq., J.P., H. Simpson Gee, Esq., J.P., Councillor S. A. Gimson, £200 each; the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society, your Society, Major W. J. Freer, F.S.A., W. B. Paget, Esq., J.P., the late Wm. Raven, Esq., J.P., H. H. Smith Carington, Esq., J.P., £100 each; His Grace the Duke of Rutland, the Leicester and Leicestershire Society of Architects, S. Perkins Pick, Esq., the Mayor of Leicester, Councillor J. R. Frears, G. C. Turner, Esq., J. B. Everard, Esq., J.P., James Wright, Esq., J.P., Stockdale Harrison, Esq., Wm. Wright, Esq., J.P., Miss Winifred Humberstone, Col. C. F. Oliver, D.L., Messrs. Freeman, Hardy & Willis, Mrs. E. Wright, £50 each, and other sums, bringing the amount paid or promised to date £3,049 11s. 11d.

The following Papers have been read during the past year:—

"The Medals and Campaigns of the 43rd Foot," by Major Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A.

"The Ancients Monuments Bill of 1913," also by Major Freer.

"Some notes on the 'Saviles,' Lords of the Manor of Blaby," by W. H. Bailey, Esq.

During the year the Double Part of our *Transactions* (Nos. 7 & 8) completing Volume X.; and Part 2 of Vol. XXXI. of the Associated Societies' *Transactions*, have been issued to Members.

The former contains the following papers:—

"The Annual Excursion to Wisbech and Neighbourhood in 1911," by H. Hamilton Thompson, F.S.A.

"The Annual Excursion to Boston and District," by Miss S. K. Sloane.

"Medals and Campaigns of the 43rd Foot," by Major Freer, D.L., F.S.A.

"The Manor of Hinckley in the 18th Century," by H. J. Francis, Esq.

The following Papers have been published in the Associated Volume :—

- "The Chantry House in the Newark," by S. H. Skillington, Esq.
- "The Edwardian Inventories for Leicestershire," by the Rev. E. Hermitage Day, D.D., F.S.A.
- "The Bretts of Rotherby," by the Rev. W. Done Bushell, F.S.A.
- "The Three Ancient Monuments Bills of 1912," by Major Freer, D.L., F.S.A.

The Volumes IX. and X. of the Marriage Registers of Leicestershire have been published. Volume IX. contains the Parishes of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Quorndon, Woodhouse, Wanlip, Swithland and Humberstone. Volume X. contains the Parishes of Thurcaston-cum-Cropston, Belgrove, Birstall, Thurmaston, Thurnby-cum-Bushby, Stoughton, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Lowesby-with-Cold Newton and Tilton-on-the-Hill.

More subscribers are urgently needed if the series is to be completed.

The British Numismatic Society's Volume IX. has been issued to members and is well up to the standard.

The entrance fee and subscription are £1 1s. each.

Applications for membership should be made to Major Freer, The Stony Gate, Leicester, who has been elected one of the Vice-Presidents.

The Annual Congress of Archæological Societies was held at Burlington House, London, on the 26th day of June last, Sir C. H. Read, President of the Society of Antiquaries, in the chair, when both your representatives were present. A copy of the Report and a copy of the Earthworks Sub-Committee's Report have been sent to all members.

Your Committee recommended that the present representatives, Major Freer, F.S.A., and W. H. Quarrell, Esq., F.S.A., be appointed for 1914.

The Annual Excursion was made on June 16th and 17th to Bath and Wells under the guidance of the Rev. S. Thorold Winckley, M.A., Organising Secretary. About 40 members and friends took part in this enjoyable visit. Our thanks are due to Prebendary Boyd, A. J. Taylor, Esq., S. S. Reay, Esq., and M. A. Green, Esq., and the Rev. Chancellor Scott Holmes, for their valuable services.

A small party of members, under the guidance of Messrs. S. Perkins Pick and H. H. Peach visited Evington, Wigston, and other places on September 1st, and were hospitably entertained to tea by Mr. and Miss Pochin, at the Manor House, Wigston Magna. Those present enjoyed themselves in spite of the inclement weather.

The Bi-Monthly Meetings have been well attended, and interesting objects exhibited.

CHURCH AND OTHER ARCHITECTURAL WORK IN THE COUNTY.

Asfordby.—Churchyard enlarged.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch.—On Saturday, January 18th, the Church Girls' and Infants' Schools were re-opened by the Archdeacon of Leicester, after an extensive remodelling which has brought them thoroughly up-to-date, involving an expenditure of £1,550. Mr. W. A. Brockington, Secretary to the Leicestershire Education Committee, was also present, and said that those in Ashby who were not Church people should be grateful to the Church people of that town from an economic point of view, because had not the Church people of Ashby transformed the old building into the present beautiful one, they would have been bound to place an education rate at the minimum of fourpence, and possibly to the extent of sixpence in the pound, on the district.

