

THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL
SOCIETY

THE 78th ANNUAL REPORT 1932

In presenting their Report for 1932, your Committee are glad to be able to say that the Society held its own throughout that generally trying period, and that the efficiency of its various departments was well maintained. During the year, the following ladies and gentlemen were elected to membership :—

- In January :— Mr. Ernest S. Randle, The Nook, Priesthills,
Hinckley
- In February :— The Earl of Dysart, Buckminster Park,
Grantham
- In March :— Mrs. C. A. Houston, The Ridgeway, Rothley,
Leicester
Mr. Alfred Ernest Rowlett, 160 London Road,
Leicester
- In April :— Miss E. J. Sloane, Charnwood House, University
Road, Leicester
- In May :— Dr. G. F. Bradley, Lutterworth
- In June :— Miss Florence Edith Astill, Cossington,
Leicester
- In July :— Mrs. Arnold Viccars, The Homestead, Rothley,
Leicester
Mr. C. E. J. Freer, 10 New Street, Leicester
- In September :—Mr. W. B. Jarvis, Treroose, Manor Road,
Leicester
Miss M. Wilshere, The Old House, Kirby
Muxloe, Leicester.
- In October :— Mr. H. O. Wilshere, Greenways, Kirby Muxloe,
Leicester
Mr. William Coleman, The Lindens, Stoughton
Road, Leicester
- In November :—Mr. R. Stuart Smith, Thornhill, Hamilton
Drive, Melton Mowbray

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Mr. G. S. Ingles, A.R.C.A., was also elected at the November meeting as an honorary member for the term of his office as Principal of the Leicester College of Arts and Crafts, between which and our Society a friendly and (we trust) mutually advantageous relationship has existed for many years. Mr. Ingles and his predecessors have been very helpful to the Society in the past, as have several members of the College staff, and it is to be hoped that an association which has proved to be so happy and useful will long continue.

In the course of the year, sixteen members resigned, and we have to deplore the loss by death of Mr. J. T. Thorp, Mr. H. J. Grace, Major W. J. Freer, Canon A. O. James and Mr. Charles J. Billson. As Major Freer and Canon James were old and esteemed members of the Committee, and Mr. Billson was a very distinguished classical scholar, man of letters and local historian, we must at this point give a short account of each of them :—

Major Freer

Major William Jesse Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., who was born in 1853 and died on the 12th of July, 1932, was the eldest son of the Rev. William Thomas Freer, for many years rector of Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, by Rose, youngest daughter of the Rev. W. Jesse, sometime vicar of Margaretting, Essex. He was articled to his grandfather, William Freer, Clerk of the Peace for the county of Leicester, in 1869, and was admitted a solicitor in 1875, when he joined the firm of Freer and Co., of which he was destined to be for many years the chief partner. In 1890, he married Helen, younger daughter of William G. Johnson, of Vancouver, British Columbia, who survives him. He became a member of the Archæological Society on the 10th of July, 1876, and about eighteen months later was appointed Honorary Secretary, a position which he continued to hold with credit until his death. In the early days of his connection with the Society, its affairs were controlled by James Thompson, Thomas North and William Kelly, all of whom were diligent researchers and, for their period, capable local historians. Thompson died in 1877, North in the early part of the next decade, and Kelly about 1890. After the death of Kelly, and the almost simultaneous removal from Leicestershire of the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, the most promising of its younger members, the Society fell into compara-

tive inactivity, so far as original research was concerned, and remained in that condition until some eighteen years ago, when Mr. Hamilton Thompson, who was then living at Gretton, consented to undertake the duties of Honorary Editorial Secretary. Major Freer was not, and did not pretend to be, a specially learned archaeologist or historian. He was, however, deeply imbued with antiquarian feeling, and it was largely, if not entirely, owing to his enthusiasm and steadiness of purpose that the Society was still in existence when the services of Mr. Hamilton Thompson became available. Inspired and directed by that great medievalist, and under the subsequent leadership of Mr. George Farnham, the Society has accomplished great things and acquired a high reputation. Who shall say that this would have been possible if William Jesse Freer had not so persistently been faithful to what he conceived to be his trust?

