

January 27th, 1890.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

was held in the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester,

MR. J. W. WARTNABY in the chair.

The Report of the Committee for the year 1889 was read by Colonel Bellairs, and was adopted and passed, as follows:—

### THE REPORT.

IN presenting to our Members the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Society, we have to lament the loss of several Members by death and resignation, and the new Members have not been sufficient in number to make up for the loss. It is earnestly requested that every Member will do his best to obtain fresh Members for the Society. Very few Papers have been read at the Bi-Monthly Meetings during the year, the most important being *Notes on the Early History of the Family of Bainbrigge*, by the Rev. J. H. BAINBRIGGE; and a Paper on *The Great Gateway of the Newarke, Leicester*, by Colonel BELLAIRS. Interesting drawings of this gateway have been prepared by Mr. A. T. Draper, illustrating both the exterior and interior of this building, which are intended to be published with the Paper in the Transactions of the Society this year. The very elaborate drawings made of the Jewry Wall have been photo-lithographed, and it is intended to issue copies thereof to this year's subscribers. These publications alone will be of more value than the amount of subscription. During the year some excavations made for new buildings between High Street and Silver Street disclosed the existence of a wall of Roman work running due east and west for a considerable distance, but was destroyed before it could be inspected. A fragment of Roman pavement was discovered in St. Nicholas Street, but was also unable to be inspected, being covered up again quickly, and used as the foundation of an anvil; and at the corner of Friar Lane the foundations of an old wall were discovered, which was also covered up or removed so soon that the character of the building could not be identified. From description it was probably Mediæval. There does not seem to have been anything of importance discovered during the excavations for the new sewers, but as these works were entirely outside both the Roman and Mediæval towns it was not expected that many very interesting antiquities would be found.

The work done at the old churches in the county this year has not been important. The following are the principal restorations:—At *Ashby Parva* church the tower has been restored, and the flooring of the nave repaired. At *Asfordby* church the top of the spire has been repaired. At *Belgrave* church the interior walls have been cleaned and repaired. At *Birstall* a memorial window to the late Vicar, the Rev. F. Richardson, has been inserted. At *Claybrook* the Wibtoft chapel has been re-roofed and re-seated. At *Cold Overton* the body of the church has been re-seated at the cost of the Right Honble. Lord Manners. At *Countesthorpe* the chancel has been renovated and a choir vestry built. At *Easton Magna* the chancel of the church has been restored, and a new east window inserted. At *Great Dalby* the west doorway of the tower and the window over have been well restored, at the expense of Mr. J. W. Wartnaby, one of the Committee of this Society. At *Kirby Bellars* church the south aisle has been partially restored, and the walls stripped of plaster and pointed. At *Leicester*, at the church of *St. Nicholas*, the north transept has been rebuilt. At *Ratby* the church has been re-floored and re-seated and a choir vestry made, and a new prayer desk and brass lectern and other furniture given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hope, of Bradgate House. At *Sileby* a new lectern has been provided for the church. At *Theddingworth* a memorial window to the late



The following gentlemen were duly elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year, in addition to *ex-officio* Members:—The Rev. W. C. Belgrave, Mr. S. Knight, Mr. T. Ingram, the Rev. W. H. Marriott, the Rev. W. B. Moore, Mr. F. Morley, Mr. G. C. Neale, Mr. T. Nevinson, Mr. A. H. Paget, the Rev. J. E. Stocks, the Rev. A. Trollope, Mr. J. W. Wartnaby, Mr. W. F. Johnson, the Rev. C. H. Wood, the Rev. E. Jackson, the Rev. T. W. Owen, the Rev. W. R. Mangan, the Rev. A. M. Rendell, Mr. R. H. Harding, and Mr. T. Harrold.

The following Hon. Local Secretaries were appointed:—Lutterworth district, the Rev. L. W. Wood, Dunton Bassett Rectory; Hinckley district, the Rev. R. Titley, Barwell Rectory.