Ashby Folville.—Church re-opening. The culmination of a series of restorations effected at St. Mary's Church during the past 20 years by the generosity of H. H. Smith-Carington, Esq., J.P., Lord of the Manor, was marked by the celebration of the service for the re-opening of the chancel on Saturday afternoon last. An admirable and appropriate sermon was preached by Archdeacon Stocks. Mr. Ben Burrows, F.R.C.O., of St. Mary's, Leicester, presided at the organ. Amongst those representing the donors and church officials were Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Carington and family, Mrs. Giles, Col. Stallard, Mr. John Ely (architect), Dr. C. Godson, Dr. J. Godson, Dr. Harry Godson (representatives of the late Vicar, the Rev. John Godson), Messrs. E. J. Riley, C. Hamson, (churchwardens). At five o'clock the company re-assembled at the new Parish Hall and were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Carington, who earlier in the day had extended their hospitality to the clergy and their friends in the same building. The last section of work completed has been specially connected with the chancel, which is in the fifteenth century style. No structural change has been made in the walls, but extensive and thorough underpinning had become necessary at the east end on account of a somewhat serious settlement, due in the first place to the construction of a vault near the foundation. The rough unworked timbers of the roof bore the date 1716 (in a bad period of church restoration) and was considerably decayed by age and the wet which percolated through the leads. The whole has been replaced by entirely new woodwork, in character with other parts of the church, covered with lead. Outside formerly there was simply the overhanging of the leads of the roof with plain iron spouting beneath. Battlemented stone parapeting with carved pinnacles at intervals has been added. The old memorial stones in the sanctuary floor have been relaid, and the lettering where worn has been re-cut, the remainder of the floor being made up with stone. Outside the sanctuary a splendid floor of green and white marble has been put down. The interior walls, mural tablets and monuments have been cleaned and pointed where necessary. A handsome reredos of beerstone has been placed across the whole extent of the east wall; the north and south walls being lined with panelling in English oak to the height of 7ft. from the floor. Stalls have been provided, and a screen has been placed between the mortuary chapel and the chancel. The warming apparatus has been extended into the chancel, so that the whole church is now efficiently warmed. Stained glass is being prepared for the east window by a well-known artist, and the glazing of the other windows has been properly attended to. During the progress of the work, two or three interesting discoveries have been made. A squint, connecting the chancel and chapel, has been found and opened out, and two or three feet below the floor a most interesting memorial stone discovered. The exceptional ornamentation upon it has caused it to be assigned to the Early English period, and an opinion has even been hazarded that it was raised to Maud Basset, founder of the church, who presented it to Launde Abbey. The stone has been placed under the arch of the founder's tomb. Minor repairs have been effected elsewhere in the fabric, and in the churchyard the numerous headstones have been straightened and set in their proper positions, the lower ends being embedded in concrete.

To complete the communion set, Mrs. Smith-Carington has presented the church with a silver alms dish and a couple of silver altar vases. The alms dish, made after an early mediæval pattern, bears the inscription—"The gift of Elizabeth Prince Smith-Carington, in memory of her brother George Stallard, LL.B. (Cantab), sometime Chief Justice of Sierra Leone. Ob. 1912," The vases are inscribed—"Ex dono E.P.S.C., June 1st, 1913." In memory of the late Rev. J. Godson, for so many years Vicar of Ashby Folville, a handsome oak reading desk has been presented by the members of his family. The work was carried out to the designs of Mr. John Ely, and at foot is an inscribed brass plate setting forth the circumstances of the gift.

Barlestone.—New Council Schools.—The new schools erected by the County Council, at a cost of about £1,350, were formally opened on Friday afternoon by Ald. T. Cope. Mr. W. Egginton occupied the chair. The Chairman, at the outset, remarked that the new school had been used for teaching purposes for

some time, but it had not been officially opened. It had been said that there was no need for a building like that when the old school was large enough. He was surprised that the parents of any child argued that way. The old school was over-crowded, and it was impossible to do the work in it satisfactorily. Others said that the new school ought to be a charge on a wider area than the parish of Barlestone. Alderman Cope, in declaring the schools open, said they fulfilled a long-felt want, and urged all parents to endeavour to keep their children at school until they reach the age of 15 years, for in his opinion the last two years at school were always of the most value. Mr. Fowler, the architect, stated that the present school, while complete in itself, formed the nucleus of a larger scheme of buildings, which could be easily and cheaply erected should the requirements of the parish demand it in the future. The present building consisted of three class rooms, each accommodating 50 children, with a marching corridor attached.

