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January 30th, 1893.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

was held at the Society's Room, No. 13, New Street, Leicester.

THE REV. CHARLES HENTON WOOD, M.A., in the Chair.

The Report of the Committee for the year 1892, was read by
 Mr. W. J. Freer, Hon. Secretary, and was adopted and passed, as
 follows:—

THE REPORT.

IN presenting to our Members the Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Society, we
 have to lament the loss by death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Denbigh,
 Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Bart., Major G. T. Mowbray, T. T. Paget, Esq., and Edward
 Finch Dawson, Esq., who were all Presidents of the Society, and the following
 Members, viz.:—Isaac Barradale, Esq., the Rev. P. Mules, and William Winterton,
 Esq.

The Committee are glad to report that no less than 21 New Members have been
 elected, and that the Right Honourable the Earl of Denbigh has kindly consented
 to become one of the Presidents of the Society.

As the income of the Society barely suffices to meet expenses, it is most
 desirable to increase our numbers by at least another twenty-five Members as soon
 as possible.

During the past year the following Papers have been read:—(1) *Trinity Hospital, Leicester*, by Colonel G. C. BELLAIRS, (*Hon. Sec.*); (2) *The Family of Story, of Lockington*, by the Rev. W. G. D. FLETCHER, F.S.A., (*Hon. Sec.*). The Committee will be glad to receive more Papers on Archæological and Antiquarian subjects of general interest connected with the county.

The Committee report with pleasure that the Rev. Richard Blakeney, of Melton Mowbray, has kindly consented to act as Honorary Local Secretary for the Melton Mowbray district, and W. H. Barfoot-Saunt, Esq., of Oxendon, for the Market Harborough district.

The Annual Excursion for the past year was again to London on the 16th and 17th of last June. The Midland Grand Hotel was made the head quarters, and about 60 Members and their friends were present. After lunch two brakes conveyed the party to Westminster, the House of Commons being first visited (an order having been obtained through the kindness of the Marquis of Granby, M.P.). An official of the House received the party and pointed out the various features of interest, and explained the customs of the House, &c. Westminster Abbey was next visited, where, owing to the courtesy of the Dean, and Mr. Wright, the Clerk of the Works, the Crypt, Triforium, Chapter House, Jerusalem Chamber, &c., were inspected and fully explained. Special seats in the choir were reserved at the afternoon service, the music was beautifully rendered. The next day (Friday) the Members visited Lambeth Palace, by the kind permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Mr. Kershaw, the Librarian, gave an interesting address, and also explained the principal features of the buildings. The portraits of the Archbishops and some very valuable books were much admired. Emanuel Hospital, which we regret to say will shortly be pulled down, was then visited; after which Captain Burgess, the Secretary and Curator, conducted the Members and friends over the Royal United Service Institution, in Whitehall Place. Everyone regretted that the short time left only permitted a hasty visit through the unique collection of objects of naval and military interest. A brief stay was made at the Old Banqueting Hall, Whitehall, and then the party returned to Leicester after a most enjoyable Excursion. For its thorough success the heartiest thanks are due to James Neale, Esq., F.S.A., an Honorary Member of the Society, for his great exertions on our behalf.

The following is a short account of Church Restoration, &c., in the County during the past year:—

Ashby-de-la-Zouch.—A carved oak screen has been placed under the tower arch to the memory of Edward Frederick Mammatt, who died, aged 47, in 1891.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Holy Trinity.—A wrought-iron screen has been erected in the chancel archway; and the choir stalls have been re-arranged and enlarged at a cost of about £180.

Barkestone.—This church has undergone thorough internal renovation. A new organ has also been placed in it at a cost of £140.

Belgrave, St. Michael's.—A new organ has been erected in this church at a cost of £500. Some richly carved oak stalls for the Clergy and choir have been placed in the chancel, and a choir vestry built. The vestry and stalls were the gift of the late Miss Burfield, of Ventnor. The total cost of these additions to the church amounts to £1,000.

Bottesford.—A new organ has been placed in a chamber prepared for it on the North side of the chancel at a cost of about £420.

Broughton Astley.—Two of the church bells have been re-cast, and with three others have been re-hung at a cost of about £160.

Broughton Nether.—An organ has been placed in this church at a cost of £132. The church has been re-floored, the seats re-varnished, the walls coloured, and the tower entrance repaired.

Catthorpe.—A new oak lectern has been given by J. P. Cross, Esq.

Gaddesby.—A reredos has been erected to the memory of the late Mr. Cheney by his widow.

Groby.—The church of this parish has undergone a thorough renovation at a cost of £540.

Hallaton.—The organ in the church has been enlarged and new lamps provided at a cost of £400.

Langton.—The reredos in Church Langton church has been completed.

Leicester, St. Andrew's.—A new pulpit has been placed in the church at a cost of £36.

Leicester, St. George's.—An oak screen has been placed in the tower arch at a cost of about £200. There was originally a Western gallery across the arch, which was removed in 1879, and the temporary screen then put up has now been replaced by a permanent structure.

Leicester, St. Luke's.—The church has been thoroughly renovated; chancel gates have been erected, and the West door of the church brought into use by the construction of a screen with swing doors. A great improvement in the ventilation of the church has been made. A new altar with brass cross and candlesticks, a brass eagle lectern, a marble font, and matting for the aisles, have been given by private donors. The total cost of the work was about £450.

Loughborough.—It was found necessary to enlarge the Mission church (which was built in 1889) to nearly double its size. This has been done at a cost of about £350.

Melton Mowbray.—£500 has been spent on the internal completion of the Chancel *Melton Mowbray Church*. The restoration of *Sysonby Church* has been completed at a cost of £350.

Misterton.—A large organ has been presented to the church by Arthur L. J. Bamford, Esq., the Patron.

