

General Meeting held at the Abbey Institute, Spicer Street,
St. Albans, on Friday, 16 December, 1898.

Present—The Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, in the chair; Messrs. Howard, Mowat, Flint Clarkson, Marten, and Rev. H. Fowler, with Mr. W. Page, hon. sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were proposed and duly elected members of the Society: Mr. A. C. Bickley, of St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, and Mr. E. W. Cousins, of Avenue Road, St. Albans.

Mr. W. Page said he should be very glad to show any members the kiln recently discovered at Radlett, on the following afternoon.

Rev. H. Fowler read a communication from Rev. G. A. L. Browne, of Redbourn, stating that he had obtained permission to excavate at Auburys camp and invited subscriptions towards the cost.

Dr. V. H. W. Wingrave read a paper on Cups, circles and other marks on the walls of Hertfordshire Churches, which evoked some discussion.

Mr. Charles Wilton then read a paper on a MS. Map of St. Albans,* by Benjamin Hare, dated 1634.

Mr. Fowler stated that he had seen a record showing that Benjamin Hare had been employed by the Corporation of Hertford to compile a similar map.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Dr. Wingrave, and seconded by Mr. Morgan.

WALTER J. LAWRENCE.

February 28th, 1899.

* This paper has been issued as a separate pamphlet.

**General Meeting held at the Town Hall, St. Albans,
on Tuesday Evening, 21 March, 1899.**

Present—The Earl of Verulam, in the chair; the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, Messrs. Toulmin, Hardy, Kitton, Wilton Hall, Clarkson, and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Foster Woodman, Mr. J. T. Knight, Mrs. Knight, and Mr. James Dickson, were duly elected members of the Society.

The chairman called upon Mr. Andrew Oliver, A.R.I.B.A., to read his paper on "Notes on some Mediæval MSS. of St. Albans Abbey in the British Museum," in which the author pointed out some of the peculiarities of the St. Albans books. Some discussion followed by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wilton Hall.

Mr. Page then delivered his paper on "Some recent excavations on the site of Verulam."

The Lord Bishop of St. Alban's, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Page, pointed out the extreme interest of the subject of the paper, especially to those who like himself had from time to time visited the work.

Mr. Toulmin seconded a vote of thanks, and expressed the hope that the excavations might be continued.

Lord Verulam expressed his appreciation of the paper, and pointed out the intense interest there was in all that related to the Roman occupation of this country.

Mr. Page, in reply, said how sorry he was that Mr. Bicknell was unavoidably absent. He pointed out various plans of the Roman remains at Silchester, of which he had procured the loan and compared them with the work at Verulam.

The Chairman proposed a special vote of thanks to the Rev. C. V. Bicknell for permitting his glebe to be broken up, and for the generous and cordial assistance he had given to the work. This was seconded by the Lord Bishop and carried unanimously.

JOHN EVANS.

28th April, 1899.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the
Town Hall, St. Albans, on Friday, 28 April, 1899,
at 6 p.m.

Present—Sir John Evans, in the chair; Rev. Canon Davys, Miss Lee, Messrs. Lowe, Tarte, Hardy, Hillier; Mr. H. J. Toulmin (hon. treasurer), Rev. H. Fowler, and Mr. William Page (hon. secretaries), and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following candidates were duly elected members:—Mr. P. Blow, A.R.I.B.A., proposed by Mr. A. E. Gibbs, Mr. Edwin Skete and Mr. A. Dean proposed by Mr. W. Page.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the balance sheet of the Society and of the Research Fund, which were duly passed.

The following gentlemen were elected as officers and committee of the Society for the ensuing year.

President: Lord Aldenham.

Vice-Presidents: Viscount Cranborne, M.A., M.P., Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, M.A., Rev. Canon Gee, D.D., Sir John Evans, K.C.B., Rev. Canon Davys, M.A.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. J. Toulmin, J.P.

Hon. Secretaries: Rev. H. Fowler, M.A., Mr. W. Page, F.S.A., Mr. R. J. Hillier, M.R.C.S.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. G. N. Marten, J.P.

Committee: Messrs. W. R. L. Lowe, S. Flint Clarkson, F.R.I.B.A., George Mowat, J.P., W. Carey Morgan, B.A., Lewis Evans, J.P., F.S.A., F. G. Kitton, E. N. Wix, M.A., and Rev. G. H. P. Glossop, M.A.

Mr. Lowe made a statement as to the progress of the subscriptions for the protection of the St. Germain's Block, and the repair of the St. Peter's Churchwardens' accounts.