Barrow-on-Soar.—Church repaired, cost £130.

Bitteswell.—New chalice (£15 renovation of Parish Room) £35.

Branston.—New heating and lighting in church. Cost £127.

Burbage.—Restoration of the tower spire. Cost £941.

Coleorton.—Tablets unveiled. There were large congregations on Sunday at the fine old Parish Church, the occasion being the unveiling of two tablets by the Right Reverend Bishop Clayton, D.D., for many years Bishop of Leicester. The tablets, of beautiful alabaster, are erected on the south wall of the church, between the 17th century monument and the Heygate memorial window, and they are surmounted by the coats-of-arms of the Beaumont and Belli Families. The first tablet is in memory of Sir George Howland Beaumont, Bart., who died at Coleorton 31 years ago, and his wife. Also their second son and second daughter; and the second tablet perpetuates the memory of Canon Beaumont, who for 36 years was rector of the parish, and it is also erected to the memory of his second wife. During the course of the morning service Bishop Clayton unveiled the tablets. The first tablet was inscribed as follows:—“To the glory of God and in loving memory of Sir George Howland Beaumont, Bart. Born at Lambeth Palace, September 12th, 1828, died at Coleorton June 8th, 1882. Also of Dame Paulina Henriess Beaumont, his wife, born at Chinsma, Bengal, December 19th, 1828, died at Coleorton December 9th, 1870. Also of Francis Beaumont, their second son, born at Naples, February 11th, 1854, died at Hampton Wick, January 3rd, 1875. Also of Eleanor Grace Caroline Beaumont, their second daughter, born at Coleorton, March 27th, 1859, died at Coleorton December 16th, 1870. “He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the House of the Lord and repaired them,” 2 Chronicles, xxix., 3. “His servants shall serve Him; they shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads,” Revelations, xxii., 3, 4. The second tablet is inscribed as under:—“To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Beresford Beaumont, for 36 years Rector of Coleorton. Born at Coleorton March 31st, 1831, died at Coleorton February 18th, 1901. Also of Elizabeth Mary Beaumont, his second wife, born at Sicklesmere, Suffolk, September 25th, 1831, died at Coleorton February 5th, 1900. “Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thine House and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.” “O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” It is interesting to note that the second wife of Canon Beaumont was a cousin of the late Marchioness of Salisbury, and the Canon was a godson of William Wordsworth, the poet.

Church steeple re-pointed, new top and other repairs. Cost £55.

Desford.—Three bells re-cast and new ones, £50.

Diseworth.—Repairs to organ, £10.

Earl Shilton.—A new organ was dedicated on Saturday afternoon, at the Congregational Chapel, by Mrs. Pegg. The total cost was £250, of which sum

Mr. Carnegie contributed £110. In addition, the interior of the Chapel has been renovated and re-decorated at a cost of £50.

Fenny Drayton.—Church tower and Church walls repaired. Schools heated and ventilated.

Fleckney.—New heating apparatus.

Galby.—New pavement and kneeler in chancel, £22.

Gilmorton.—A new Village Hall was opened on Monday evening, by Alderman H. P. Rogers, of Maplehurst, Leicester, in the presence of a crowded gathering. For several years past there had been evidence that a more extensive and more commodious structure was desirable as a reading-room in place of the existing one, which was merely a room in a house. The new building is in every way constructed with the object of comfort and commodiousness. Situated in the main street of the village, it is a substantial wooden structure on brick foundations, and is calculated to seat about 150 people. It is divisible into two rooms by a movable partition.

Glen Magna.—Six new lamps in chancel, £15.

Heather.—Church tower partly re-roofed and pointed; cost £32.

Hinckley.—Holy Trinity; sanctuary carpet and curtain, £35.

Hoby.—Floor of the church faced with new blocks, the wood being given, £152.

Hose.—A small memorial window to Rev. C. P. Tiley, who was Vicar of the parish for some years, has been lately put up in this church. The principal promoter has been an old friend of Mr. Tiley, Mr. Gerard Gosselin of Hindringham Hall, Norfolk. Among the contributors are several of Mr. Tiley's friends and neighbours and some inhabitants of Hose Parish. The glass is the work of Westlake, London, and the cost, including some restoration of the stone work of the window, has been over £50.

