

January 29th, 1900.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, held at the Library of the Old Town Hall, St. Martin's, Leicester.

THE REV. CANON RENDELL, M.A., R.D., in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from the Archdeacon of Leicester and the Rev. E. Jackson, Hon. Local Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES of thanks were received for Part 6, Vol. VIII. of the Society's Transactions, from The British Museum, The Cambridge Antiquarian Society, the Suffolk Archæological Institute, and the Yorkshire Archæological Society.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Suffolk Archæological Institute for Part 2, Vol. X, of the Transactions; to the Thoresby Society, Leeds, for Part 2, Vol. IX, and Part 1, Vol. X. of the 1898 Publications; to the Royal Archæological Institute for No. 223 of the Journal; and to the Essex Archæological Society for Part 4, Vol. VII. of the Transactions.

The Correspondence was read, including a letter of resignation from the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, M.A., F.S.A., Hon. Editorial Secretary, after 15 years' work.

The resignation was accepted with regret, and a unanimous vote of thanks passed to him for his services. He was also elected an Hon. Member of the Society.

MAJOR FREER read a letter that he had received from the Borough Surveyor, informing the Committee that steps had been taken to protect the Roman Pavement under the Great Central Railway Station, at Leicester, pending further alterations.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Committee and Officers for their services during the past year, and they were re-elected with the following alterations:—The Rev. S. Thorold Winckley, M.A., Rector of Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicester, (Editorial Secretary,) and W. Bragg Bragg, Esq., of Market Harborough, (Hon. Local Secretary.)

A VOTE of thanks was passed to the Mayor of Leicester for the use of the Room, and to the *Leicester Advertiser* for reporting the proceedings.

MAJOR FREER read the Forty-fifth Annual Report, and Mr. Wartnaby presented the Audited Accounts for the past year.

It was RESOLVED that the Report and Accounts be received and adopted. (See pages 66 to 72.)

*March 26th, 1900.* Bi-Monthly Meeting held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. CANON RENDELL, M.A., R.D., in the Chair.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Major Freer, V.D., Hon. Secretary.

#### PRESERVATION OF LOCAL RECORDS.

A Circular letter was read which had been received from R. Nevill, Esq., Secretary to the Archæological Society Congress, informing the Society that a Meeting would be held at Burlington House, to adopt the Report of the Committee appointed by the Associated Archæological Societies to consider this subject.

Major Freer was appointed as a Delegate from this Society to attend and report.

MR. HAROLD read a Paper on the

#### DISCOVERY OF AN ANCIENT WOODEN CROSS, AT HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL,

near Nuneaton, which had been discovered under a Mound. (See page 18.)

It was RESOLVED to have the Report printed, and Col. Bellairs kindly promised to have drawings made.

MR. HARTOPP read a Report from the REV. W. G. D. FLETCHER, M.A., F.S.A., with reference to some old Transcripts of the Ratby Parish Register, which it was decided to print.

VOTES of thanks were passed to The Somersetshire Society for Vol. V., 3rd Series of the Proceedings for 1899; and to the Shropshire Archæological Society for Part 1, Vol. II., 2nd Series, of the Transactions for 1900; and to the Rev. Canon Rendell for Parts XI. and XII. of the English Topographical Series.

#### AN EXCURSION.

It was RESOLVED to visit the neighbourhood of Higham, Stoke Golding, Fenny Drayton, and if possible, Bosworth Field this

year, the arrangements to be left with a Sub-Committee, who were appointed, viz. :—Major Freer, Col. Bellairs, J. W. Wartnaby, Esq., The Rev. Hugh Bryan, and Thomas Harrold, Esq.

The following new Members were duly elected :—Benjamin Hurst, J.P., Burbach House, Hinckley; Dr. Thos. Robinson (County Medical Officer), Bowling Green Street, Leicester; George Green, Esq., Market Harborough; The Rev. C. R. Fowke, M.A., Billesdon Vicarage, Leicester.

A VOTE of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding.

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*April 30th, 1900.* A Special Meeting was held, REV. CANON RENDELL, M.A., R.D., in the Chair, when the arrangements for the forthcoming visit of the British Archæological Association were made. Messrs. Geo. Patrick, Hon. Secretary of the Association, and Chas. Lynam, F.S.A., Hon. Treasurer, were present.