Mr. C. J. Billson

Mr. Charles James Billson, who died on the 9th of November, 1932, at Weald House, Heathfield, Sussex, where he had lived for the last eight or ten years, was born at Leicester seventy-four years ago. His paternal grandfather was manager of Pares's (now the Westminster) Bank, and his father, William Billson, was a member of the legal firm of which Samuel Stone, author of *The Justice's Manual*, and for nearly fifty years Town Clerk of Leicester, was the head. William Billson, a quiet man with literary tastes, married Mary Stone, one of the many children of his noted senior partner. Mr. C. J. Billson, after being at a preparatory school at Bilton, near Rugby, went to Winchester, and thence proceeded to Corpus Christi college, Oxford, where Arthur Sidgwick, a distinguished Greek scholar, was his tutor. Of the next stages in his career, the late Mr. William Simpson, his cousin and contemporary, very obligingly gave us the following particulars:—"C. J. Billson was articled at Stone's *after* me, as he stayed on at Oxford for his degree. He told me he disliked the law, and even the quiet conveyancing work troubled him. Upon his father's death, he was well off and could give his time to a leisurely life and literature. As I had not kept up my classics, I seldom talked to him on this special subject; but, as to English novels and literature, I valued his opinion highly. We took

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advantage of him at the Literary and Philosophical Society, where he gave several delightful lectures." Mr. Billson married a daughter of the late Mr. William Spencer, a mining engineer of Leicester. During the earlier part of his married life, he lived first in a house near St. John's church, Stoneygate, and afterwards at the Wayside, Oadby. After his retirement from legal practice, he lived for several years at Eastbourne, and then settled at Heathfield. He is survived by Mrs. Billson and two daughters.

Mr. Billson's chief contributions to the history of Leicester are *Mediaeval Leicester* (1920), *Leicester Memoirs* (1924), and a paper entitled "The Open Fields of Leicester", which appeared in the fourteenth volume of our Society's *Transactions*. In 1911, an admirable essay of his, called "Vestiges of Paganism in Leicestershire", was printed in *Memorials of Old Leicestershire*. Several years before this, he had edited a collection of Leicestershire folklore, which has not been superseded. In all these writings, the same high standard is maintained. They contain a vast amount of accurate information, derived from various sources, concerning old Leicester, and the ancient customs and traditions that tell of its remote past, presented in an easy and scholarly style that is always exactly suited to the matter in hand. His publications are indispensable to all who wish to form a sane and well-proportioned idea of Leicester's evolution, from the earliest times of which there is any record or tradition until the end of the nineteenth century. They represent an immense amount of research and penetrating study, cheerfully undertaken and carried through in the best spirit of English scholarship.

Though it is with Mr. Billson's historical writings only that the members of this Society, as such, are concerned, we must not bring this short account of him to an end without making some reference to his very notable achievements in the sphere of classical scholarship. We cannot do this more conveniently than by quoting from a communication sent to *The Times*, and printed on the 14th of November, 1932, by Dr. L. R. Farnell, who had known him well for more than fifty years. Dr. Farnell writes that his old friend's "chief ambition was to reveal to his countrymen the treasures of Greece and Rome through the medium of an attractive English presentation. When I was his guest at Leicester in our early bachelor days, I found him conducting a small class of artisans, to whom he had succeeded in teaching

enough Greek to enjoy Aristophanes. This suggested to him to translate the *Acharnians*, for which his literary skill, his metrical versatility, and above all his strong and racy sense of humour equipped him. I have always regarded that work as competing on equal terms with Frere's and Rogers's translations. But more impressive and ambitious was his rendering of the *Aeneid* in blank verse, published together with the Latin text in two volumes in 1906, which was pronounced by Frederic Harrison to be the best English version of the mighty epic that had appeared for more than a generation. Whether it is the greatest that our language possesses or not, it comes nearer to the original than any I have known in stateliness and nobility.

“But most will think that his *chef d'œuvre* is his translation of Pindar's works in 1931, with a Greek text of beautiful fount and with all the magnificence that the artistry of bookbinding and daring modern illumination can give. As an English work it is delightful, composed in rhyming lyric metres with great richness and sweetness; but when afterwards we were discussing together the best method of rendering Pindar, he told me that he had come to the opinion that his own was too luscious. And, fascinating as it is, his Virgil may be found to stand nearer to the truth of the great original. At any rate, these English renderings of two great masters of poetry have won him a foremost place among our translators. And his society and conversation quickened and diffused the feeling of poetry in others, while his bright and genial temperament enhanced the charm of his literary gifts.”