Kegworth.—A brass eagle lectern has been presented to the Parish Church, by Mrs. Elmsley Coke, of the Wymeshead, Kegworth, which was dedicated on November 29th, the eve of the feast of the patron saint of the church.

Kilby.—Restoration of Church, £50.

Church Langton.—A stained glass window has been placed in the chancel of the church, to the memory of the Rev. John Hanbury, late Rector of the Langtons. The late incumbent was the last of a long line of members of the same family to hold the living, and was a lineal descendant of the founder of the Langton charities. The window depicts a scene in the life of St. Thomas.

LEICESTER :—

St. Andrew's.—Church roof repaired, £200.

St. Barnabas.—The new Mission Hall and Institute was opened by Mrs. G. H. Faire, on Thursday, September 11th. The Hall will seat some 300 people and will serve the district of West Humberstone. The total cost, including furniture, has been £1000, and towards this a sum of £620 is available. It is hoped further to reduce the deficit by the approaching sale of work. A silver key was presented to Mrs. Faire as a memento of the occasion, and a replica to Mrs. Cross.

Belgrave.—In order to strengthen the work of the Parish Church in the Checketts Road District, new rooms, which are now complete, have been provided at a cost of £2,000. The building, which takes the place of an old structure not properly adapted for the purposes for which it was used, has two main rooms, 30ft. by 57ft., a number of small class-rooms, kitchen, hall, etc. It is intended to use the ground floor for Mission services, and

the other rooms will be available for parochial meetings. Bishop Clayton opened the new rooms in the presence of a large congregation.

Evington.—The Church of St. Philip was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on April 28th. The Bishop gave a short address in which he acknowledged the generosity of Churchmen as represented by the Church Extension Board, and particularly that of the late Mr. I. L. Berridge and the late Mr. H. L. Powys-Keck. It is a year ago since the Archidiaconal Church Extension Board undertook the completion of the church by adding three bays, the west-end, the baptistry, and three porches. The church will now seat 700 people. The impression it gives on entering is that of a dignified and restful sacred edifice. The Board is well pleased with the work which they entrusted to Messrs. Everard, Son & Pick as architects. The builders were Messrs. Chitham & Co. The church is almost entirely constructed of brickwork, a relief being obtained by the judicious introduction of bands of Ketton stone and its further use in the tracery of the windows. The roof is covered by old Swithland slates, and is supported by re-inforced concrete purlins, which were used in preference to timber to obtain a greater degree of permanence. These are in turn supported by the massive brick nave arches and piers spanning 35 feet and rising 40 feet from the floor. By this arrangement of large nave arches, the whole congregation obtains an uninterrupted view of the chancel and pulpit. Low lean-to roofs between the buttresses to the nave piers cover narrow north and south aisles, which give access to the nave seating from the sides of the Church. In the baptistry there is a delightful three-light stained glass window, by Mr. Karl Parsons, depicting the Baptism of our Lord, the gift of S. Philip's Sunday School. The entire church, including furnishing, has cost nearly £8,000, two-thirds of the cost being borne by the Church Extension Board, and one-third by the local Church Fund.

On Sunday, a ceremony of much interest to the parishioners of St. Philip's, Leicester, took place, when the new organ was dedicated by the Rev. Canon Gedge. The cost of the present portion is £282 10s. od., of which £78 had still to be raised on Sunday morning. After the service, however, in which the curate-in-charge, the Rev. W. J. Dearlove, assisted, the amount was reduced to £46. The specifications of the organ include: Manual compass, C C to G 56 notes. Pedal compass, C C C to F 30 notes. In the afternoon a recital was given by Mr. W. J. Bunney, F.R.C.O., when the capacity of the organ was fully tested. The result was eminently satisfactory, and the parishioners may rest assured that when the organ is finished they will have an instrument worthy of the church.

Knighton.—It is less than twelve months since the parishioners of Knighton, Leicester, resolved to address themselves to a scheme of Church extension embracing the erection of a church and institute, at a total cost of £5,000 and this week has seen the completion of the project as far as the building operations are concerned, although the funds subscribed will still need considerable reinforcements. St. Guthlac's church, South Knighton, which was dedicated a few months ago, may be said to represent the spiritual phase of the scheme, while the Church Rooms in Clarendon Park Road, which were formally opened on Tuesday afternoon, will meet primarily, but not solely, the secular and social requirements of the parish. An inspection of the Church Rooms, which replace a building that had become inadequate for such a rapidly growing parish, gives every justification for the £3,500 spent upon them. The front suggests the Georgian style, with simple dull-red facing bricks, with rusticated quoins. Importance is given to the central entrance by treatment in stone, with the name of the rooms in lettering over the doorway. The vestibule is flanked on either side by boys' and girls' class-rooms, while straight ahead is the door to a large concert hall, 33ft. by 55ft., equipped with a stage whose "wings" consist of two retiring rooms—one a convertible kitchen—with separate exits. The gallery, in spite of the 33 feet span, is suspended

