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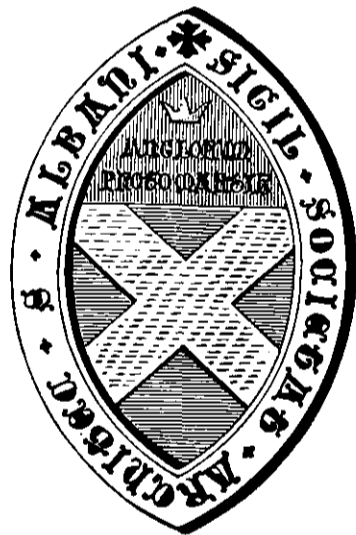
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## PROCEEDINGS.

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Annual Meeting and Excursion, held August 2nd, 1888.

On Thursday, August 2nd, an Archæological Excursion, arranged by the Committee, was conducted by the Hon. Secretaries. The weather proving exceptionally fine, the long programme was successfully carried out. A party numbering about 30 assembled at Wheathampstead at 10.15 a.m. The Parish Church (S. Helen's) was at once visited. Here the Rector, the Rev. Canon Davys read an account of some recent discoveries relating to the fabric. He gave historical particulars of the Brocket Family, pointing out their memorials in the south transept; also exhibiting his water-colour sketch of their ancient seat, Wheathampstead Place. He then conducted the party to this house, occupied by Mr. C. H. Lattimore, \* who most courteously opened all his rooms to the visitors. Some time was very agreeably spent in examining the Jacobean chimney pieces, old chests, and other curiosities of this Elizabethan mansion. After thanking the host, the party proceeded over the Common, to Gustard Wood, where they inspected a mediæval building, pointed out by Canon Davys as probably the remains of an ancient Wayside Chapel. Notes of its moulded timber roof were taken by Mr. F. Trevor Davys and other Architectural members. On arriving at Kimpton the party was received in the church by the Rev. L. Stevens, the Vicar, who showed the Elizabethan Registers. Several parishioners, including Lady Dacre, were present. Mr. F. Trevor Davys read a paper, carefully describing the church in architectural detail, and alluding to its history in connection with that of the parish. The exterior of the building was then viewed, the ancient western tower, now undergoing repair at the hands of Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, attracting special attention.

\* Since deceased.

The party then drove through the Hoo Park, and crossing the river Mimram, near Whitwell, arrived at S. Paul's Walden Church about 12.30. This picturesque structure was inspected under the guidance of Mr. S. Flint Clarkson, who read a paper replete with information respecting the physical characteristics of the locality, the connection of the manor and the church with S. Albans Abbey, and the architectural history of the fabric. The Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Neate, exhibited the old Registers.

King's Walden Park, the next stage in the excursion, was reached about 2 o'clock. Here a business meeting was held near the church, Mr. G. Upton Robins presiding. \* A picnic lunch was then partaken of. The party having assembled in the church, the Rev. H. Fowler read a paper on the ancient associations of the manor, making special reference to the Domesday Survey and old local names; he also illustrated the history of the church from mediæval documents. In a perambulation of the building its architectural characteristics were pointed out, the excellent modern work attracting special attention. By the courteous invitation of the Rev. H. C. Fellowes, the Incumbent, the Bury, now the residence of Mrs. Hinds, was visited, and the good Renaissance carving, statuary, and other objects, inspected.

After a long drive over a hilly country, the final stage of the expedition, Great Offley, was reached about 4.30. On alighting, some of the members took a hurried view of the church, and departed to catch a train. The Rev. Dr. Griffith gave an address, treating of the ancient history of the parish and its several manors, and noting some interesting traditions relating to the Salusbury Chancel and its monuments. In perambulating the church he commented on peculiarities of the building, several members taking part in the discussion. The return journey was made by a shorter route, affording very enjoyable views of the country. At Delaport, the party were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Upton Robins. The S. Albans members reached their destination about 9 o'clock. The whole expedition was greatly enjoyed.

Aug. 1st, 1889.

G. UPTON ROBINS,  
Chairman.

\* For minutes see below.



Minutes of General Meeting, held at King's Walden,  
AUGUST 2ND, 1888.

Present—G. Upton Robins, Esq., in the chair, the Rev. Canon Davys and Rev. H. Fowler, Hon. Secretaries, the Rev. J. Griffith, LL.D., Mr. S. Flint Clarkson, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Griffith, the Officers of the Society were re-elected.

The following were elected Ordinary Members :—Miss Ormerod, S. Albans, and Mrs. Rind, S. Albans, proposed by the Rev. H. Fowler. The Rev. D. W. Barrett, Barnet Rectory, the Rev. Edward J. Edwards, Hatfield, and F. W. Kinnear Tarte, Esq., Architect, S. Albans, proposed by the Rev. Dr. Griffith. The Rev. Lionel Stevens, Kimpton Vicarage, F. Trevor Davys, Esq., Wheathampstead, and W. P. Boileau, Esq., Wheathampstead, proposed by the Rev. Canon Davys.

G. UPTON ROBINS,  
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