

After the usual votes of thanks, &c., the Meeting separated, and the Excursionists went to view the church; they then proceeded to BURTON LAZARS, where Mr. V. Wing pointed out the salient features of the church, attention being specially called to the Bell Turret, in which the bells are exposed to public view. Burton Lazars is so called from a hospital for leprous persons formerly existing there. This hospital was founded by Roger de Mowbray, in the reign of Henry I., in honor of the Virgin Mary and S. Lazarus, and was the chief of all the Lazar houses in England. A spring of water, supposed to be efficacious in cases of leprosy, existed near the church.*

Dalby hall and church were next visited. The church had lately been rebuilt by Mr. Hartopp, at his own cost. Both that and the hall, at which very extensive works have been carried on, were much admired. The party next pursued their course to Burrow Hill, the encampment upon which, Mr. Thompson considered, was not in the first instance of Roman but of British origin, and that the Romans, finding it already existing, appropriated it to themselves. Great Dalby and Kirby Belers were visited on the return of the party to Leicester.

October 27th, 1856.

MR. G. H. NEVINSON in the chair.

In conformity with recent arrangements of the Society, this was a Meeting open to all the Members and their friends. The order of business has been reversed, and the exhibition of antiquities and reading of papers now comes first, after which follows the Committee Meeting for the transaction of the financial and other affairs of the Society. The presence of several visitors showed that this arrangement is likely to prove advantageous.

and color, through the liberality of Robert Day, Esq., M.D., and other members of his family. (1862.)

* This spring of water, the salutary properties of which had probably been one cause of the erection here of the ancient hospital, had been neglected and its medicinal properties forgotten until the latter part of the eighteenth century, when it was searched for, found, and a small building erected on the left hand of the high way leading to Little Dalby, on the outskirts of the village, containing a pump and bath for the use of invalids. Very many tested the healing effect of the water, and according to the long list of cures preserved by Throsby in his "Excursions," very many received great and lasting benefit, especially those afflicted with skin diseases. Even within the last twenty years persons have sent to Burton for bottles of its water. The spring, however, was again neglected, the pump broken, and only about a year ago the building was taken down,—the last reminder of the time when the sufferings of the poor lepers were alleviated, and perhaps their disease removed, by drinking or bathing in the waters of Burton Saint Lazarus.—T. NORTH. (1862.)

Mr. Thompson produced, in lieu of some Roman pottery which he had expected, a manuscript belonging to the Leicester Town Library. Though lettered on the back as a manuscript Missal, it appeared to be a series of Homilies in English upon the Gospels for the Sundays and Holy-days throughout the year. The date of it is probably the fifteenth century. It may have been used in one of the religious houses of Leicester before the Reformation, and shortly after the dispersion of their books have found its way into the Town Library, which contains other valuable manuscripts.

Mr. Neale exhibited the fine sovereign of old standard gold of Queen Elizabeth, representing her seated on her throne, mint mark an escalop; and another sovereign, mint mark a woolpack, with the Queen's head in profile: both in excellent preservation.

Mr. Webster exhibited some fragments of glass mosaics, which he picked up in the mosque of S. Sophia, Constantinople, in the month of June, 1848, from among the rubbish lying on the floor of the building, which was then undergoing repairs. They were bits of glass, of different colours, some of them gilt, roughly embedded in plaster. The gilding appears to have been effected by gold-leaf being introduced between a thick and a thin layer of glass. Wyatt, in his "Mosaics," says that glass Mosaic came up at Constantinople soon after the seat of the empire was removed thither, which was A.D. 329. These specimens, to judge from the rudeness of their execution, were perhaps of the age of Justinian, who rebuilt the church of S. Sophia A.D. 531-538, on the site of two former churches which had been burnt down.