solely from the ceiling and walls, thus leaving the floor space unencumbered by pillars. The whole of this room is a triumph of tasteful design, the woodwork in the walls harmonising with the chairs in presenting a symphony in brown. The walls are treated with dove-coloured duresco; the beams are so delicately tinted as to be almost invisible from the gallery. The stage has a cellarage for storing the chairs, and there is a seating capacity for 270 persons downstairs and 60 in the gallery. Returning to the vestibule, the visitor has the choice of two flights of stairs, one on either hand, ascending to the gallery and to the institute, the latter being on slightly the higher level. The dimensions of this room are 22ft. by 56ft., and it is divisible by a curtain into compartments for billiards and general games. An idea of the size of the building is given by the number of rooms provided—eleven. The building also includes the usual cloak-rooms, etc. The whole building is heated with radiators, fitted with roof and flue ventilators, and is illuminated by reflected electric light. Cost, £3,500.

St. Michael's.—New heating apparatus. Cost, £200.

De Montfort Hall.—The Hall is larger than the Birmingham Town Hall, the St. James' Hall, London, and many other of the principal halls in the provincial cities. The acoustic properties—a very important point—have already been tested and found excellent. In November, 1910, it was decided that the local architects be invited to submit designs and estimates for the Public Hall on the present site to provide in some form or other all the accommodation shown on the plans previously prepared by the Borough Surveyor, and which were issued as type plans to the competing architects, and which, under the conditions of the competition, they were at liberty to deal with as they thought fit. Thirteen sets of plans were received, Mr. S. P. Pick, F.R.I.B.A., and Mr. E. George Mawby, M.Inst. C.E., the Borough Surveyor, had been appointed by the Council to adjudicate upon the designs, and, subject to the approval of the Council, they awarded the first prize of £100 to Messrs. Stockdale Harrison & Sons; the second prize of £50 to Mr. Howard H. Thompson, and the third prize of £25 to Messrs. Langley & Baines. These were confirmed by the Council in May, 1911, and Messrs. Stockdale Harrison & Sons were entrusted with the preparation of the final drawings and the carrying out of the work. Careful consideration of the conditions, type, plans, and requirements issued for the competing architects evolved what was thought to be the most advisable and simplest form of plan. Octagonal and circular plans were considered unsuitable, owing to the large spans required entailing complicated and costly roofs. A rectangular plan was therefore adopted, and divided into eleven bays of 14ft. spans. From an acoustic point of view as well as an economic one, this form of building has been found to be most satisfactory. The Hall is planned with the main entrance facing the Victoria Park, and about 90 feet from the present park fence, the building on the Regent Road being 120 feet from it. These were definite conditions, and settled the position of the site of the Hall on the land. Adjacent to the main entrances are two side entrances for the approach to the front seats of the body of the Hall, and adjoining these are two separate entrances to the back gallery approached by fireproof stone stairs. At the lower level, and facing Victoria Road, are two entrances, one for the artists, and the other for the caretaker and administrative purposes. There are also two entrances on each side of the Hall connected to the main corridors surrounding the main hall proper. It will, therefore, be seen that there are ample facilities for emptying the hall quickly in case of need.

A large room for refreshment and other purposes, 76 feet by 21 feet, is arranged in conjunction with the main hall on the Regent Road front, with a service room at one end in communication with the caterer's department in the lower floor. The main body of the Hall is entered from the staircase hall and lounge, the last being a spacious corridor, 117 feet long and

13 feet wide, containing ample cloakrooms and lavatories, and connected at each end to the corridors at the sides of the Hall. These corridors are arranged with the upper portion formed of glazed sashes, which slide into the thickness of the wall, in case these corridors should be required for standing room. The hall is 90 feet wide by 144 feet long, and at the end rises the platform—4 feet 6 inches above the main floor line—together with the orchestra and organ, filling up the end gable wall.