All that need be added to this is that Mr. Billson made many valuable and original contributions to literature and scholarship which cannot be particularly noted here, and that he was a most delightful letter writer. He was keenly alive to the beauty of nature and the changing seasons, and he once described himself, in a personal letter, as an “incorrigible optimist”.

Canon A. O. James

(By L. H. Irvine)

The death, on the 3rd of August, of Canon Arthur Oswel James, at the age of eighty-three, deprived the Society of a member who for nearly a quarter of a century had taken an active and useful part in its affairs. Educated at Shrewsbury, under Kennedy,

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and at Lincoln College, Oxford, Canon James took holy orders on graduating in 1872. He served curacies at Stoney Stanton, Narborough, and Hinckley, and then became vicar of Long Buckby, Northamptonshire, in 1879. Twelve years later, he accepted the living of All Saints', Leicester, but relinquished it in 1895, and became rector of Bugbrooke, and, later, vicar of Stantonbury. He came to Wanlip in 1908, and with his arrival there began his association with the Society.

He would have been the last to claim to be a profound archæologist; his value to the Society lay in his general culture, his interest, and his ability as a chairman, in which capacity he did good service. He was frequently called upon to preside in the days before a regular Chairman was appointed, and he maintained debating order with a pleasant efficiency, rebuking discursiveness with a smart rap of his pencil-case on the table, which was as effective as it was characteristic. He last signed the attendance-book at the Annual Meeting in March, 1932.

Canon James had other interests also. In his Long Buckby days, he taught his parishioners to play hockey with considerable success; and he never lost his enthusiasm for cricket. He and his elder brother, the President of St. John's College, Oxford, who predeceased him by a few months, exchanged visits summer after summer to watch the matches in the Parks and on our County ground, where the two old gentlemen might be seen in early July, full of indignation if their view was obstructed.

He was a keen gardener, too, and the quiet surroundings of his rectory gave him scope for this pleasantest of hobbies; he delighted to show his flowers, and to discuss them with any like-minded enthusiast. His many interests and his geniality made him a delightful host, and those of us who were privileged to visit him in his home will especially miss him.

Always methodical, he set down on paper all that he wished to be done at his decease, enduring his last illness and increasing weakness with characteristic courage and Christian fortitude. He was buried near the south porch of the little church where he had served for nearly a quarter of a century, among a large company of mourners being several representatives of the Society. *Requiescat.*

L. H. I.

Transactions

The first part of volume xvii of the Society's *Transactions* was delivered to members early in December. In addition to the Committee's report and the Honorary Treasurer's statement of accounts, the contents were as follows:—

- i. *Prestwold and its Hamlets in Medieval Times*, by George F. Farnham, F.S.A., with photographic illustrations.
- ii. *An Old Hazlerigg Deed*, transcribed by Miss A. P. Deeley, M.A., with a short introduction by S. H. Skillington.
- iii. *The Manor of Peckleton*: (1) *Introduction*, by S. H. Skillington, and (2) *Documentary Abstracts*, by George F. Farnham, M.A., F.S.A., with architectural notes on the church, and a drawing and four plans, by Albert Herbert, F.R.I.B.A.

These papers and architectural plans make up a very satisfactory part, and the Society's thanks are due to the various contributors. The photographic illustrations are, as usual, excellent.

Lectures

The following lectures were delivered in the course of the year:—

- 25 January:—The Muniment Room and its Documents, by Miss A. P. Deeley, M.A.
- 23 May:—Wood Engraving, by Mr. A. E. Christopherson, A.R.C.A., of the Leicester College of Arts and Crafts, with lantern illustrations.
- 25 July:—Rothley Church, by Mr. Albert Herbert, F.R.I.B.A., and Rothley Temple, by Mr. George F. Farnham, F.S.A.
- 31 October:—The Development of Architecture, by Mr. George Nott, F.R.I.B.A., of the Leicester College of Arts and Crafts, with lantern illustrations.