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*May 28th, 1900.* Bi-Monthly Meeting held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. R. TITLEY, M.A., in the Chair.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the following Societies :—To the Yorkshire Archæological Society for Part 59 of the Archæological Journal; To the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire for Vol. L. of the Transactions; and to the Society of Architects, London, for Part 7, Vol. I. of their Journal.

The following new Members were duly elected :—Martin Bloxom, Esq., M.I.C.E., Hazelwood, Crumpsall Green, Manchester; Rev. W. O. Leadbitter, D.C.L., St. Luke's Vicarage, Leicester; G. Murray Smith, Esq., J.P., Gumley Hall, Market Harborough; Ralph Walker, Esq., Ratcliffe Hall, Leicester; Orson Wright, Esq., Wigston Magna, Leicester.

The Programme of the visit of the British Archæological Association was then revised and recommended to the Association.

It was arranged that on Friday, August 3rd, Members of the British Archæological Association should join the Members of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society in their Excursion to Bosworth Field, Stoke Golding, &c.

The following Antiquities, &c., were then exhibited :—

By THE REV. R. TITLEY, M.A. :—A gold coin of James I., found in a house in Hinckley Fields, and a silver coin of Edward (?) found in digging a grave in Barwell Churchyard.

By MR. HARROLD :—Some coins and medals.

A VOTE of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding.

*July 23rd, 1900.* Bi-Monthly Meeting, held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. CANON RENDELL, M.A., R.D., in the Chair.

A VOTE of thanks was received from the Edinburgh Architectural Association for Part 6, Vol. VIII. of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society's Transactions.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the following Societies :—To the Society of Architects, London, for Parts 4 and 8, Vol. I. of the Journal; to the Essex Archæological Society, for Part 2 of Feet of Fines, Essex, and the Transactions, Part 1, Vol. VIII., New Series; to the Archæological Institute for No. 225 of the Archæological Journal; to the Powys Land Club, for Part 2, Vol. XXXI., of the Montgomeryshire Collections; to the Yorkshire Archæological Society, for Part LX. (1899) of the Yorkshire Archæological Journal; and to the Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society, for Parts I. to X. (to July 1895) of the Bradford Antiquary.

MAJOR FREER reported that he had attended the Congress of Archæological Societies at Burlington House, on July 11th, when some interesting matters were discussed and will be reported to the Society in due course.

MAJOR FREER also reported a correspondence with R. F. Martin, Esq., and Mrs. Martin, who had kindly promised to provide Tea on the occasion of the British Archæological Association's visit to Bradgate, &c., on August 1st. The invitation was declined with much regret on account of want of time.

The following new Members were duly elected :—Frederick Merttens, Esq., Rothley Temple, Loughborough; Thomas Bailey, Esq., Holme Lacy, St. Peter's Road, Leicester; and Walter D. Grant, Esq., Roxburgh House, New Walk, Leicester.

MAJOR FREER reported progress as to arrangements and an interview with the Mayor of Leicester with reference to the exhibition of some old Leicester Charters, &c., at the evening Meeting on July 31st, to the Members of the British Archæological Association's Congress at Leicester.

MR. HARROLD promised to bring some old Hinckley Charters, for exhibition, and Mr. Hartopp some old Maps of Bradgate, &c., and an Engraving of Trinity Hospital before the alterations.

A VOTE of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding.

*September 24th, 1900.* Bi-Monthly Meeting held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. CANON RENDELL, M.A., R.D., in the Chair.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Shropshire Archæological and Natural History Society for Part 2, Vol. XII, 2nd Series, of the Transactions; and to the Society of Architects, London, for Parts 9 and 10, Vol. I. of the Journal.

The Hon. Secretaries were requested to prepare an account of the Visit of the British Archæological Association to Leicester last summer.

The following was exhibited:—

BY MAJOR FREER:—A Bronze Medal, presented to him by Lieut. H. Napier Rowlatt, of the Volunteer Service Company, Leicestershire Regiment, struck at Durban, to commemorate the Transvaal War.

OBVERSE: A Soldier and Sailor with ship and guns in background.

*Inscription:* "Transvaal Souvenir, 1899—1900.

*Underneath,* "The Queen, God bless her."

REVERSE: Two shields; one with the arms of the English Colonies, and the other with the Royal Arms.

*Motto:* "We serve under one Crown."

*Inscription:* "United in the cause of Freedom."

*And underneath,* "We defend our Empire."

The workmanship is very good.

NOTE.—A copy of this Medal (in gold) was presented to H.M. the Queen, on the 25th of April last.

A VOTE of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding.

