

doubt, receive attention at the Congress of the British Archæological Association to be held at Dover from the 20th to the 25th of August. Our Society will cordially welcome that Association to this county. Members of our Kent Society, at Dover and elsewhere, are doing all in their power to make the Association's Dover Congress successful. The Earl Granville (one of our Vice-Presidents) will preside; another member of our Society, who is Mayor of Dover, will entertain the whole body of the Association at dinner; and a third member of our body is cordially acting as Honorary Local Secretary for their Congress.

May their Congress at Dover, and our Meeting here, be alike crowned with the greatest success.

The Report as read was adopted.

H. B. Mackeson, Esq., was added to the Council, and the retiring members were re-elected.

R. C. Hussey, Esq., and the Rev. Canon Moore were re-elected Auditors of the Society's Accounts.

Fifteen new members were elected.

The Rev. A. J. Pearman then read a paper describing the History of the old Grammar School, in which the preliminary meeting was held.

Mounting carriages then in waiting, the company proceeded to the railway station to pick up members who could not catch the earlier trains, and thence drove to Hinxhill Church, which was described by the Rev. J. Philpott the Vicar, who most hospitably invited the members to take refreshment upon the lawn at his vicarage, where his daughter Miss Philpott, and his son-in-law Mr. Chalmers of Edinburgh, who has restored Hinxhill Church, dispensed most acceptable hospitality.

At Brook Church the Rev. J. Philpott again received our members, but the Church was described by Canon Scott Robertson. The Norman Tower, with its upper chamber containing a fresco, created great interest; but traces of mural decoration throughout the chancel and nave excited most attention.

Driving through the town of Wye, without halting, the company came to Boughton Aluph Church, where they were welcomed by the Rev. G. Nottidge. The Church was described by Canon Scott Robertson.

Up the hilly road, north-west of the Church, many of the company walked to the gate of Eastwell Park, into which the members were admitted by the gracious courtesy of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. For the purpose of shooting fawns the deer were being driven, and appeared in large herds. At the mansion a visit was paid to the gardens, and attention was drawn to a Greek carving, in stone, brought from Cyprus.

Driving thence through the beautiful park, the members next visited Kennington Church, where they were received by the Rev. Canon Weldon, who described the building. Mr. Loftus Brock drew attention to the octagonal font, curiously adorned with carvings like the tracery of decorated windows.

Dinner was served in the Assembly Room at 6 P.M., Sir Walter Stirling, Bart., presiding.

The Evening Meeting was held in the Saracen's Head Hotel,

Sir Walter Stirling in the chair. ROBERT FURLEY, Esq., F.S.A., read a paper upon the *Early History of Ashford*; the Rev. Canon JENKINS followed with a discourse on *Heraldry in its relation to Architecture*; and Mr. LOFTUS BROCK, F.S.A., read a third paper on *The Characteristics of Kentish Churches*.

THURSDAY, the 2nd of AUGUST, 1883.

On this day the grand old Collegiate Church of Ashford was the first object visited. It was described by the Rev. A. J. Pearman (son-in-law of the vicar, and formerly curate of Ashford), in an able paper.

From the Church the members drove to the railway station to meet others who could not arrive earlier, and then proceeded to Eastwell Church, which was described by the Rev. Georges E. Gwynne, the Rector.

By permission of the Duke of Edinburgh the carriages traversed Eastwell Park, beside the old Pilgrims' way, and thus approached Westwell Church. There the Rev. H. H. D'Ombraïn (Vicar) and the Churchwardens welcomed the Society to the Church, which was stripped of its roof and fittings, in the course of restoration. A paper descriptive of the Church was read by Canon SCOTT ROBERTSON; and another written by Mr. FURLEY was read by Mr. D'OMBRAIN. Mr. Loftus Brock called attention to the weathering and two circular windows visible within the nave upon the eastern wall of the tower, above the Early English tower arch, and pronounced that wall to be of Saxon work. Mr. Lambert said that the silver-gilt Communion Flagon, made in 1594 and 1597, were the finest examples he had ever seen.

At Charing, luncheon was served under a large tent in a field west of the High Street soon after 2 P.M.

After luncheon the Secretary arranged that a large number of those present should go forward, after leaving Charing, so as to catch an early train at Pluckley station—they visited hurriedly all the places *en route* (except Newland), under the guidance of Mr. George Payne.

Charing Church was visited under the able guidance of John Sayer, Esq., of Pett Place, who read a paper descriptive of its history. He also kindly conducted the members to the remains of the manor-house of the Archbishops, and in the barn, supposed to have been the great hall, he read a paper describing the ruins.

A few members were able to look into Pierse House, and admire its panelled room, with its Jacobean mantel-piece, and the porch, which may be as old as the time of Henry VIII.

From Charing progress was made to Newland Farm, the barn of which was formerly a chapel. The north doorway of the nave remains, and is of late Norman style. Its mouldings are very remarkable, their banded features are seen in the ancient lavatory or water-tower on the north side of Canterbury Cathedral, and in the slype at St. Albans Abbey. On the south side of the chapel

there seems to have been an aisle, which is gone. The piers of a Norman arcade between it and the nave can still be traced both on the exterior and inside. The chancel, which is very small, has a niche, with credence shelf in the south-east corner, and two original windows can be traced high up in the walls.