Miss Deeley delivered her address at the Leicester Museum, where the January bi-monthly meeting was held. She afterwards showed the members present over the new Muniment Room, which forms part of a comprehensive extension of the Museum designed by Mr. Albert Herbert, and exhibited several old records in illustration of her remarks. The address was very capable and instructive, and the members were much interested in the various

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documents Miss Deeley showed to them. It is generally agreed that the Muniment Room is a valuable addition to Leicester's permanent institutions, and that the Society have every reason to be satisfied with the part they took in bringing about its foundation. Mr. George Farnham and Mr. Charles Squire, it was felt, were especially to be congratulated upon the result of their efforts. The scientific study of local history will be greatly facilitated if the committee governing the Muniment Room and the representatives of our Society continue to work together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness. The addresses of Mr. Herbert and Mr. Farnham were delivered on the occasion of the Society's visit to Rothley, which will be described below. Mr. Christopherson and Mr. Nott, both of whom have expert knowledge and are capital speakers, delivered their lectures to appreciative audiences assembled at the Church House, Leicester, for the usual bi-monthly meetings. The Society has been very fortunate in being able to maintain such a high standard in this department of its activities.

Excursions

Two happily conceived summer outings were arranged and carried through by Mr. Ralph Bedingfield and his colleagues of the Excursions sub-committee. The first of these, on the 29th of June, was to Grantham, Colsterworth and Buckminster. After inspecting the church at Grantham, under the guidance of Canon A. A. Markham, the party of forty-nine members and friends had lunch at the famous Angel hotel, which is as fine an old inn as any that survives in England. Mr. Outram Tristram, in his *Coaching Days and Coaching Ways*, tells us that it was undoubtedly one of those *Maisons du Roi*, as they were styled, which were placed at the special service of kings and their retinues as they passed through the country on royal progresses or other state business. The same lively gleaner after time also relates that "here, on October 19th, 1483, Richard the Third signed the death-warrant of the Duke of Buckingham. This in itself is an appetizing fact to an imaginative traveller. It is not often, I fancy, that one can smoke the pipe of peace under a floor which creaked four hundred years ago to the strides of a hunchbacked and irritable king. I thought I heard Richard's voice myself when I was last at Grantham, and the beautiful moulding in the

oriel window of the Angel smoking-room gave life to the illusion." It is not probable that any of our members or their friends "heard Richard's voice"; but they all admired the oriel window and other features of this ancient hostelry. After lunch, the company went to Colsterworth, where the church was described to them by the Rev. G. E. Mahon. From Colsterworth, they proceeded to Woolsthorpe, the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton, and then to Buckminster. At this place, their very able conductor was Mr. Wilfred Bond, F.R.I.B.A., of Grantham. Buckminster church has an octagonal tower of beautiful white stone and several other interesting features. The Hall, which is the seat of Lord Dysart, is a fine Georgian house, standing in a pretty park; and the members welcomed the privilege of rambling about the gardens and grounds, from which good views of the surrounding country may be obtained. Tea was taken at the Dysart Arms. The weather was perfect all through the day, and there was general agreement that the excursion had more than fulfilled expectations.

The second outing, on the 25th of July, was a half-day excursion to Rothley. The fifty-five people who took part in this assembled in Rothley church at half-past two, to hear Mr. Albert Herbert explain the structure of the building and the order of its development. The original Norman church, he said, consisted of a nave and western tower, which occupied the positions of the present nave and tower. These were never entirely destroyed, though continual alterations and additions have obscured most of the Norman work. He was able to point out certain Norman features in the east wall of the tower and in the bases of the piers on the south side of the nave. The north aisle, built about 1170, he showed to be closely allied to the Norman in feeling, though the pointed arches of the arcade and the forked tracery of the windows suggest that the work was done in the thirteenth century. When he had reached this stage in his exposition, Mr. Herbert, who understands the value of ocular demonstration and is ingenious in his methods, produced a small model of the Norman nave and tower, to which he added models of the twelfth-century north aisle and the thirteenth-century south aisle, showing first its sloping roof and then its later more pointed one. While he was putting in position the second instalment of the thirteenth-century chancel, it was noticed that his model of the tower had