Ravensthorpe.—A carved oak choir vestry screen, in place of a deal one, has been erected by Mrs. Langton-Featherstone to the memory of her parents.

Sheepshed.—A new organ with two manuals has been built for this church at a cost of above £350.

Syston.—Offerings of carved oak chancel stalls have been made to the church.

Wigston, South.—The foundation stone of the church was laid by Thomas Ingram, Esq., on July 25th, and it is hoped that the building will be ready for consecration at the beginning of 1893, and that a new parish will be constituted out of Aylestone and Wigston Magna. The church is of brick, consisting of nave and chancel. It will seat 630 exclusive of the chancel, and provision is made for the addition of transepts if required. The cost, including fittings, will be approximately £3850, which sum has been principally given by the Leicestershire Church Extension Society.

Stained glass windows have been placed in the following churches:—*Ashby-de-la-Zouch*, in the North aisle of the parish church, and dedicated to the memory of William Edward Smith, churchwarden of the parish from 1860 to 1891; *Belgrave*, the centre light of the East window, by Mayer and Co., of Munich and London, given by Miss Burfield; *Catthorpe*, the gift of two gentlemen; *Gaddesby*, an East window, to the memory of Mr. Cheney, given by his widow; *Seagrave*, two windows, one to the memory of Phœbe Dalton, and the other to the memory of John James Gutch; *Somerby*, to the memory of the late H. E. Forester, Esq.; *Syston*, a window, the children's gift.

The Accounts were presented by Colonel Bellairs, Hon. Sec., showing a debit balance of £1 11s. 1d. due to the Treasurer, and were adopted, the same having been audited by J. W. Wartnaby, Esq., in the place of T. Holyland, Esq., Auditor, who was ill; and a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Auditor was passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1892.			1892.		
By Subscriptions and Arrears received during the year ..	89	0 0	Balance in hand from last year	2	13 11
Interest on Investment with Corporation	3	8 4	Rent of Rooms ..	20	0 0
Balance due to Treasurer ..	1	11 1	Less for Room sub-let	9	15 0
				10	5 0
			Printing and Publishing Transactions and Associated Societies' Volume	71	9 6
			Sundries, including Expenses of Excursions, Insurance, &c.	9	11 0
				£93	19 5
				£93	19 5
1893.					
Jan. 1. Balance due to Treasurer	£1	11 1			

Examined and found correct,

JOHN W. WARTNABY, *Auditor.*

It was RESOLVED that 300 copies of the Stone Cross at Foxton be bought, on paper, same size as the Society's *Transactions*.

It was RESOLVED that the Transcripts of Leicestershire MSS. from the Lincoln archives be printed yearly in the *Associated Societies' Reports and Papers*, until the same should be completed.

It was RESOLVED that a detailed account of the Summer Meeting in 1892, be prepared and printed in the Society's *Transactions*.

It was RESOLVED, on the proposition of Mr. W. J. Freer, that the Borough Estates Committee be asked to permit the Society to use the room at the back of the Library at the Old Town Hall for the Library and Meetings of the Society.

A VOTE of thanks to the Essex Archæological Society for Vol. IV., part 3, of their *Transactions*, was passed.

The following gentlemen were then duly elected Members of the Society:—The Rev. Arthur Oswel James, All Saints' Vicarage, Leicester; George Wightman Powers, Esq., M.A., New College, Oxford, of the Manor House, Barwell, Hinckley; The Rev. Samuel Flood, M.A., Ibstock Rectory; Mr. W. P. Viccars, 26, De Montfort Street, Leicester; The Rev. Edward Harbin Bates, M.A., Curate of Claybrooke Magna, Lutterworth.

The Report and Accounts for 1892 were taken as read, received and adopted.

A VOTE of thanks was passed to the retiring Committee for their services during the past year, and they were re-elected for the ensuing year.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Hon. Secretaries; to Col. Bellairs, as Hon. Treasurer; and to T. Holyland, Esq., Auditor. Messrs. T. Holyland and J. W. Wartnaby were elected Auditors.

The Rev. C. Henton Wood was re-elected Librarian; and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his services.

The CHAIRMAN exhibited, on behalf of Miss M. C. Parker, of Broombriggs, Woodhouse, a Penelope Watch, about which he read the following notes:—

THE PENELOPE WATCHES.

THESE watches are a matter of family history to the Woods of Leicester only. The story of the watches most rife amongst the Martins, of Anstey Pastures, is as follows:—

Thomas Blower who married in 1726 left two daughters and four sons. The eldest daughter, Ann, was married in 1751 to Henry Wood, of Leicester; and had issue three sons and four daughters.

Ann Wood's four brothers were William, Thomas, Eathard and Edward Blower. Her four daughters were: Christiana (1 Holmes) (2 Chamberlin), Ann (Richards), Elizabeth (Roby), Martha (Kirton). Of the Blowers, brothers of Ann Wood, the best known is Thomas, the second "Jolly Tom," who is thus mentioned in a hunting song of the period:

"High mounted on Monarch,
Comes Jolly Tom Blower."

Another version of this line runs somehow thus:

"Now sobbing on Monarch comes Jolly Tom Blower,
Spurred from shoulder to flank, going slower and slower."

One or more of their uncles gave to each of the four daughters of Ann Wood a gold watch, all precisely similar, and called Penelope Watches because the story of Penelope is embossed on the outer case.

Of these four watches two are lost, little or nothing having been ascertained about them, *viz.*, those of Christiana Chamberlin and Martha Kirton. The watches were to descend in the female line. Mrs. Chamberlin had no issue, and nothing can be learned amongst the generations of the Chamberlin Stones, who are descended from daughters of Joseph Chamberlin (her second husband).