

F. F. Giraud, Esq., moved the adoption of the Report; this was seconded by Earl Cranbrook, and carried unanimously.

It was moved and carried:—"That the retiring members of Council and the Auditors be re-elected."

Eleven candidates were duly elected members of the Society.

After the business was concluded the company proceeded to the Parish Church, where the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Harrison, M.A., said a few words of welcome. The Rev. J. Cave-Browne, Vicar of Detling, read a Paper on the History of the Church.

At 1 p.m. W. T. Neve, Esq. (Honorary Local Secretary), hospitably entertained the party at light luncheon in the Vestry Hall. After luncheon the noble President called for thanks to Mr. Neve for his kindness, which was cordially responded to by all.

Mr. Neve acknowledged the vote of thanks in kindly terms.

Progress was next made in carriages to Glassenbury House, which was thrown open for the Society's inspection by its owner, Major Atkin-Roberts, who, together with Mrs. Atkin-Roberts, courteously conducted the members over the greater portion of their interesting domain. The Honorary Secretary read a few notes on the "History of Glassenbury," concluding by offering the warmest thanks of the company to Major and Mrs. Atkin-Roberts for their kindness and consideration.

Goudhurst Church was next visited, under the guidance of W. P. Haskett-Smith, Esq., the Rev. J. S. Clarke, M.A., the Vicar, receiving the members.

On returning to Cranbrook upwards of sixty remained for the Annual Dinner, which took place at the "George Hotel." The Earl Stanhope presided, being supported by the Honourable Ivo Bligh, the Rev. A. H. Harrison, W. T. Neve, Esq., and Miss Neve, Mr. and Mrs. Burch-Rosher, the Honorary Secretary and Mrs. George Payne.

The various loyal and other toasts were proposed and responded to by the noble Chairman, Mr. Neve, Mr. Burch-Rosher, the Rev. C. E. Woodruff, and the Rev. W. Gardner-Waterman.

The Evening Meeting took place in the Vestry Hall at 7 p.m., Earl Stanhope in the Chair. Papers were contributed by J. Lewis André, Esq., F.S.A., on "Fire-backs made in the Weald;" by S. Wayland Kershaw, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., on the "Weald and its Refugee Annals." The Honorary Secretary also exhibited a series of views by lime-light of the Roman Villa recently uncovered at Darent.

The Meeting terminated with hearty votes of thanks to those who had so kindly contributed towards the evening's proceedings.

On Wednesday the 31st of July a large company assembled at Cranbrook Railway Station, where brakes were in readiness to convey them to Benenden Church, where they were received by the Vicar, Canon Joy, M.A. The Earl of Cranbrook, Lord and Lady Medway, Lady Emily Gathorne Hardy, and Lady Katherine Gathorne Hardy also came over from Hemstead to welcome the Society to Benenden.

The Church was described by John Oldrid Scott, Esq., F.S.A., and the Vicar afterwards read some notes on the History of the Church, which had been prepared by the late Granville Leveson-Gower, Esq., F.S.A.

Hawkhurst was the next place visited. On arriving there the company at once proceeded to the "Queen's Hotel," where luncheon was served in a large marquee in the garden. A few of the members were, however, hospitably entertained at the Rectory by Canon Jeffreys.

After luncheon, progress was made to the Church, where the aged Rector said a few kindly words of welcome. Mr. Oldrid Scott again acted as guide, and before leaving the Honorary Secretary said that he felt the members would like him to say how pleased they were to meet the Rector again, who described the Church to the Society twenty-two years ago. Mr. Payne also referred to Canon Jeffreys having been Rector of Hawkhurst for nearly sixty years, and to his great munificence in erecting at his sole cost the Church at Highgate, near by, and to his liberality everywhere present in the parish.

Bodiam Castle, on the border of Sussex, was then inspected, under the guidance of W. H. St. John Hope, Esq., M.A., Assistant Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries. Two hours were most profitably spent there in listening to Mr. Hope's able discourse, and making a thorough examination of the interesting ruins. By the kindness of Lord Ashcombe the members were admitted to the Castle free of charge.

During the afternoon many paid a visit to Bodiam Church, where the Vicar, the Rev. Theodore Johnson, kindly pointed out its architectural features.

Thus ended, under the pleasantest possible circumstances, the Society's second visit to the Cranbrook district.

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On September the 27th, 1895, the Council met at Rochester in the Bridge Chambers, by permission of the Bridge Wardens. There were eleven members present, presided over by Canon Scott Robertson.

After due discussion it was resolved to hold the next Annual Meeting at Sittingbourne, and that the Isle of Sheppey be visited on the second day.

The Honorary Secretary again brought forward the subject of a complete exploration of the mass of masonry within the walls of the Roman *castrum* at Richborough, and laid upon the table a wooden model of the subterranean structure. Mr. Payne explained that as the operations would necessarily be costly, he suggested that the Society should initiate the work and appeal to archaeologists generally for contributions; he further suggested that a Committee of experts in field-work should be formed to consider the whole question. After lengthy discussion it was resolved that a Committee be formed, consisting of Mr. G. M. Arnold, F.S.A.,