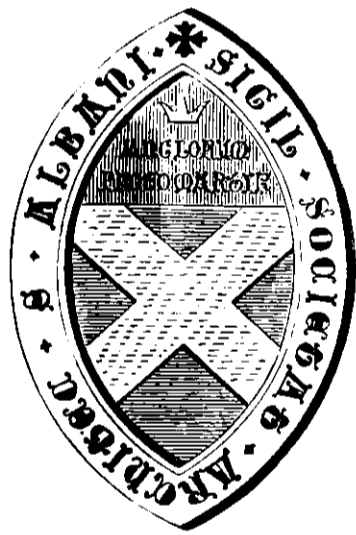


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Meeting held at the Town Hall, S. Albans,
June 7th, 1895.

Present—The Rev. Canon Davys, in the chair; the Revds. H. Fowler, P. Deedes, C. V. Bicknell; Messrs. W. Page, W. J. Hardy, W. Pollard, W. R. L. Lowe, F. Trevor Davys, W. C. Morgan, F. W. Silvester, H. Wilton Hall, G. Mowat, A. E. Gibbs, C. H. Ashdown, with many ladies and friends.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been confirmed, the Chairman announced a plan for an Excursion—to visit Bishop's Stortford and afterwards join the Essex Society in a meeting at Saffron Walden. He appealed for the payment of arrear subscriptions. Mr. W. Page, F.S.A., read a paper entitled—"Notes on the Remains of Verulamium," which he illustrated by a plan of the site of the Roman City, enlarged from that made for the British Archaeological Association in 1869.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. W. Pollard, of Old Cross, Hertford,* delivered his "Notes on Abbeys and other ruins existing near the river Witham in Lincolnshire." He exhibited in illustration some valuable old engravings. The cordial thanks of the meeting were given to him.

Discussion having been invited on the subject of Mr. Page's paper,

Mr. Fowler exhibited and explained a section of a portion of the wall and foss existing at the Verulam Hills; he offered the suggestion that the Rampart and Ditch were the Roman modification of the lines of defence of the British *Oppidum* of Tasciovanus.

Remarks were offered by Mr. C. H. Ashdown on the position of some of the Roman foundations which he had tested.

After votes of thanks, some mediæval and other pottery excavated on the premises of Mr. Fisk were shown by Mr. Page; also "an hexagonal plate of copper, decorated with quatrefoils containing shields in Limoge enamel, of thirteenth century work." Also "a small figure of *latten* probably intended for the B. Virgin, hollowed to fit on a bracket, and forming part of a "Rood Mary and John," found at Willian Church, and lent by the Rev. G. B. Gainsford. These objects had been exhibited at the Society of Antiquaries, and described by Mr. S. John Hope.

WALTER J. LAWRENCE.

May 16, 1896.

* Since deceased.