

September 10th, 1855.

THE first General Meeting was held in the New Hall, Wellington Street, Leicester, the Rev. G. E. Gillett in the chair, who, after a few words of introduction to the business of the day, called upon Mr. Ingram, the secretary, to read the following Report:—

Your Committee, in submitting their Report, have barely to record the fact of the Society being formed and brought into existence, chiefly through the efforts of two or three individuals.

The Society consists of ninety-six members, and comprises some of the highest names in the county.

The Committee venture to express a hope that gentlemen residing in the Lutterworth and Market Harborough districts, becoming acquainted with the Society, may enroll themselves as members.

The Committee have to state that the Society accepted the invitation of the Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire Societies, to hold a joint meeting at Peterborough in June last; although it is to be regretted that the members of this Society did not avail themselves of it to the extent that might have been expected.

A proposal having been made by the Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire Society, to join them in the expense of printing and publishing reports, your Committee thought it desirable to accept it. Every member of each Society will thus be furnished with a copy of their joint Report, which it is hoped will prove a permanent and interesting memorial of the United Societies' operations.

In conclusion, they trust the exhibition of designs, drawings, antiques, and other objects of interest, at the New Hall, this day, together with the papers to be read at the public meeting there, may be the means of producing an agreeable re-union, and of inducing many other persons to join the Society.

The Rev. R. Burnaby moved, and the Rev. R. Stephens seconded the adoption of the Report, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Ingram then read letters from Earl Howe, Lord John Manners, W. Perry-Herrick, Esq., and Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., regretting their inability to be present, and also

Another letter from the Rev. W. F. Kelke, of the Buckinghamshire Architectural Society, (accompanying a donation of that Society's publications,) proposing to unite with the Leicestershire Society. It was agreed that the proposal be referred to the Committee.

The following gentlemen were admitted Honorary Members:—
Rev. T. James, Rev. G. A. Poole, Rev. J. L. Petit, Sir H.

Dryden, Bart., Messrs. G. G. Scott, M. H. Bloxam, and T. R. Potter.

The following gentlemen were added to the list of Presidents.—The Rt. Hon. Earl Ferrers, the Rt. Hon. Lord J. Manners, Sir G. H. Beaumont, Bart., and E. B. Hartopp, Esq.

An alteration in Rule VII., as suggested by the Committee, was proposed and carried. The Rule as altered stands as follows:—

“That the affairs of the Society be conducted by a Committee, composed of the Patrons, Presidents, Rural Deans, and not less than twenty ordinary members, of whom four, at least, shall have been members of the Committee of the preceding year.”

The following gentlemen were elected as the Committee for the next year, namely:—The Revs. R. Burnaby, F. G. Burnaby, R.D., S. G. Bellairs, John Denton, G. E. Gillett, R.D., J. M. Gresley, T. Jones, the Hon. and Rev. J. Sandilands, Revs. S. Smith, R. Stephens, E. T. Vaughan, M. Vavasour, R.D., M. Webster. Messrs. Halford Adcock, Robert Brewin, Jun., G. C. Bellairs, E. H. M. Clarke, Edward Dawson, Edward Fisher, Jun., Henry Goddard, Arthur Griffiths, Isaac Hodgson, Thomas Ingram, William Jackson, Richard Luck, W. Millican, G. H. Nevinson, Thomas Nevinson, George Norman, Geoffrey Palmer, T. T. Paget, William Parsons, Dr. Shaw, Messrs. James Thompson, Thomas Ward, T. N. Wing, and T. L. Walker.

THE TEMPORARY MUSEUM.

Numerous drawings and objects of antiquarian and ecclesiolo- gical interest were exhibited in the Hall, and were inspected by a considerable number of persons, the Hall being open for their exhi- bition between four and six o'clock. Mr. Broadbent, who was one of the largest contributors, had an alabaster capital, unfinished, intended for E. B. Hartopp, Esq., of Dalby Hall, a carved oak column, likewise unfinished, a numerous and interesting collection of drawings and engravings, and some fine specimens of stained glass.

The Rev. J. M. Gresley contributed an ancient pulpit hour-glass stand from Congerstone, a chalice, some ancient coins from Tut- bury, in Staffordshire, an illuminated Latin Bible of the fourteenth century, and autographs of Sir Edwin Landseer and Oliver Cromwell. The latter was in remarkably good preservation, and was an order to pay £1038. 9s. for fourteen days' pay of five troops of horse of Sir A. Haselrigge's regiment—the date December 31, 1650. Mr. Gresley sent also some drawings by the Anastatic process, and a highly interesting volume of sketches and manu- script notes by Dr. Stukely.

In the same case with the above were some cannon balls from

the French trenches before Sebastopol (rather of modern than antique interest), a curious oriental work, and an ancient wedding ring, exhibited by the Rev. R. Burnaby, found at Cambridge in 1820, and bearing the inscription "Love and Obey."

John Marriott, Esq., of Beeby, had a very curious Anglo-Saxon necklace and fibula, which attracted much notice. They were dug up, it was stated, in a field at Beeby, about two and a-half feet below the surface.

Mr. E. Marshall contributed several drawings, and an engraving of a fine monumental brass in Newark Church to the memory of Alan Fleming, dated 1361, and a cannon ball found in the roof of the north aisle of the same church in 1801.

Mr. Goddard sent some curious Roman ampullæ found in the grounds of Leicester Abbey and in Wharf Street, with some coins and fibulæ, as well as some tracery from Wyckliffe's screen in Lutterworth Church, and a cast from a panel in the Old Blue Boar, Leicester.

Messrs. Kelham and Millican exhibited a series of twelve photographic views in Venice, some lithographed views in Belgium, and several other drawings.

Mr. F. W. Ordish contributed a series of views in Rome, Milan, &c., and the plan to which the premium was recently awarded for the proposed Corn Exchange in Leicester.

Mr. Skidmore, of Coventry, had a collection of church fittings and communion plate.

Mr. T. L. Walker exhibited drawings of Ilkeston church, the rebuilding of which has been done from his designs.

Mr. G. G. Scott contributed drawings of the Hotel de Ville at Hamburgh, to which the first premium in a public competition was recently awarded, and of the interior of Doncaster Church, as now being rebuilt from Mr. Scott's designs.

Among other contributors were Messrs. Flower, Wilson, R. W. Johnson, &c.

The Afternoon Public Meeting.

E. B. Hartopp, Esq. took the Chair at four o'clock.

The Rev. J. M. Gresley read a lengthy and elaborate paper upon "Croyland Abbey," compiled almost entirely, as stated by Mr. Gresley, from the works of Dr. Stukely, from whose sketches, also, the drawings, by which it was illustrated, were copied. The extracts gave long versions of the legends relative to S. Guthlac. He concluded by regretting the neglect and desecration of the Abbey.*

* This Paper, with copious Illustrations, was afterwards published by the Rev. J. M. Gresley, and by an arrangement with him each member of this Society had a copy gratis.