*November 26th, 1900.* Bi-Monthly Meeting held at the Society's Room, at the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

THE REV. CANON RENDELL, M.A., R.D., in the Chair.

VOTES of thanks were passed to the Surrey Archæological Society for Vol. XV. of the Collections; to the Yorkshire

Archæological Society for Part 61 of the Journal; to the Royal Archæological Institute for Part 226 of the Journal.

The HON. EDITORIAL SECRETARY read a correspondence he had had with the Hon. Secretary, Associated Archæological Societies (Lincoln), and also with the Printer of the Annual Associated Volume, including a letter from the Hon. Secretary, offering to give double space next year to this Society for its contribution. He was requested to write and accept this offer.

MAJOR FREER, Hon. Secretary, read a letter from the British Record Society, asking for £8, the agreed contribution from this Society for a joint publication. This was ordered to be sent.

MAJOR FREER reported that although the whole of Trinity Hospital could not be preserved, yet, thanks to the action taken by the Society of Antiquaries, this Society and other bodies, it had been arranged that a larger portion of the building was to be preserved than had been originally intended by the Trustees.

He also reported, that, although some small effort had been made by the Corporation of Leicester and the Great Central Railway Company to protect the Roman Pavement under the Station, much still remained to be done, and he moved that the Hon. Secretaries be requested to interview the Mayor, Ald. Lennard, and Sir J. F. L. Rolleston, M.P., on the subject. This was agreed to.

MAJOR FREER also referred to the Huntingdon Tower, and proposed that the Hon. Secretaries be authorized to interview the Literary and Philosophical Society, with a view to arranging for joint action to be taken thereon, for its preservation if possible. This was also carried.

The following were elected Presidents of the Society:—The Right Hon. The Earl Howe; The Hon. Sir Matthew Ingle Joyce; and Sir J. F. L. Rolleston, M.P.

The following new Members were duly elected:—The Most Hon. The Marquess of Granby, 16, Arlington Street, London, S.W. (a President of the Society); The Right Hon. The Earl Howe, The Woodlands, Uxbridge, Bucks.; Sir J. F. L. Rolleston, M.P., Glen Parva Manor, Leicester; E. A. Wright, Esq., The Hollies, Stoneycote, Leicester; Arthur Oram, Esq., The Spinneys, Ratcliffe Road, Knighton, Leicester; H. W. Wilshere, Esq., Welford Place, Leicester; George Brown, Esq., Great Glen, Leicester; A. H. Bennett, Esq., Market Street, Leicester; Robert Butland, Esq., Stoughton Lane, Leicester; Frank Bouskell, Esq., Friar Lane, Leicester; Rev. G. A. Tanner, B.A., Knossington Rectory, Oakham; Joseph Toone, Esq., High-cross Street, Leicester; Ald. S. Lennard (the late), (Mayor of Leicester), West Walk, Leicester.

The Rev. C. H. Wood sent his resignation of Membership of the Society, which was accepted with regret.

The following Antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By MAJOR FREER:—Two Medals; one Silver and the other Bronze. Bars for Tirah, 1897-98; Samana, 1897; and Punjaub Frontier, 1897-98.

OBVERSE: Head and bust of the Queen, with the Inscription, "Victoria Regina et Imperatrix."

REVERSE: An English Soldier with rifle in one hand and a standard in the other: a Native Soldier with his right hand helping to hold the flag and his left on his sword hilt.

The Silver Medal is inscribed round the edge, "2219, Pte. Palaniyandi, 21st Madras Pioneers."

The Bronze Medal is inscribed, "Cook Duryayga, 21st Madras Pioneers."

Both are guaranteed as genuine by A. Wilson, Captain 44th Ghorkas, 5-5-00.

By MR. J. FEWKES:—A pair of old plated Stirrups. Temp. Charles II.

By MR. H. HARTOPP:—A piece of Roman Samian Ware, with the inscription MARTIN, and a Roman Coin of the Emperor Claudius; both recently discovered in St. Martin's Churchyard, Leicester.

Also three valuable Documents, being part of a valuable series of Ancient Records, concerning the Manor and Church of Noseley, near Leicester.

Mr. Hartopp reported that Mr. Matthew Pearson, of Frisby-on-the-Wreake, was now engaged in transcribing and translating the more important records of this series.

The sum of £10 was voted for the transcripts and translations of the Noseley Documents to appear in the Society's Publications, and the Financial Secretary was requested to pay Mr. Hartopp £5 on account.

A VOTE of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding.