

“Friedrich, Deutscher Kaiser, König V. Preussena.” Reverse : German Royal arms, “Deutsches Reich, 1888. Zwei Mark.” The edge is milled.

MR. W. J. FREER, being one of the delegates specially appointed to attend the Conference at the Society of Antiquaries, London, reported that he had attended the Meeting, at which a large number of Archæologists were present. After a long and valuable discussion as to the means which would be best suited for furthering the preservation of antiquities, and the preparation of an Archæological Survey of each county in England and Wales, an influential Committee was moved by Earl Percy, and appointed to consider all the suggestions made at the Meeting, and to report to an adjourned Meeting to be specially called for that purpose.

The Committee have since presented the following Report :—

CONFERENCE OF ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES.

The Committee appointed at the Conference of Archæological Societies, held at Burlington House, on November 15th, 1888, beg leave to present the following Report.

They would suggest to the Conference to submit to the President and Council of the Society of Antiquaries the following Recommendations, with a request that they should receive their favourable consideration :—

1.—That a Register of Antiquarian and Archæological Societies, hereinafter termed “Societies in Union,” be kept at the Rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, and that any Society desiring to be placed on the Register should submit its application to the Council of the Society of Antiquaries, who shall grant or refuse it as they think fit.

2.—That every Society in Union shall send its publications, and the Programmes of its Meetings, to the Society of Antiquaries, and in return shall receive a free copy of the Society of Antiquaries’ Proceedings, and, should they desire it, a copy of Archæologia at the same price as that at which it is sold to Fellows.

3.—That if, on any discovery being made of exceptional interest, a Society in Union shall elect to communicate it to the Society of Antiquaries before themselves making it a matter of discussion, the Society of Antiquaries, if it adopts it as the subject of a paper at one of its Ordinary Meetings, shall allow the Society in Union to make use of any Illustrations that the Society of Antiquaries may prepare.

4.—That any Officer of a Society in Union, or any person recommended by the President, Vice-President, Chairman, or Secretary, or by two of the Members of the Council of a Society in Union, shall, on the production of proper vouchers, be allowed to use the Library of the Society of Antiquaries, but without the power of removing books, except by the express permission of the Council of the Society of Antiquaries.

5.—That from time to time a Congress shall be held in London, the first to be summoned during the Summer of the present year. The Council of the Society of Antiquaries shall be Ex-officio Members, and the President (or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents) of the Society of Antiquaries shall be President of the Congress. Six Members of the Council of the Royal Archæological Institute, and six of the Council of the British Archæological Association shall be nominated by these Societies to represent them at the Congress. Each Society in Union may send two Delegates to the Congress.

6.—That the object of the Congress be to promote the better organization of Antiquarian research, and to strengthen the hands of the local Societies in securing the preservation of ancient monuments and records.

7.—That for this purpose it shall promote the foundation of new Societies where such appear necessary, and the improvement and consolidation of existing Societies where advisable, and suggest the limits within which each local Society can most advantageously work, and the direction in which it appears most desirable at the moment that the efforts of the Societies in Union should be exerted.

8.—That the Societies in Union be invited to furnish reports from time to time with reference to their action in these directions. That the Royal Archæological Institute and the British Archæological Association be requested to offer to the Congress any remarks which may be suggested by their Annual Excursions or otherwise.

9.—That the Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries be requested to act as Secretary of the Congress, with whom the Secretaries of the Societies in Union can correspond, and that the Council of the Society of Antiquaries be requested to advise on any matters which may arise between one meeting of the Congress and another.

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For the following Obituary Notice of the late William Napier Reeve, F.S.A., J.P., we are indebted to the *Leicester Journal*, of Friday, April 27th, and May 4th, 1888.

We have to record, with profound regret, the death of Mr. William Napier Reeve, F.S.A., J.P., Clerk of the Peace for the County, which took place at his residence in Prebend Street, Leicester, on Saturday afternoon, (April 21st, 1888,) after a short illness. The deceased gentleman, who was in his seventy-seventh year, had for a long time past been broken in health, and about twelve months since was prostrated by a serious attack of bronchitis. Being possessed, however, of a robust constitution, he recovered after a long prostration, and was enabled to resume the duties of his office with apparently renewed energy and activity until within a few days of his death. He was present at the Easter Quarter Sessions, and attended daily at his office until recently, when a return of bronchitis