WALTER J. LAWRENCE.

Nov. 3rd, 1899.

General Meeting held at the Herts County Museum,
St. Albans, on Friday, 3 November, 1899.

Present—The Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, in the chair; Messrs. Knight, Lowe, Johnson, Bickley, and Flint Clarkson; Messrs. Page and Hillier (hon. secs.), and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following were duly elected members of the Society: Mr. F. R. Sheehan, proposed by Mr. W. Page. Mr. E. Platt, proposed by Mr. Kitton. Mr. T. Prichard Roberts, proposed by Mr. R. J. Hillier. Miss Hodgson, proposed by Mr. R. J. Hillier. Mr. A. F. Smith, proposed by Mr. Kitton. Mr. J. Denison Jordon, proposed by Mr. W. Page. Mr. Victor T. Hodgson, proposed by Mr. Hillier. Miss Richings, proposed by Rev. H. Fowler.

Mr. Kitton proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. Cussans, which was seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance and carried.

Mr. Kitton also proposed a vote of thanks to those who had assisted in helping to get the petition for the preservation of the old house in

the Market Place, St. Albans, signed, which was seconded by Mr. Charles Johnson and carried.

Mr. Page read a paper on a Twelfth Century Psalter from St. Albans Abbey, found at Hildesheim, which was illustrated by numerous lantern slides, kindly provided by Mr. R. J. Hillier, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Page for his paper.

Mr. S. Flint Clarkson then read a paper on The Father of Inland Navigation, also illustrated by lantern slides.

After votes of thanks to Mr. Clarkson for his paper, to Mr. Hillier for preparing the slides, and to the Archdeacon for presiding, the meeting became conversational.

WALTER J. LAWRENCE.

Feb. 1st, 1900.

**General Meeting held at the Herts County Museum on
Thursday, 1st February, 1900.**

Present—The Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, in the chair; Messrs. Howard, Tarte, Wilton Hall, Askwith, Carey Morgan, and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Rev. C. V. Bicknell, proposed by the Committee, was duly elected an honorary member of the Society. Mr. W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L., of Berkhamsted, proposed by Mr. W. Page; and Mr. Councillor A. F. Faulkner, proposed by Mr. W. Carey Morgan, were duly elected members.

Mr. Page announced that a series of questions had been received by the Society from the Local Records Committee, and he hoped if anyone had any information as to collections of documents in the County not generally known, it would be sent to the secretaries. In reply to a question from Mr. Kitton, Mr. Page said that he understood from Mr. Lowe, that work had been commenced for the preservation of St. Germain's Block.

Mr. A. C. Bickley then read a paper on St. Albans, as a Village Community, which elicited considerable discussion.

HENRY J. TOULMIN,
Chairman.

March 13th, 1900.

**General Meeting held at the Herts County Museum on
Tuesday, 13th March, 1900.**

Present—Mr. H. J. Toulmin, the Mayor of St. Albans, in the chair, Lady Scott, Mrs. Toulmin, Messrs. Lowe, Wilton Hall, and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Tarte proposed that the question of the protection of St. Germain's Block be referred to the Committee, with a request that a further attempt be made to carry out the work.

After notices from Mr. Toulmin as to subscriptions to the Herts County Museum, and from Mr. Page as to the newly-formed Photographic Society, the Chairman called upon Mr. Kitton to read his paper on "The Old Inns of St. Albans."

At the conclusion of the paper Mr. Toulmin proposed, as the time was late, that the discussion be adjourned to the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Kitton by Mr. Tarte and seconded by Mr. Lowe.

F. WILLCOX.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the
Herts County Museum, on Friday, 6th April, 1900,
at 8 p.m.

Present—Rev. F. Willcox in the chair. Messrs. Howard, Bickley, Canon Wigram, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. F. A. Campion, of Netria, Bricket-road, proposed by Mr. R. J. Hillier, Mrs. Puddicombe, proposed by Mr. W. Page, and Mr. George Gaffe, proposed by Rev. F. Willcox, were duly elected members.

Mr. R. J. Hillier, on behalf of the treasurer, presented the balance sheet, which was duly passed.

The following gentlemen were elected as the officers and committee of the Society for the ensuing year, and, on the proposal of the committee, the name of Lord Aldenham was added to the list of patrons.

President—The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans, M.A., etc.

Vice-Presidents—The Earl of Verulam, Viscount Cranborne, Sir John Evans, K.C.B., Rev. Canon Gee, and Rev. Canon Davys.