The Hon. Secretaries of the Society were re-appointed, viz., Colonel G. C. Bellairs, the Newarke, Leicester (financial); the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, F.S.A., St. Michael's Vicarage, Shrewsbury (editorial); Mr. Wm. J. Freer, Local Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries, Stoneygate, Leicester (corresponding).

Mr. Thomas Holyland was re-elected Auditor.

VOICES of thanks were unanimously passed to the Mayor of Leicester, for so kindly permitting the Society to use the old Guild Hall for its Meetings; and to the Press, for reporting the proceedings of the Society.

It was RESOLVED "That a remonstrance be sent the Rev. H. J. Lomax, Vicar of Stoke Golding and Dadlington, and the Churchwardens, to preserve and repair the old wood Porch, and if possible restore the old Clerestory Windows."

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

BY THE CHAIRMAN:—An old silver Tea-pot, the property of J. H. Garner, Esq., certainly one of the oldest and probably the most ancient in existence. It bears the London hall mark, the date being 1691. The earliest Tea-pot mentioned by Cripps in his book on *Old English Plate* is 1697. The Tea-pot is about seven inches in height, and the circumference fourteen-and-a-half inches in the widest part, the form being oval. A loose cap, for measuring the tea, fits on to a sort of boss on the top of the lid, and has a capacity of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  drachms. Round the Tea-pot is an inscription: "The gift of Mr. George Liddell, to Mr. Wm. and Dorothy Kirke, 1701;" at the bottom are the initials "A.K." The weight with handle of ebony is  $17\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

BY THE REV. C. RODWELL:—A Box of mother of pearl and silver, carved with a representation of the Adoration of Magi; date unknown, probably 16th century. Also a small silver Box of repoussé work, representing the four seasons, in panel, and a group of figures on the top of the lid.

By S. KNIGHT, Esq.:—Two Peterborough Tokens, octagonal shape. *Obverse* (both): Two swords crossed between four daggers. *Reverse* of one, in five lines: "The Overseers halfpenny of Peterborough 1669." *Reverse* of the other, in six lines: "Peterborough halfe penny to be changed by the towne Bailife 1670."

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March 31st, 1890.

Mr. J. W. WARTNABY in the chair.

THE last publication of the Transactions of the St. Alban's Architectural and Archæological Society for 1888, presented by that Society, was laid on the table, and was ordered to be placed in the Library.

It was RESOLVED and directed that Mr. A. T. Draper be paid £21, for the plans and drawings of the Newarke Gateway and Trinity Hospital.

It was RESOLVED that the Annual Excursion of this Society should this year be a visit to Shrewsbury; and if this could not be arranged, that Ely or Cambridge should be considered.

The following new Members were duly elected:—T. K. Catchpole, Esq., The Fosse, Leicester; Rev. C. J. Reade, Theddingworth Vicarage, Rugby; Rev. T. C. V. Bastow, Little Peatling Rectory, Lutterworth.

It was RESOLVED that the Rev. Charles James Reade should be appointed Hon. Local Secretary for the Market Harborough District.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By MR THOS. HARROLD:—Photographs of the Churches of Stoke Golding, Elmsthorpe, Barwell, and Aston Flamville, and of the Ruins of the Norman Chapel of Hartshill Castle. These he presented to the Society.

By THE REV. LEWIS W. WOOD:—A very beautiful tortoise shell case, eight-and-a-half inches by five-and-a-half inches, containing three combs, also of tortoise shell, of the same size, so as to fit into the case; two having long teeth only on one side, and one with teeth on both sides; all made of the finest highly polished transparent shell, and engraved with well executed designs of tropical vegetation. The case being ornamented with engravings of Cocoa Palms, Cactus, Pines, &c., and on the front a coat of Arms, bearing:—Argent, a cross gules charged with five pines proper; and for a Crest on a knight's helmet on a wreath a crocodile (or alligator) passant; and Supporters, on the Dexter side, an