Canon Scott Robertson described the place. Newland, of old, was estimated at one-twentieth part of a knight's fee, within the Archbishop's manor of Charing, and in June, 1729, Thomas de Bendinges did homage for it, within Archbishop Peckham's chamber at Charing, at the foot of his grace's bed. During the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II. there were esquires who took their name from this place. From 1364 to 1379 one named Roger Newland was patron of the advowson of Pette Church. In 1374 John de Newland of Charing received from the Prior and Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury (during a vacancy of the Primacy), their license permitting him to hear divine service within a private oratory. Probably this chapel was the oratory which he used. Ultimately the chapel was made over to Leeds Priory. In 1502-3 a complaint was made to Archbishop Dene that no priest attended to do service in Newland Chapel, although lands had been left as an endowment to provide for perpetual service therein. Those lands were held by the Prior and Convent of Leeds. In reply, the Prior agreed to find a chaplain, who should perform divine service in the chapel. Nevertheless about nine years later complaint was made to Archbishop Warham that "no priest singeth service" here, although the Prior and Convent of Leeds had the lands. The matter was remitted to the special consideration of the Archbishop himself.

Proceeding to Little Chart Church, the members were received by the Rev. R. S. Oldham, and entered the north (Darell) aisle. Canon Scott Robertson read a paper descriptive of the church and its monuments.

Thence progress was made to Pluckley Church, where the south chancel, or Dering Chapel, was open for inspection, and from its floor, by the kindness of Sir Edward Dering, the fixed carpet had been removed to display four monumental brasses remaining in the floor at the east end. Five other brasses in the nave had likewise been uncovered for our benefit. The church was described by Canon Scott Robertson.

By the courtesy of Sir Edward Dering and Mr. Ashley Dod the Society drove through the grand avenue of Surrenden Park, and up to the house; through the stable-yard, and into the Park. Thus the members reached the Ashford road, and skirting the park of Lord Hothfield returned to the town, whence they separated, until another year.

Among those who attended the Annual Meeting were Sir Walter Stirling, Archdeacon Harrison, Canon Alcock, Canon Jenkins, Canon Welldon, Canon Scott Robertson, Charles Powell, J.P., John Sayer, J.P., Robert Furley, J.P., H. C. Wildash, J.P., G. E. Hannam, J.P., Major Kirkpatrick, J.P., H. B. Mackeson, J.P., Josiah Hall, J.P., Colonel Hartley, J.P., Rev. C. Hope and Mrs.

Robertson with the Hon. Miss Knatchbull-Hugessen; Rev. G. B. Perry-Ayscough and the Hon. Mrs. Perry-Ayscough; General Dixon; Colonel Knatchbull; Major Horrocks; Major Parker; Capt. Hatfield; W. T. Neve; Revs. A. J. Pearman, J. A. Boodle, Beauchamp St. John Tyrwhitt, W. Bramston, C. A. Molony, W. H. Gibbons, Leslie Goodwin, E. R. Orger, J. B. Harrison, E. M. Muriel, J. Walter, A. T. Browne, W. Gardner Waterman, V. S. Vickers, F. T. Scott, C. H. Wilkie, F. E. Tuke, F. Haslewood, and G. Gwynne; Messrs. J. F. Wadmore, G. Payne, F. C. J. Spurrell, D. Chalmers, G. Simmons, A. R. Boissier, W. P. Shirley, F. Grayling, W. M. Bywater, G. Clinch, W. E. Hughes, R. Bubbe, H. Hinds, J. H. Turner, R. J. Fremlin, J. E. Mace, F. Bunyard, G. L. Elliott, H. T. Claypole, A. P. Southee, J. Moore, C. E. Homewood, J. Copland, D. Prosser, E. W. Brabrook, W. J. Homewood, R. W. Cradock, J. D. Kiddell, J. Corner, R. Hovenden, J. Dove, E. A. Lang, F. J. Cox, W. W. Wooder, B. H. Collins, T. S. Stokes, John Wood, A. Cave, J. Pullen, J. T. Noakes, C. Bullard, P. Redpath, T. Pearne, E. W. Oliver, A. Hudson, T. Dorman, J. L. Roget, J. Broad, E. W. Fry, E. J. Wells, T. H. Oyler, E. Bottle, G. Barber, W. C. Stunt, W. Burch Rosher, W. C. Fooks, G. Meadway, W. Brown, B. Nathan, W. Tarbutt, J. A. Redbrook, A. Latham, E. C. Collins, M. Pepper, J. C. Robertson, J. Fraser, H. G. Hewlett, R. H. Jones, E. C. Musson, Stuart Knell, R. Elliott, Dr. Furley, Dr. Wilkinson, Miss Twigg, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Price, Mrs. Betts, and a large number of ladies.

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On the 27th of September, 1883, the Council met at Maidstone; the Earl Amherst presided, and nine members of Council attended.

Thanks for kindly help and courtesy to the Society at the Annual Meeting were voted to the Duke of Edinburgh, Sir Edward Dering, Canon Alcock, Canon Jenkins, Canon Welldon, Robert Furley, Esq., John Sayer, Esq., J. D. Norwood, Esq., Revs. J. Philpott, G. Notidge, G. Gwynne, H. H. D'Ombrain, and R. S. Oldham, Dr. Wilks, and George Payne, Esq.

With reference to a resolution of the Council, at their meeting in June (p. xlv) a letter was read from Mr. Bartlett, the Society's Curator, dated August 8, 1883, respectfully placing his resignation in their hands. It was unanimously resolved to accept it.

The Honorary Secretary was empowered to fill up the post; and during the same afternoon, upon the urgent recommendation of the Museum Committee of the Corporation of Maidstone, Mr. T. Edward James (their Assistant Curator) was appointed to succeed Mr. Bartlett as Clerk and Curator, for our Society, at Maidstone.

For the next Annual Meeting Sevenoaks was suggested as a centre. Excursions to Brasted and Westerham might be made on the first day; and on the second day Shoreham, Otford, Lullingstone, Eynsford, Farningham, and Horton Kirby might be visited. This suggestion commended itself to general approval.

Nine new members were elected.