The main floor is level, and is constructed of rift sawn pitch pine, suitable for dancing. On each side of the platform are the entrances for the principal artists and instrumentalists, and at a higher level those for the orchestra. The grand tier circle is approached by the main staircase from the foyer by a main flight of steps in the centre, and flights of steps at the ends of the foyer to the promenade at the sides of the circle. This grand circle is set well back, and is steeper than the back gallery in order to avoid a large projection over the body of the hall. The promenade fronting Regent Road has exits on the flat roof of the refreshment room below and over the portico of the front, and it is proposed to use this as a roof garden. The architectural treatment and general grouping of the building is the outcome of the plan. The style is Renaissance, and dignity and simplicity have been the object in view, rather than elaborate detail. Owing to the limited sum available, very little architectural ornament has been indulged in, but it is hoped at a later date that the elevations may be treated in a suitable manner with sculpture as originally indicated. The building is heated with low pressure steam through radiators, and the utmost advantage has been taken of the heat from the pipe supplying the steam. The ventilation has been carefully arranged. The organ, which is being generously given by Mr. Alfred Corah, is not yet in place, but the case, specially designed by Messrs. Stockdale Harrison & Sons, has been erected and harmonises beautifully with the simple yet characteristic treatment of the interior of the hall. Space is provided at the back of the orchestra for the great 32ft. pipes, which will form part of the organ. The latter is to be built by Messrs. S. Taylor & Sons, Leicester. The seating accommodation is as follows:—Body of Hall, 1,500; grand tier circle, 680; back gallery, 520; orchestra and platform, 400; a total of 3,100, whilst extra seats can be arranged for 200. There is also standing space in the corridors, promenades, and back of hall for 600 or 700, in all accommodation for 4,000 persons. The cost of the buildings, including furnishing but not the laying out of the grounds, entrances and fences, is £15,500. The main contractors were Messrs. Haskard, Rudkin & Beck. The main entrance gates are situated at the junction of Granville Road and Regent Road, where a large area has been thrown into the road, and a very spacious approach provided.

Wide carriage drives of sufficient width for motor and carriage traffic, and footways for pedestrians, are provided at the front entrance for the general use of the Hall, and also from Victoria Road to the rear of the Hall for the use of the performers, etc., and as an approach to the tea shelter and gardens. The Borough Surveyor and his staff are responsible for the laying out, by direct labour, of the carriage ways and footways approaching and surrounding the Hall; and, owing to the sharp slope of the site, the question of levels, both of the roads and of the Hall itself, has required more than ordinary skill and care to settle and work out successfully.

St. George's.—Nave re-built after the fire, chancel and tower restored; cost £12,530. Architect, Mr. W. D. Caroe.

St. John the Evangelist.—Organ chamber, electric motor and ventilation; cost £55.

St. Paul's.—Walls of sanctuary panelled, cost £80.

St. Saviour's.—New sanctuary hangings and retable. Processional cross, £28.

LOUGHBOROUGH:

St. Peter's.—The organ has been dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Rev. Norman Lang, D.D. It has been built by Messrs. Norman & Beard, in accordance with a specification prepared by Mr. Paul Rochard, organist of Hinckley Parish Church. It contains 22 draw stops, has tubular pneumatic action throughout, and is blown by a rotary blower electrically driven. The oak case in Austrian oak was designed by Mr. W. S. Weatherley, and executed by Mr. A. Robinson, of London. The total cost of the organ and case has been £750, towards which Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave £300.

Parish Church.—Loughborough is known throughout the world for its bells, which ring out in all parts of the globe, from the great bell of St. Paul's to the small bells in the tiny churches in the mission fields. The world's record in bell-ringing, too, is also associated with Loughborough in the Parish Church, where is hung what is commonly reported to be the finest cast, hung, and tuned set of ten bells in the country. To commemorate the record world's peal, Mr. John W. Taylor and Mr. Dennison Taylor have erected a tablet in Loughborough Parish Church, and the unveiling ceremony was performed by the Rector, who remarked that the peal was a marvellous performance, and only those who were well acquainted with bell-ringing could form an accurate idea how marvellous. It was only right that they should have in the church a permanent record.

Five of the pinnacles of the tower have been restored and placed in position by the gifts of Mr. A. Chapman, Mr. J. E. T. Chapman, Mr. J. Cartwright, Mr. H. Earp, and the boarders at the High School. The Church Council has promised to repair one or more, and it is hoped other donors will come forward so that the whole may be restored.