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disappeared. When this had been retrieved from an obscure corner of a pew, and placed where it ought to be, the members were able to form a clear impression of what the church looked like before the fifteenth-century builders added the clerestory and altered the tower. In conclusion, Mr. Herbert spoke about the very beautiful chancel screen, which had been judiciously repaired at the expense of Mrs. Broadhurst, the Kyngston tomb, and the various other sepulchral monuments in the church. The party then went round the interior of the church, which they were able to consider in the light of Mr. Herbert's remarks. As the rain was falling sharply, they showed no disposition to linger in the churchyard to inspect the exterior of the building, but hurried on to the Temple, where several people had already come together to hear Mr. Farnham deliver an address upon the manor and chapel of Rothley, and the Knights Templars and Knights Hospitallers. When his audience had settled down, Mr. Farnham, who appeared to be in capital form, said :—

There were three great military Orders existing in the twelfth century for the defence of the Latin kingdom of Jerusalem :—(1) The Teutonic Knights, with whom we are not concerned now; (2) the Knights of the Order of the Temple, commonly called Knights Templars; and (3) the Knights of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, commonly known as the Knights Hospitallers. The order which concerns us most was that of the Knights Templars, so I will begin with them.

The Knights Templars were started in the year 1118 by nine French knights. The order was a military one from its origin, inasmuch as its earliest members banded themselves together for the express purpose of giving armed protection to the numerous pilgrims who, after the first Crusade, flocked to Jerusalem and the other sacred sites connected with the life and death of the Saviour in the Holy Land.

The Templars took the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and depending solely on the alms of the faithful, they were termed "Poor Knights". At one time their poverty was so great that only one horse was allowed to every two knights, a condition portrayed on their seals, where two knights are seen riding on one horse.

The order consisted of (1) knights, (2) chaplains, and (3) men at arms. The knights were either bound for life or for a

fixed period, and were the only members entitled to wear the white mantle. Married brethren were admitted, but no women might enter the Order.

The knights wore a white mantle, to which a red cross was added on the left breast in 1166 by order of Pope Eugenius III. Their special objects, you will remember, were to protect pilgrims on their way from the coast to the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem, and also to wage perpetual war against the infidel in defence of the Cross. Baldwin, king of Jerusalem, assigned them quarters in his palace in that city. This palace was also known as Solomon's Temple, and it is from this that the Templars took their name.

Owing to the fame of the Templars and their feats of arms in the Holy Land, the sons of the nobility in France and England and other countries enrolled themselves as members of the Order, which became so famous that lands and riches were showered upon the Templars in almost every country to such a degree that they soon became as noted for their wealth as they were formerly for their poverty. They first established themselves in England about the year 1140, in Holborn, but migrated to Fleet Street, where their establishment, called the Temple, though long converted to other uses, still remains.

Although the headquarters of the Templars were in Palestine, to carry out the objects for which they were enrolled, they erected on some of their English estates buildings known as preceptories, dependent on the Temple in London.

These preceptories were principally used for supplying revenue to the Order, who lent large sums of money occasionally to the kings of France and England. From their start in 1118 until 1291, the Templars were continually waging war in the Holy Land with varying, but, as time went on, declining success. By degrees they lost all their strongholds, the last to fall being Acre in 1291. Their Grandmaster, William de Beaujeu, was slain, and the few surviving Templars elected a new master, and, forcing their way to the sea-shore, sailed for Cyprus, which became the headquarters of the Order. The ostensible reason for the existence of the Templars was gone after 1291, but the Order continued for a few years longer in the enjoyment of their great wealth, and it was probably owing to their riches that the Order of Templars was abolished.

The prime mover in the extinction of the Templars was Philip IV, king of France, who had, no doubt, a greedy eye on the possessions of the Order. Having by his influence secured the election of Clement V, as Pope in 1305, Philip prevailed on him to become a consenting party to the contemplated suppression, and on 14th September, 1307, Philip issued orders for the arrest of all the Templars in France, which was carried out with great brutality. In the same year Pope Clement wrote to Edward II, king of England, to arrest all the English Templars, who were accordingly seized on 10th January, 1308. They were accused, but never convicted, of various crimes and blasphemies, and in 1312 Pope Clement entirely suppressed the whole Order of Templars, and transferred their property to the Knights Hospitallers.

Before we finish entirely with the Templars I must relate how they came to Rothley.