Committee—S. Flint Clarkson, F.R.I.B.A., Lewis Evans, J.P., F.S.A., W. Carey Morgan, B.A., F. G. Kitton, E. N. Wix, M.A., Rev. G. H. P. Glossop, M.A., F. W. Kinneir Tarte, M.S.A. and Charles Johnson, M.A.

Hon. Treasurer—H. J. Toulmin, J.P.

Hon. Secretaries—Rev. H. Fowler, M.A., W. Page, F.S.A., and R. J. Hillier, M.R.C.S.

Hon. Auditor—G. N. Marten, J.P.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, and upon the proposal of Mr. R. L. Howard, seconded by Canon Wigram, it was ordered that the local Secretaries of the Society should be *ex-officio* members of the Committee, and that Rule 8 should in future read:—The Committee may appoint local secretaries at such places in the country as they shall deem expedient, *who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.*

Mr. Page then read a report from the Committee upon the work done by the Society during the past session, which was duly passed.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, and upon the proposal of Mr. S. Flint Clarkson, seconded by Mr. F. G. Kitton, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—That the members of the St. Albans and Hertfordshire Architectural and Archæological Society desire to express their satisfaction at the way in which the house on the south side of the Market Place, St. Albans, has been treated, and beg to thank Messrs. Boot very heartily for their consideration of the wishes of the Society.

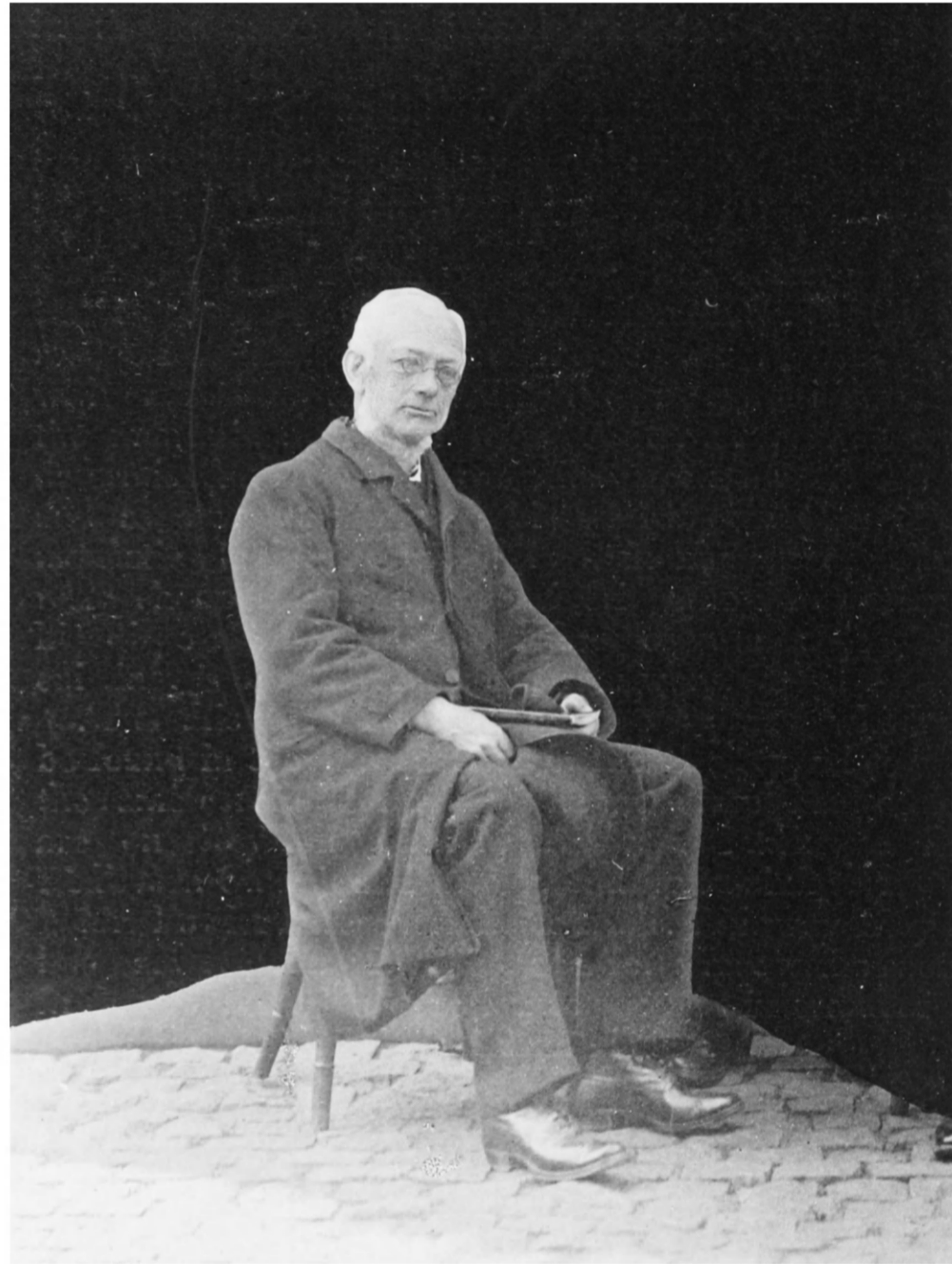
Mr. Page reported that excursions were being arranged for May, June, and July, and that the pamphlet on Benjamin Hare's map of St. Albans was ready to be delivered to the members.