Mr. T. Nevinson laid before the Meeting some exquisite photographic views recently purchased abroad, viz. 1, the cathedral and leaning campanile at Pisa from the south-west; 2, an exterior view of the baptistery at Pisa; 3, the pulpit in the baptistery; 4, the campanile of the cathedral at Florence; 5, the north door of the same cathedral; 6, the principal doors of the baptistery at Florence; 7, the principal front of the old palace at Florence.

Mr. Gresley exhibited some silver medals of King Charles the First. 1, a small one commemorative of the marriage of the King and Henrietta Maria with their busts in profile: reverse, a winged figure scattering flowers, circumscribed *FVNDIT . AMOR . LILIA . MIXTA . ROSIS . 1625*. 2, a rather larger medal, by N. Briot, with the King's bust: reverse, a ship in full sail, with the legend *NEC . META . MIHI . QVÆ . TERMINVS . ORBI . 1630*. 3, a thin medal with a ring to suspend it by, with the King's bust in high relief: engraved reverse, the royal arms, crown, and garter. 4, the King's bust, with the legend *SVCCESOR VERVS VTRIVSQVE*: reverse, an animal in flames, apparently with the neck cut through, and the legend *CONSTANTIA CÆSARIS . IAN 30 1648*, being the day of the King's martyrdom. Mr. Gresley also exhibited a cast of the same King's Oxford Crown with a view of the city under the horse.

The Chairman reported to the Meeting the result of some further excavations in the Abbey grounds at Leicester, by which the foundation of old walls have been exposed to view; but at present it was impossible to assign them to any particular buildings of the Abbey. His remarks were illustrated by two plans by Mr. Millican.

COMMITTEE MEETING :

Mr. George H. Nevinson, in the chair.

A letter was read from the Rev. Lord Alwyne Compton, in acknowledgment of his having been elected an Honorary Member of this Society, at its Annual Meeting on the 9th of September last.

Mr. James Jacques, of Birstall House, near Leicester, was proposed and elected a member.

The Secretary produced and read a long correspondence from the General Secretary of the Joint Publication of Reports Committee, concerning the different items of expense incurred by this Society therein.

A lengthy discussion followed respecting the cost of the Society's share in the volume of Reports and Papers for last year, issued jointly by the Northamptonshire, Yorkshire, and other Architectural Societies. Mr. Thompson gave notice that at the next Meeting he should formally propose that the Leicestershire Society withdraw from its present connection with the above-mentioned publication, and print annually for the members a volume of their own papers and proceedings.

Mr. Gresley informed the Committee that Stukeley's Account of Croyland Abbey, read by him at the General Meeting last year, and printed at their request, was now completed.

Resolved: that a copy be sent to each member of this Society for the year 1855; and that the Secretary be supplied with a sufficient number of copies for that purpose.

A vote of thanks was cordially passed to E. B. Hartopp, Esq., for his courteous and hospitable reception of the Society at his mansion, Little Dalby Hall, during their late annual excursion.

The transaction of some financial business closed the meeting.

December 29th, 1856.

THE Rev. Robert Burnaby in the chair.

The Rev. J. M. Gresley exhibited an antique gold finger ring with the legend of S. Christopher engraved thereon.

Mr. T. Nevinson produced a rubbing of a brass of William de

Aldeburgh. The figure represented on a bracket, and is supposed to have been engraved for the purpose of being fixed to the wall.

The Rev. M. Webster exhibited a pardon granted by Charles II. to Colonel Kelsey, one of the Parliamentary Generals for the part he had taken in the Civil War. Also several Commissions from Cromwell, &c. &c.

COMMITTEE MEETING :

A letter was read from the Rev. E. Trollope, on behalf of the Lincolnshire Architectural Society, inviting this Society to join in an intended meeting of several Architectural and Archæological Societies at Lincoln, in the spring of next year.

It was agreed that this invitation be accepted, and the Secretary was directed to write to that effect to Mr. Trollope.

The Rev. T. Jones and Mr. M. J. Joyce were elected Members for 1857.

A discussion relative to the publication of the Transactions of this Society terminated the proceedings.