Rothley was a royal manor, and in the year 1231 King Henry the Third, who had a great affection for the Templars, gave them the manor, soke and advowson of Rothley; shortly afterwards the Templars established at Rothley one of the preceptories which I have already mentioned. Very little information concerning this preceptory has survived, but if we are to judge by the inventory of the Templars' effects at Rothley at the time of the dissolution of the Order in 1309, the establishment at Rothley must have been a small one. I notice among the items enumerated that there was only one washing basin among them. This might perhaps be expected, as personal cleanliness was not a strong point in those days, and they had the stream to wash in on occasions, but I am surprised that no beds (which were valuable pieces of furniture in those days) are mentioned.

The chapel was erected about 1240, and alterations were made (chiefly to the roof and east window) by the Hospitallers about two centuries later. Its internal dimensions are 47 feet 5 inches long by 19 feet 5 inches wide; 20 feet in height from the floor to the eaves and 36 feet from the floor to the ridge. The only entrance now into the chapel is from the tower by a small Early English doorway in the south wall towards the west end.

The building is lighted by three Early English windows in the north wall, three in the south wall, a single window in the west wall, and a large one, of much later date, in the east wall. All these windows, with the exception of the east window, are of

similar design, consisting of long single narrow lancets with trefoil heads, having wide splayed jambs internally around each of which runs a bold roll moulding. The internal arches are so slightly pointed in the heads that they approach almost to the segmental. These seven windows are beautiful examples of the Early English style, and remain the original work of the Templars.

The east window is a combination of the original Early English window of the Templars with subsequent alterations made by the Hospitallers in the Perpendicular period about 1400. The original window consisted of three lancets side by side, the central lancet being higher than the side ones. In order to obtain the maximum amount of light without increasing the width of the opening, the whole central portion between the jambs was removed and filled with the present lighter and much restored tracery of the fifteenth century. The capitals, shafts and bases of the Early English window are still visible in the masonry of the present window.

The Order of Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, commonly called "Knights Hospitallers," was not originally a military one. It was established by some merchants of Amalfi, in Italy, for the purpose of affording hospitality to the pilgrims. They were permitted by the Caliph of Egypt to build a church and monastery near the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. A reception-house or hospital was shortly added with a chapel dedicated to St. John the Baptist. After the Christians became masters of Jerusalem the Hospitallers formed themselves into a distinct society, at which time (1099) they took a vow that they would perpetually defend the Holy Sepulchre, wage war against the infidel, and observe the rule of St. Augustine. Their badge, which they wore on their black robes, was a white cross. Their kindness to the sick and wounded soldiers of the first Crusade made them popular, and wealthy crusaders endowed them with estates. They were termed Knights of the Hospital, or Knights of St. John from their patron saint. They were given certain privileges by the Popes, but they were forbidden, having once entered the Order, to return to the world or even to embrace any other religious institution.

The Hospitallers first established themselves in England in 1100 at Clerkenwell. After the expulsion of the Christians from Palestine in 1291, the Hospitallers retired to Cyprus, and later on (1309) conquered the island of Rhodes, where they remained

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until finally driven out, by Solyman II, in 1522. The Emperor Charles V then gave them the island of Malta (1530), after which they were called Knights of Malta.

The Hospitallers held the manor of Rothley for more than two hundred years, much longer than the Templars, who only held the manor for seventy years. The dissolution of the Hospitallers took effect in 1540, and twenty-five years later Rothley Temple passed by sale to the family of Babington. In 1893 Mr. Merttens bought the Temple estate.

At the conclusion of Mr. Farnham's address, those who wished to do so went to see the room in which Thomas Babington Macaulay was born. Tea was then served in a comfortable and waterproof marquee. In the course of the bi-monthly meeting, which began as soon as the meal was over, Mr. Farnham, in a sympathetic speech, moved that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. W. J. Freer upon the recent death of her husband. The motion was appropriately seconded by Colonel Martin, and all signified their assent by standing in respectful silence. Mr. Farnham then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Broadhurst for their kindness in inviting and welcoming the party to the Temple, and giving so much of their time to them while they were there. The resolution was carried with enthusiasm; and, the weather having cleared, a pleasant stroll through the gardens was enjoyed before the hour for departure arrived.

The General Committee

Mrs. Percy Gee, a daughter of the late Canon Stocks, was elected in September to fill the vacancy created by the death of Canon James.