Holy Trinity Church.—A memorial tablet to the late Miss Gough was on Sunday dedicated by the Rev. D. Dewar. The tablet of latten metal is placed in the south transept, close to the memorial erected by the deceased lady to her father. The inscription runs:—"To the Glory of God, and in memory of Elizabeth Llewellyn Gough, who died January 31st, 1913, aged 53 years, after a connection of 33 years with the General Post Office of this town. This tablet is erected by her former colleagues, fellow worshippers and friends as a token of affection and esteem." "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord."—*St. Matthew, xxv., 21.* The Vicar, in dedicating the tablet, said it had been the wish of those who had noticed the strenuous way in which Miss Gough had fulfilled her duties at the Post Office, in such manner as to cause her to become a public servant in the best sense of the term, and also of her fellow worshippers, that something should be done to give expression to the affection and esteem in which she was held by everyone who came into contact with her, either by work or in worship and friendship. The element of pathos connected with the memorial was that it was only last year that Miss Gough had been at great pains to have the larger tablet put up in the church in memory of the centenary year of her father, who himself had been greatly respected in the town, and who was one of the first churchwardens at Holy Trinity.

St. Mary's.—The Rev. Father J. Hurley, Priest-in-Charge of S. Mary's, Loughborough, since the death of the Rev. Father McGuire in May last, dedicated a stained glass window to the latter gentleman's memory at High Mass, on Sunday morning. The late Father was Priest-in-Charge for 23 years. The window represents St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of the Fathers of Charity, the religious congregation to which the Rev. Andrew McGuire belonged. Under the figure is an inscription in Latin, a translation of which is: "Pray for the soul of the Rev. A. McGuire, O.C., Priest of this Church for 23 years, who died May 10th, 1912, aged 72. R.I.P."

Lovesby.—Lamps in churchyard, cost £20.

Lubenham.—Churchyard enlarged, £178.

Lutterworth.—Sanctuary carpet, £28.

Melton Mowbray.—Church restoration, £705: Mission Room, £100.

Mountsorrel.—The Soar Valley Company of the 5th Batt., Leicestershire Regiment, since the old Drill Hall at Mountsorrel was burnt down a year ago, have been without permanent headquarters. Very shortly the Company will be housed in a fine new Drill Hall of stone and brick. Standing on the original site, the new building consists of a commodious Drill Hall, where a miniature rifle range is being fixed, various offices for storage, armoury, etc., men's recreation room, sergeant's room and bar. The Yeomanry will also be able to utilise this hall as their headquarters. The hall will be lighted with gas. The architect is Captain Baines, (of Messrs, Langley & Baines, of Leicester), and the contractor Mr. F. Sleath, of Rothley. The cost is about £1,800. There will be no special opening ceremony; it will be combined with the annual prize-giving sometime before Christmas.

A new organ, installed at Mountsorrel Wesleyan Chapel, was opened on Wednesday, by Mr. J. L. Crosby. One half of the cost of the organ, which was built by Mr. Porritt, is being given by Mr. Carnegie.

Narborough.—Organ in Church renovated, cost £25. New offices, etc., to Church School, £200.

Quorn: St. Bartholomew's Church.—On Sunday morning a screen was dedicated by the Rev. H. H. Rumsey (the Vicar), in memory of the late Mrs. O. S. Brown, who was for many years a prominent church worker in the parish. The screen is of carved oak and is in harmony with the choir stalls. It was presented to the church by Mr. Oliver Stanley Brown, in memory of his wife.

Rearsby.—Screen in Church, £120.

Ratby.—On Saturday, October the 4th, the Bishop of Leicester dedicated the new clock which has been placed in this tower. The roof and floors of the tower, which were much decayed, have been taken out and replaced by modern ones; cost £290.

Rothley.—New school to cost £1,300.

Seals, Nether.—School improvements: £100.

Seals, Over.—Choir stalls, £85.

Sileby.—Sileby has a new Constitutional Club. The building itself puts forth no claims of architectural beauty, but it is handsome and just the place to meet the political and social requirements of the village and surrounding district. It is a two-storey brick erection, with bay windows and gables, and a frontage to Cossington Road of 65 feet. On the ground floor, is a club-room 22 feet by 38 feet, with bay recesses and steward's buffet, and a skittle alley 48 feet by 11 feet. There is an assembly room above extending 53½ feet by 22 feet. In close proximity with the club is the steward's cottage. The land on which it is built was the property of Mrs. Perry-Herrick, who, with that generosity which had made her much beloved of Leicestershire people, presented it to the Sileby and district Unionists. The total cost of the building, furniture, etc., is about £1,250. Messrs. Thompson & Gamble of Quorn, were the contractors, and Mr. Cecil Ogden, of Leicester, the architect.

Sileby Church.—Tower repaired and re-pointed. New lightning conductor, cost £18.

Snaresdon.—New organ, £120.

