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architecture of the Church, and the Rev. G. M. Livett again kindly added a few remarks on some portions of the building, about which some controversy exists.

The party then returned to Gravesend, and brought to a conclusion a pleasant and successful Meeting.

Obituary Notices.

EARL STANHOPE, F.S.A.*

Lord Stanhope, the genial President of our Society for nearly fifteen years, passed away on Wednesday, April 19th, deeply regretted by all who had been brought into contact with him during his useful and strenuous life. Arthur Philip Stanhope was born in 1838, the eldest son of the 5th Earl, the distinguished historian and sometime President of the Society of Antiquaries. After serving for some years in the Grenadier Guards he entered the House of Commons in 1869 as one of the representatives for Leominster. He subsequently sat for East Suffolk, and was one of the Junior Lords of the Treasury from 1874 to 1876. "In this office" (says the "Times") "as in his public services in other directions in after life, his courtesy and sound good sense were seen to great advantage, and commanded the respect of friends and opponents alike." As Lord-Lieutenant of Kent since 1890 he was always ready to bring the influence of his position to the assistance of every good work throughout the county, and for many years he took an important part in the work of the Ecclesiastical Commission, to which he acted as First Estates Commissioner since 1878. Notwithstanding the manifold calls upon his time and energy in other directions, our late President took a very active interest in the proceedings of the Kent Archæological Society; he was scarcely ever absent from the Annual Excursions, and for many years the hospitality of his London house was open to the Members of Council during their June Meeting.

* The portrait is from a photograph lent by Messrs. Elliott and Fry of 55 Baker Street.

CUMBERLAND HENRY WOODRUFF, B.C.L., F.S.A.*

Cumberland Woodruff, one of the Hon. Editors of *Archæologia Cantiana*, who died at his home in Folkestone on Tuesday, October 4th, 1904, was born at Upchurch, near Sittingbourne, in 1847, the second son of the late Rev. John Woodruff, Vicar of the parish. Upchurch is well known to most Kentish archæologists as the site of extensive Roman potteries, and it is probable that the influence of his early surroundings gave him that bias towards antiquarian pursuits, to which in after life he was so devoted. Educated at Winchester and Merton College, Oxford, he was called to the Bar in 1875 as a Member of Lincoln's Inn, and ten years later was appointed by the Master of the Rolls Keeper of the Chancery Master's Documents. For many years he did much useful work in connection with the preparation of the Calendars issued by the Public Record Office, but it is perhaps as an antiquary and collector that he will be chiefly remembered. A Member of our Society for thirty-five years, and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries for a period almost equally long, Cumberland Woodruff contributed some valuable articles to the publications of both Societies, but neither the number nor importance of his Papers is in any way commensurate with the breadth and depth of his knowledge in several branches of Archæology. Perhaps it is not too much to say that for all-round knowledge of the antiquities of Kent he was in the very front rank, but his learning was concealed by so much modesty and reserve that probably few were aware of its extent. To his intimate friends, however, and most of all to his brother and co-editor, his great attainments were well known, and his unexpected removal leaves a place that it will be very hard to fill. As a collector of old oak furniture and of books relating to the County of Kent, he displayed excellent judgment; his collection of oak was gathered from all parts of the kingdom, and included specimens of considerable rarity. Of books, pamphlets, and prints relating to the County he accumulated a collection which (with one possible exception) was probably unique. His extensive collection of Roman fictile ware from the banks of the Medway was presented some years ago to the Eastgate Museum in Rochester.

* We are indebted to the liberality of R. Cooke, Esq., of Detling, for the portrait-block, which is taken from a photograph kindly lent by Mr. Hawke of Bath.



C. H. Woodruff

CANON CHARLES FRANCIS ROUTLEDGE, M.A., F.S.A.

DECEASED 2ND NOVEMBER 1904.

Charles Francis Routledge, son of the Rev. William Routledge, D.D., Rector of Cotleigh, near Honiton, Devonshire, was born on December 16th, 1838. He was educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge, where he took his degree (First Class Classical Tripos) in 1862, and was afterwards elected a Fellow of his College. In the same year he was ordained Deacon, and in the following year Priest, by the Bishop of Lincoln. After serving about a year as a Curate of Richmond, Surrey, he was appointed one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, his district being in Yorkshire, and in 1869 he came to Canterbury in the same capacity. Living under the shadow of St. Martin's Church, he from the first took the greatest possible interest in it, and the important discoveries made in late years in the structure were mainly due to his enterprise, and were carried out under his supervision. His book on St. Martin's Church is a valuable contribution towards the elucidation of its history. Mr. Routledge was made an Honorary Canon of Canterbury by Archbishop Tait in 1874. For many years he was one of the most prominent and useful Members of our Society, acting as Honorary Editor of *Archæologia Cantiana* from 1891 to 1900, and contributing to its pages valuable papers on St. Martin's Church, Canterbury; St. Pancras Chapel; a Report of the discovery of certain bones in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, believed by some to be those of St. Thomas à Becket; and an Account of the Excavations in the Abbey Field at St. Augustine's, of which latter he was the prime mover and energetic superintendent.

W. H. BURCH ROSHER, Esq., J.P.

DECEASED 13TH MAY 1905.

Mr. Burch Rosher, who passed away in a sadly sudden manner last May, was born in 1834, the only son of the late William Rosher, J.P., of Northfleet, Kent. He was called to the Bar as a Member of Lincoln's Inn in 1861, and practised for some years on the South-Eastern Circuit and at Birmingham. About twenty-five years ago he retired from active practice, and after spending some time in travelling on the Continent settled at Walmer, where for the last ten years of his life he ably represented the interests

of our Society as Local Secretary for the district. During his residence at Walmer Mr. Rosher was very energetic, as churchwarden and one of the Secretaries of the Building Committee, in forwarding the erection of the handsome new Church overlooking the Glen, opened in 1888, and took a still more prominent part in raising funds for the completion of the tower in accordance with the designs of Sir Arthur Blomfield, as a memorial to the late Earl Granville; the tower was dedicated by the late Archbishop Benson on 13th April 1893. At the same time, or a little later, the nave of the ancient Norman Church was restored to its original form by the removal of the annexe built at the beginning of the nineteenth century. During the visit of our Society to Deal in 1898 the restored Church was visited, and the Members were hospitably entertained by Mr. Burch Rosher at his house. Mr. Rosher was a County Councillor for the Eastry No. 2 District, and a Justice of the Peace for the County, and Cinque Ports Division, and was unremitting in the discharge of his public duties. He will be much missed at the Annual Meetings of our Society, at which for many years he had been one of the most regular attendants, and still more at the Quarterly Meetings of the Council, where his energy, capacity for detail, and methodical exactness were very conspicuous. Mr. Rosher married in 1865 Henrietta, only daughter of the late Richard Griffiths Welford, Esq., of Coventry, J.P. for Warwickshire and Judge of the County Courts, who survives him.
