

As the illustrations of the forthcoming Thirteenth Volume are forty-five in number, and its letterpress occupies about 600 pages, the value of this volume will be fully equivalent to the amount of two years' subscriptions.

The balances standing to the Society's credit at the bankers amount to the sum of £292, all of which, and more, will be required to defray the bill of the Society's printers for printing and binding 940 copies of the forthcoming volume. The main cost of its expensive illustrations has already been defrayed.

The Society's numbers continue to increase, notwithstanding the lamented deaths of many Members, and the withdrawal of others. Forty-eight Members have joined the Society during the past twelve months; and fifteen candidates await election at your hands to-day.

For the convenience of Members who may desire to possess an unfolded copy of the chromo-lithograph of the principal fresco in the Crypt Chapel of St. Gabriel, in Canterbury Cathedral, the Council caused fifty copies of it to be prepared on larger paper for sale to Members at 5s. a copy. About one half of these copies still remain for sale to those who wish to preserve them unfolded, in a portfolio or framed.

The remarkable and unique early frescoes in the Crypt at Canterbury being very little known, your Council have caused fifty sets of the illustrations prepared for our *Archæologia* to be worked off on large paper for publication. Each set of plates, being accompanied by 120 pages of descriptive letterpress, will form a handsome royal quarto volume, to be sold to the public at £2 2s. 0d. each.

During the early part of this year the site of the Premonstratensian Abbey of St. Rhadegund, at Bradsole, near Dover, has been excavated; and many discoveries have been made respecting the Abbey Church and buildings. Your Council gladly assisted by contributing £5 towards the cost of the excavations. A plan of the Abbey site has been prepared, and a copy of it will be found in our temporary museum at Tenterden.

With reference to the earlier and more important branches of English archæology, very interesting discoveries of Roman and Saxon remains have been made during the past twelve months by an active member of our Society, who is one of our local secretaries, Mr. George Payne, jun., of Sittingbourne. Previous and similar results of his researches have been described by him in several volumes of our *Archæologia*. His recent discoveries were made upon three different sites—two in Sittingbourne and one in Milton. One site yielded remains of three interments of Romans, and Mr. Payne preserved works of art in glass and in bronze, of the purest Roman period. Another site in Sittingbourne disclosed two interments, one being that of the child of some noble or wealthy Roman. The child's leaden coffin bears ornamentation which is unique, and with it were found *armillee*, and a ring, as well as other objects of interest and value. On the third site, which is in Milton, Mr. Payne opened five Saxon graves; having in previous years noted the opening of twenty-five other and similar Saxon graves in the same field. He has kindly permitted some of the Roman remains to be exhibited in the temporary museum at Tenterden.

Another discovery of Saxon interments has occurred in Cliffe at Hoo, during the present month of July, by labourers who are making the Hoo Railway.

Friends in Tenterden, and its neighbourhood, have evinced a lively interest in our meeting, and have done all they can to promote its success. Although little or nothing remains of the monastic house at Mottenden, in Headcorn; or of the Abbey of Losenham, in Newenden; and although the original mansions of the great families of Hales, Harlakenden, and Guldeford, have for the most part gone to such decay that they would not repay the trouble of a visit; yet there are interesting churches which will be inspected, and the Council believe that Members will enjoy the meeting. They will, at all events, be enabled to examine the height, the symmetry, and the solidity of that steeple at Tenterden, which has been proverbially associated with the origin of Goodwin Sands.

Mr. George Payne, junior, was added to the Council; Mr. R. C. Hussey and Canon E. Moore were re-appointed as Auditors; and nineteen gentlemen were elected Members of the Society.

The Churches of Headcorn, Smarden, and Woodchurch were then visited. Papers read there are printed in this volume, or will be inserted in the next volume.

The Annual Dinner, held in the Town Hall at Tenterden, under the presidency of Sir Edmund Filmer, M.P., was attended by 129 ladies and gentlemen.

After dinner, the Evening Meeting was held in Freeman's Auction Room, where an admirable museum had been kindly arranged with great labour and care by the Rev. Francis Haslewood, Mr. J. Ellis Mace, Mr. Willsler, and other gentlemen. There was a fine collection of coins, charters, municipal maces, pictures, etc. At the Evening Meeting the chair was at first occupied by Captain Tylden Pattenson, and afterwards by the Mayor of Tenterden. Papers were read by Mr. Furley (*On the Early History of Tenterden*), the Rev. R. Cox Hales (*On the Hales Family*), Canon Jenkins (*On the Guldeford Family*), and the Rev. A. J. Pearman (*On Tenterden Church*).

On the second day Appledore Station was the place of *rendezvous*, whence visits were made to the Churches of Appledore, Stone in Oxney, and Wittersham. Luncheon was held in Wittersham Girls' Schoolroom, under the presidency of the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. S. H. Parkes. Thence one party drove to Smallhythe Church, and back to Appledore Station. The greater part of the company, however, visited the Churches of Rolvenden and Newenden, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Selmes at tea on their lawn at Losenham Abbey, whence Mr. Selmes conducted the party to inspect the Newenden earthworks. They then drove over the marshes by Maytham Wharf back to Appledore Station.

---

On Tuesday, Sept. 28th, 1880, the Council met at Canterbury at the house of Canon James Craigie Robertson, who kindly permitted its Members to assemble in his library. Twelve of the Council attended, and the Earl Amherst presided.

The Secretary laid on the table the earliest copy of *Archæologia Cantiana*, Volume XIII, stating that it contained papers written by twenty-eight different authors, that it was illustrated by fifty plates and woodcuts, extended over 630 pages, and was the fifth volume which Canon Scott Robertson had enjoyed the privilege of editing for the Society.

The Secretary reported that, on the 24th of September instant, Mr. Neale's facsimile drawing (made at the Society's expense from a wall painting in Canterbury Cathedral Crypt), representing *The Naming of St. John the Baptist*, had been placed, duly framed and