Stoke Golding.—On All Saints' Day special services were held to mark the completion of a further stage in the restoration of this beautiful Church. The

work just completed includes the repairing of the whole of the North side of the church, and the restoration of the West end of the South aisle. This portion of the work has cost about £600. The chancel was re-built by a previous vicar, at a cost of £1,000, and other work already done includes the restoration of the spire, tower, bells and frame, at a cost of £700. To complete the work a further sum of about £1,400 will be required. The Bishop of Leicester preached at the opening service on All Saints' Day, and congratulated the congregation upon the work accomplished.

Stoney Stanton.—Part of chancel re-pointed. Interior re-plastered. Four windows re-leaded and glazed. New fittings at East end. Cost £105.

Sweepston.—Altar carpet, etc., £12.

Syston.—Walls pointed inside. Churchyard wall repaired; £40.

Wanlip.—Gift of churchyard gate, £10.

Long Whatton.—The dedication of the new organ took place on Wednesday afternoon, in the Parish Church, in the presence of a good congregation. The instrument, a two-manual organ, replaces the old harmonium, which has done service for many years. Built by Lewis & Co., Brixton, it has a fumed oak case, carved to match the Gothic carving on the oak screens. The specification is:—Great organ, open diapason, dulciana, lieblich gedact, octave and flauts traverso, swell organ, rhor floti, salicional, voix celeste, silsei and horn. Swell CC to A; pedal CCC to F with sub bass stop. Couplers swell to great, swell to pedal, great to pedal and four combination pedals, the pedals being worked on the tubular pneumatic system.

Whetstone.—On Thursday evening the new bells presented by Mr. Joseph Buxton, and the new screen presented by Mr. Wm. Herbert, were dedicated at the church by the Bishop of Leicester (the Rt. Rev. Norman Lang). After the Creed the Bishop proceeded to the screen and accepted it in memory of William Henry Herbert, father of the donor. Then he passed on to the belfry to accept the bells in memory of the family of Mr. Joseph Buxton.

Whitwick.—The Rev. Canon Broughton, R.D., Vicar of Hugglescote, unveiled and dedicated a window depicting the Nativity in the North aisle of the Parish Church, subscribed for by the Sunday School children. The occasion coincided with the Sunday School anniversary.

Woodhouse Eaves.—Gifts of lich gate, frontal, chalice, veil and burse.

Wyfordby.—Repair of chancel tower, cost £50.

Woodville.—Improvement to school building, £68.

Wymeswold.—On Sunday, March 9th, a new organ, built by Stephen Taylor & Son, Leicester, was dedicated at a special service in the afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation. The cost of the organ has been £430, the parishioners and kind local friends raising £240, and a donation from the Carnegie Corporation of New York providing the remaining £190.

Wymondham.—New stop to organ. Repairs to heating apparatus, £29.

For some of the smaller notes we are indebted to the Rev. Canon H. S. Gedge, the editor of the "Peterborough Diocesan Calendar."

Major Freer then presented a paper on "Church and other work in the County during the past year."

After the Meeting the Members adjourned for Lunch, the Mayor of Leicester (Councillor J. R. Frears) being in the Chair. After the toast "The King," the Mayor said that this was the Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Society, and he understood that it now had over three hundred Members, which showed that its existence was justified. Its growth had been gradual, and it should commend itself to the people of Leicester and Leicestershire. It had assisted in preserving, amongst other things, the Roman Pavements, the Old Town Hall, part of the Trinity Hospital, and William of Wyggeston's Chantry House. He could speak as to the latter as a member of the Committee which had taken up the question of preserving the building. About £3,000 had been actually subscribed to the fund, and the houses acquired, but there was £3,500 to be got, and he sincerely hoped that some of the wealthy people of the town and county would come forward and assist them in getting the balance required. He wished the Town Council would take a more active interest in preserving objects of historic and archæological interest in Leicester.

Mr. A. H. Dyson read a Paper on "The Monuments in Stamford Church," illustrated by limelight views; and Mr. A. Hamilton Thompson, M.A., F.S.A., also read a Paper on "The Monasteries of Leicestershire in the 15th Century," both of which were followed with great interest by the Members present, and it was RESOLVED to print the same in the Society's *Transactions*.

The Committee and Officers of the Society were re-elected, and a hearty VOTE of thanks was passed to them for their services during the past year.

Major Freer moved that the best thanks of the Society be given to the Mayor of Leicester for the use of the room at the Old Town Hall during the past year, and to the Editor of the *Leicester Daily Post* for reporting the proceedings of the Society. This was seconded by Mr. Hartopp, and ADOPTED.

VOTES of thanks to the Mayor of Leicester, to the Lecturers, and to the Chairman for presiding, ended the Meeting.