**THE LEICESTERSHIRE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	£	s.	d.
1931			
Dec. 31. To Balance at Bank	108	19	4
1932			
Dec. 31. „ Interest on £900 0s. 0d. 5 per cent. War Loan 1929/47—Gross	45	0	0
„ Interest on £400 0s. 0d. Leicester 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Stock—less Tax	14	0	3
„ Bank Interest	1	1	10
„ Income Tax reclaimed 1931/32	4	15	0
„ Bonus on Conversion of 5 per cent. War Loan	9	0	0
	£182		16 5

FUNDS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
1932			
Dec. 31. To present balance (value £1396 15s. 5d.)	1398	15	10

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RULES

1.—The Society shall be called “THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.”

2.—The objects of the Society shall be, to promote the study of Ecclesiastical Architecture, General Antiquities, and the Restoration of Mutilated Architectural Remains within the County; and to furnish suggestions, so far as may be within its province, for improving the character of Ecclesiastical Edifices, and for preserving all ancient remains which the Committee may consider of value and importance.

3.—The Society shall be composed of a Patron, a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and Honorary and Ordinary Members.

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; the 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 Annual General Meeting of the Members to be held in March of each year.

6.—Each Member shall pay an annual subscription of One Pound, to be due in advance on the 1st of January every year. No Member whose subscription is more than two months overdue shall be entitled to vote until every subscription has been paid. Any Member wishing to resign must give one month's notice of his intention, and this notice should be sent to one of the Society's Secretaries before the end of November. If any subscribing Member is found to be more than two years in arrear, his or her name shall, after due warning, be removed from the list of Members of the Society.

7. The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee composed of the Secretaries, Local Secretaries, Treasurer, and twenty Members, all of whom shall be elected annually; five Members of the Committee to form a quorum.

8.—The Meetings of the Members shall be held on the last Monday of every alternate month; one of such Meetings to be held in the month of March to be considered the Annual General Meeting, at which the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts be presented and the Officers and Committee for the year be elected, and such new Rules or alterations in the Rules proposed and made as may be thought necessary: provided always that due notice of such new Rules or alterations in Rules be given by circular to each Member of the Society at least seven days before the Annual Meeting. In addition to the Bi-Monthly Meetings—so including the Annual Meeting—Public Meetings for the reading of Papers, &c., may be held as provided for under Rule 12.

9.—The Committee shall have power to fill up vacancies in their number, and also in the vacancies of officers of the Society.

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10.—The Committee shall elect each year a Chairman, at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting, and shall have power to appoint from year to year such Sub-Committees as appear to be advisable.

11.—The Members of the Committee in any neighbourhood may associate other Members of the Society with themselves, and form Committees for Local Purposes in communication with the Central Committee.

12.—The Public Meetings of the Society shall be holden at such times and places as shall be appointed by the Committee.

13.—The Committee meet at the times and places which they may themselves appoint.

14.—The Secretaries shall be required, on the requisition of five Members of the Committee, to call a Special Meeting of the Society.

15.—Donations of Architectural and Antiquarian Books, Plans, &c., may be received. The Committee shall be empowered to make purchases and procure casts and drawings, which shall be under the charge of the Secretaries.

16.—When the Committee shall consider any Paper, not including accounts of Excursions, which may have been read before the Society, worthy of its being printed at its expense, they shall request the author to furnish a copy, and shall decide upon the number of copies to be printed, provided always that the number be sufficient to supply each Member with one copy, and the author with twenty-five copies. All other questions relating to the publishing Plans and Papers and illustrating them with engravings, shall be decided by the Editorial Secretary, subject to the approval of the Committee.

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

18.—On application being made to any Member of the Committee, or to the Committee collectively, for the advice of the Society in the restoration of any Church, a Sub-Committee shall be appointed (of which the Incumbent or Resident Minister shall be one) to visit the Church and submit a report in writing to the General Committee.

19.—All Plans for the building, enlargement, or restoration of churches, schools, or ancient buildings, &c., sent for inspection of the Committee, be placed in the hands of one of the Secretaries of the Society, at least fourteen days before the Committee Meeting, for the Secretary to prepare a special report thereon.

20.—The Committee shall have power at any Meeting to make grants towards the objects of the Society, provided that if such grant—other than that for carrying out the objects contemplated in Rules 16 and 17—exceed £5, notice to be given in the circular or advertisement calling the Meeting.