

INTRODUCTION

The Committee in issuing volume XII of the Transactions desire to express their thanks to all those members who, by contributions to the text or by the loan of photographs for reproduction, have assisted the Sub-committee responsible for publications; and they are especially grateful to Mr. Hamilton Thompson, who, in spite of his many pressing and important duties, has found time to write so exhaustive a description of Noseley chapel in medieval times. That Mr. Thompson should show his continued interest in the work of this Society by contributing an article on a subject which he has made peculiarly his own must be a matter of congratulation to all our members.

The articles contained in part II are intended to illustrate the two half-day excursions made by the Society in the summer of 1921. They should have included an account of Hallaton, a place full of interest, but this had to be omitted through considerations of expense. It is hoped that a description of Hallaton may be printed in a future volume.

With the exception of the article on Noseley which Mr. Hamilton Thompson, working upon Mr. Farnham's researches, has treated at length, the Sub-committee, for the financial reasons stated above, have been compelled to reduce the papers on Potters Marston, Frolesworth and Claybrooke to the smallest dimensions consistent with the accounts of those places being intelligible. It is hoped the plans and pedigrees printed with these papers will be found useful by the members.

The Committee take this opportunity of reminding members of the Society that the cost of publishing a volume of Transactions such as the present one entails a very large drain on the Society's income; they earnestly hope therefore that members will promote the welfare of the Society by getting as many of their friends as possible to join as members, otherwise future volumes of Transactions must be considerably curtailed, a contingency which the Committee would greatly regret.

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THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE 68th ANNUAL REPORT

Your Committee in presenting their Report for 1922 can once again congratulate the Society on increased activity, much useful and interesting work having been accomplished during the past year. The Meetings have been well attended, the papers read and exhibits being much appreciated.

We have lost by death the following valued members :—
Col. G. C. Bellairs, V.D., J.P., one of the Founders of the Society and a Vice-President. The Ven. Archdeacon Bowers, first elected in March 1902, resigning 1914, and re-elected a short time before his death. Lieut. Col. Richard Dalgleish, C.B., elected in March 1899. H. Howard Thompson, Esq., elected January, 1902. A. E. Hawley, Esq., late High Sheriff of Leicestershire, elected January, 1913. Rev. H. S. Holt, elected May 1918. James Wright, Esq., J.P., elected November, 1896 ; and Rev. J. Wallace Watts, elected January, 1914.

Seven members have resigned from the Society, Twenty-two new members have been elected during the year.

- In January :— Mr. C. H. Gee, St. Martin's, Leicester.
Mr. H. W. Lee, 30 Highfield Street, Leicester.
- In March :— W. Buckler, Esq., Thurmaston Hall, Leicester.
G. C. Turner, Esq., The Beeches, Stoneygate,
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Rev. B. C. F. Andrews, Thurlaston Rectory,
Hinckley.
- In April :— Mr. Edgar Backus, 46 Cank Street, Leicester
- In June :— Rev. L. H. Pearson, Rothley Vicarage,
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- In July :— Mr. M. H. Barradell, 171 London Road,
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Mr. G. P. Main, Park Road, Loughborough.
Mr. A. E. Tyler, The Elms, Quorn, Lough-
borough.
- In November :—Mr. H. F. Henderson, Felday, Morland
Avenue, Leicester.

The annual excursion took place on July 17th, Clifton Camp-ville, Lichfield and Tamworth being visited by many members under the able guidance of Canon Winckley, and was much appreciated.

* During the year the following papers were read or lectures given :—

- In January :— Lecture on "Breedon Church," by the late
Rev. J. Wallace Watts, illustrated by slides
prepared by Mr. T. E. Routh.

- In May :— An exhibition of Photographs of local interest with descriptions, belonging to the Leicester and Leicestershire Photographic Society, by Mr. A. E. Baker.
- In July :— Lecture on "The Herricks," by the Rev. Canon S. T. Winckley, M.A., R.D.
- In September :—Lecture on "French Flamboyant Architecture," illustrated by lantern slides, by H. W. Bidlake, Esq., M.A.
- In November :—A Paper on "The Predecessors and Coadjutors of John Nichols the Leicestershire Historian," prepared by C. J. Billson, Esq., M.A., and read by Canon S. T. Winckley.

