

The party then proceeded through Rearsby to *Ratcliffe College* at the especial invitation of the Rev. Father Hirst, the Principal, who entertained the company with tea and other refreshments of a stronger and more substantial nature. The Museum of the College, which is a fine large hall, containing a very extensive collection of specimens, relating to and illustrating the various sciences, including Archæology and Architecture was shown to the Societies, and any explanation given by the masters and professors and attendants. The party were also shown over the building, including the chapel and the fine vestments and decorations, the refectory, and other apartments containing some valuable pictures by the old Masters. After thanking the Rev. Principal and Fathers for their kindness and hospitality, the party, somewhat late in the evening, returned to Leicester, where the meeting terminated.

October 29th, 1888. Evening Meeting.

No meeting was held, there not being a sufficient number of Members present to form a quorum.

November 26th, 1888. Bi-monthly Meeting.

ALDERMAN G. STEVENSON in the chair.

An apology was made for COL. BELLAIRS, who was absent on account of his health; and a letter from Mr. A. T. DRAPER was read, stating that the plans directed to be prepared at the last Meeting were nearly completed.

The following objects of interest were then exhibited:—

By MR. J. YOUNG: An almost complete set of Charles I. Oxford minted silver coins (1642-4), consisting of pound and half-pound pieces, crown and half-crown, shilling, sixpence, groat, threepence, and twopence. The pound piece weighs nearly four troy ounces, and the others in proportion; all having on the reverse the King's Declaration (more or less abbreviated), "RELIGIO PROTESTANS, LEGES ANGLIÆ, LIBERTAS PARLEMENTARIÆ," in conformity with his Nottingham Proclamation that he would "preserve the Protestant religion, the laws and liberties of his subjects, and privileges of Parliament." This is the only reign in which silver pieces of 20s. and 10s. were ever struck.

By MR. S. KNIGHT: A two mark piece of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany. Obverse: Bust of Emperor, and legend,

“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.