During the year 1922, Part 2 of Vol. XXXV, of Reports and Papers, also No. 1, The Year's work in Archæology, 1921, as issued by the Congress of Archæological Societies, have been distributed to members. In addition to these publications, Part 1, of Vol. XII, of our own Transactions dealing with the Preceptory, the manorial and ecclesiastical history of Rothley, and Star Chamber Proceedings relating to Leicester and the Forest of Leicester temp. Henry VIII, has been issued and distributed. The last-named publication, the joint labours of six prominent members, in style and quality of printing, and in the completeness of the parochial history included, is admittedly the finest part so far issued, and reflects much credit on the Sub-committee who had charge of its production.

Mention must be made of the inception and success during the past year of the Endowment Fund, for special research work, consequent upon the spontaneous proposal and offer of Mr. H. S. Bennett, supported by Mr. T. H. Fosbrooke and others. This promises to be a valuable asset to the Society.

During the year the Society has taken an active part in promoting the successfully launched scheme for raising funds to carry out important restoration work at Peterborough Cathedral.

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No important discoveries of local interest have been reported to the Society during 1922.

The proposition to widen Peacock Lane, and the threatened destruction of the existing portion of the Grey Friars wall abutting on that thoroughfare, is still in abeyance.

At the Annual Meeting held March 27th, 1922, Mr. G. E. Newill was unanimously appointed Hon. Treasurer of the Society. The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Newill for his painstaking and successful efforts in collecting so many outstanding arrears and getting the accounts into excellent order.

Owing to the continual growth of the Society and the additional work placed upon the Hon. Secretaries, and the Hon. Treasurer, a sub-committee was appointed to consider the desirability of having an Assistant Secretary. In October, 1922, this sub-committee recommended the appointment of Mr. H. Hartopp, as Assistant Secretary, until the Annual Meeting of 1923, the payment for his services to be at the rate of £20 per annum. This the General Committee approved at their meeting on October 30th, 1922.

It is gratifying to be able to report that at the close of the year 1922 the names of 305 subscribing members remained on the register.

At a meeting of the Society held on January 29th, 1923, the following resolution was passed unanimously, and was afterwards conveyed to Mrs. Watts:—

“The Committee and Members of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society wish to record their sincere regret for the loss by death of the Rev. J. Wallace Watts, Rector of South Croxton and Vicar of Gaddesby. He was one of the most energetic and valued supporters of the Society. Of his good humoured spirit and willingness at all times to employ his great ability, especially as a Lecturer, in promoting its efficiency, they cannot speak too highly. His successful efforts to increase the general interest in Leicestershire antiquities will be remembered by all.”

RESTORATION WORK IN 1922

THE OLD TOWN HALL, LEICESTER

The most interesting restoration work of the past year has been that done at the Old Town Hall. This is still proceeding, and at least another twelve months must elapse before it can be completed.

For bringing the unsatisfactory condition of this ancient monument to the notice of the Estates Committee, our Society is much indebted to Mr. Councillor Snow, upon whose initiative the Committee instructed Mr. T. H. Fosbrooke, F.S.A., one of our members, to inspect the buildings and furnish a report. This was received on the 10th February, 1922, by the Committee, who on the 28th presented their own report to the City Council as follows:—

“Your Committee have carefully considered the report and recommend the Council to include a sum of £1,000 in the estimates for General District Rates for the ensuing year to enable an exhaustive examination of the building to be made and such work as may be absolutely necessary for the preservation of the same to be at once proceeded with.”

This recommendation was adopted and carried unanimously by the Council, and in the following month work was commenced.

Mr. Fosbrooke had pointed out in his report the terrible state of decay into which the building had fallen, but it was soon discovered that the condition was far worse than had been anticipated. Some portions were actually dangerous, and it was marvellous how the place had held together.

The work had to be carried on by quite a small number of men, and as a matter of fact only four were employed, for one small portion had to be made safe before another could be begun.

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Oak beams had been turned into dust by the ravages of beetles, and decay and dry rot were everywhere manifest. A very bad settlement, caused by a leaky downright and visible to this day, had occurred in a storey-post of the Mayor's Parlour; tenons had been drawn completely out of their mortices; and in one case a great beam, supposed to be carrying one of the trusses in the roof, was found, on the stucco being removed, to have entirely rotted through at the base, so that it could be swung like a pendulum.

We hope next year to be able to give a full account of the work done, together with a history of the old Hall; at present it will be enough to note a few of the interesting facts disclosed in the course of the work already accomplished:—

1. The Great Hall is of two dates, the eastern part having been erected about 1400, and the rest 60 or 70 years later.
2. Before 1586, the whole of the western side of the building consisted of one large room, open from end to end and from floor to ridge; in that year, the Mayor's Parlour and the rooms over it were constructed by order of the governing body of the town.
3. The staircase block was built in 1586, to give access to the room over the Mayor's Parlour and to the floor in the roof.
4. In 1842 the Petty Sessions were removed from the Exchange to the Gildhall, and the newly organised Police Force was housed there at the same time. The effect of these innovations was disastrous to the building, for which no respect was shown. The Grand Jury Gallery, the stone staircase to the library, the library and hall chimney-breasts, the old heating apparatus, the cells beneath the library, the Chief Constable's house, etc., are all of this period and tell their own tale. It is probable that some of the present wood panelling was brought from the Exchange.
5. In 1876, the Corporation left the Gildhall for the present Municipal Buildings. Since then, a new roof has been

placed over the old roof of the Hall, which in other respects is pretty much as it was then, except that the process of decay has had an additional half-century in which to operate.

CASTLE DONINGTON

Church of St. Edward, King and Martyr

The elegant fourteenth century spire of this church, rising about a hundred feet above the tower, is of grey sandstone, octagonal in form, plain and slender, and without enrichment. It is pierced by eight openings facing the cardinal points of the compass, four being single lights about a third of the way down, and four are two-light openings, at about a seventh of the total height above the parapet. A century ago it was found to be in need of repair, and some excellent work was done by a native of the village named George Garton, who rebuilt the structure to the extent of about 25 feet; unfortunately, however, leaving a slight bulge on the south-east side. The repair held good until 1888, when a builder was employed without architectural supervision, with very unfortunate results, a recent examination revealing a serious condition, to remedy which considerable work has been carried out by Mr. Akiens, of Burton-on-Trent, under the direction of Messrs. Currey and Thompson, Architects, Derby. It was found necessary to take down about 12 feet of the spire. Iron cramps which had been built in, in 1888, had rusted, opening the joints and fracturing the stones. New stone was required, and a Tansley Moor grit was adopted. The apex stone has been replaced by one similar to that which existed in 1820 and as shown by old prints. A copper rod, in place of an iron one, runs down the centre of the spire a distance of some 25 feet, where it passes through a strong oak frame. A large copper ball, which was fixed below the weather-cock in 1888, not being part of the original design, has been done away with. Nine years ago the spire was pointed with mastic cement, but as the joints were not sufficiently raked out, the work was

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a failure. The condition of the mediæval mortar has, however, proved to be the greatest trouble. It was found on examination that the jointing material had perished, and new cement was forced in through the total thickness of ten inches by raking out on both sides. Attention was also given to the stonework at the base of spire next an old settlement, in a similar way. No movement has since taken place.

The cost of the repairs, including a new weather-cock and lightning conductor, is about £440.

LOCKINGTON

Church of St. Nicholas

To what extent the abbot and convent of St. Mary de Pratis, Leicester, who were impropiators and large land owners in Lockington, were concerned in building this church, is not known definitely. The similarity of its tower with that of Youlgrave, where the abbey owned Meadowplec Grange and a large tract of land, suggests a common origin, at least in the erection of the towers. The beautiful fourteenth century inserted window on the south side of Lockington church might also be attributed to the work of the abbey.

Within the last five years it has been found necessary to undertake considerable repairs to the structure of this church. A settlement on the south side of the chancel was arrested by placing concrete under the walls, and the upper part of the east gable has been taken down and rebuilt. The beautiful window referred to was found to be too distorted for renovation or removal, but such repair and reglazing as was possible was carefully done. Removal of some comparatively modern plaster revealed a fine single-framed thirteenth century roof, which in the course of necessary repair has been faithfully reproduced, much of the old timber being re-used, and the old Swithland slates replaced. This roof formerly had no tie-beams, but two have now been inserted, in view of the settlement of the walls.

Last year the roof of the nave was dealt with. This is a fine fifteenth century double-framed firred roof. That is to say, the slope to the ridge is built up by laying wedge-shaped furring pieces on the straight, or but slightly cambered tie-beams. The tie-beams were found to be rotten at the ends, and were in part replaced by new timber with the old mouldings.

The lead covering was re-cast and re-used. At some period unknown the roof was re-boarded lengthwise; but rebates were found parallel with the rafters and the original arrangement has been reverted to. A cradle has been constructed to support the remainder of the roof until funds will permit the completion of the work.

Messrs. Currey and Thompson, of Derby, have been the architects concerned throughout the repairs.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE
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		RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
1921.					
Dec. 31.	To Balance	21	17	5
	„ Subscriptions and Donations including Arrears	394	12	0
	„ Proceeds of Sale of Transactions	...	2	15	0
	„ Interest on £100 Leicester Corporation 3% Stock	2	4	0

(Subscriptions Outstanding, £5).

£421 8 5

I have examined the above Statement of Receipts and Payments with the Banker's Pass Book and Vouchers and certify same as correct.

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the 12 Months ended 31st December 1922

	PAYMENTS.			
1922.		£	s.	d.
	By SUBSCRIPTIONS :—			
	„ Archaeological Congress	1	0	0
	„ British Numismatic Society	1	1	0
	„ Canterbury and York Society	1	1	0
	„ Lincoln Record Society	1	1	0
	„ Congress of Archæological Societies	2	18	6
				7 1 6
	„ COST OF TRANSACTIONS :—			
	„ Printing	213	15	0
	„ Photographs	10	19	0
	„ Distribution	5	19	7
				230 13 7
	„ Associated Societies Reports and Papers (1921)			59 10 0
	„ General Printing			30 17 0
	„ Lantern for Lectures			0 15 0
	„ Travelling Expenses (Lecturer)			0 15 0
	„ RENT :—			
	„ Old Town Hall	2	10	0
	„ Church House	2	5	0
				4 15 0
	„ Caretaker—Old Town Hall			2 10 0
	„ Postages			6 6 0
	„ Bank Charges			2 10 3
				345 13 4
	„ Total Outgoings for the year 1922			345 13 4
	DEBTS OUTSTANDING AT DATE OF LAST ACCOUNT, PAID DURING 1922.			
	Associated Societies Reports and Papers (1920)	59	10	0
	Lantern for Lectures	2	5	0
	General Printing	8	18	6
				70 13 6
Dec. 31.	Balance in hand			5 1 7
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4.—The Patron, President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Society, and their election shall be subject to their payment of the Annual Subscription.

5.—The Members of the Society shall be entitled to propose new Members, either by letter or personally, to be elected at the Committee Meetings; and Honorary Members shall be ladies or gentlemen who have either rendered signal service to the Society, or are specially learned in the subjects the study of which it is formed to encourage, and shall be nominated by the Committee at one of their Meetings, and proposed for election only at the General Annual Meeting of the Members to be held in March of each year.

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17.—The Committee may every year publish, or join with other Architectural and Archæological Societies in publishing, for circulation among the Members, Transactions to contain descriptions and Papers connected with the objects of the Society.

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