The Chairman then called upon Mrs. Knight to read her paper on "The Black Death and its effects, with special reference to St. Albans," at the conclusion of which the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Knight, and expressed the hope that other ladies would follow her example by reading papers before the Society. This was seconded by Mr. Clarkson, and passed. A discussion followed, in which Canon Wigram and Mr. Page took part.

The discussion on Mr. F. G. Kitton's paper on "The Old Inns of St. Albans" was opened by a few remarks from Mr. Kitton, followed by some observations from Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Page.

25th Oct., 1900.

WALTER J. LAWRENCE.



Obituary Notice.

BY THE PRESIDENT.

The late Hon. Secretary of the Society, the Rev. Henry Fowler, will always be held in affectionate remembrance by the members; for there are few who do not bear in mind the deep interest which he consistently showed in regard to all matters of which this Society takes cognizance, and his always ready assistance in imparting the information which he possessed to all who asked it. To work with him in antiquarian research was a real pleasure. It was with these feelings that the committee have resolved to create a precedent by giving a portrait of him¹ with this notice.

The Rev. Henry Fowler was the son of Mr. Charles Fowler, a well-known architect, who was engaged in many important buildings in London, was one of the founders of the Institute of British Architects, and served with Professor Donaldson as one of the honorary secretaries of that institution. He was born on 16th April, 1827, and received his education at University College School and Exeter College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1850 and M.A. in 1852. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Worcester in the latter year, and in the following he received priest's orders from the Bishop of Salisbury. His first curacy was at Milston, Wilts, where he remained till 1856, when he took a curacy at Scudamore in the same county until 1860. From that time till 1862 he was curate at Ditton, also in Wiltshire, in which latter year he married Julia Frances, daughter of Mr. Thomas Tutton, bandmaster of the 2nd Life Guards Band. In the year after his marriage he was appointed second master at St. Albans Grammar School, and in 1865 became chaplain to the St. Albans Union, from which office he retired in 1895. He was also chaplain of H.M. Prison at St. Albans from 1882 till his death. In both these capacities he laboured most diligently to promote the welfare of those placed

¹ This portrait is taken by kind permission from a photograph by Mr. Laue, of St. Albans.

under his charge, and as Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Society, he was most earnest and persevering in his efforts to save the frailer members of society from falling back into their former evil course of life.

It was not till Mr. Fowler had been living some years in the town that he joined this Society. On 11th December, 1874, he was proposed as a member by Mr. Ridgway Lloyd and Rev. B. Hutchinson, and elected fifteen months later on 7th March, 1876. Immediately on joining the Society, he made his mark as a most painstaking and able archaeologist by his first, and perhaps his principal paper for the Society on the Boundary Wall of St. Albans Monastery, which was read before the Society on 22nd February, 1876. Fired with enthusiasm from reading Professor Willis' work on the monastic arrangement at Canterbury, Mr. Fowler determined to compile a similar work for St. Albans, and as a result produced his well known plan of the monastic buildings which is a monument of careful research and study, and considering the information at his disposal and the knowledge of the subject then existing, is a wonderfully accurate work.

After this there followed numerous papers which will be found in the Transactions of the Society, all showing the same careful research. The more important of them are on Royston Church, Ashwell, Mackerye End, Redbourn Church and Priory, and Tyttenhanger.

Mr. Fowler succeeded the late Mr. Ridgway Lloyd as honorary secretary in 1884, and for many years showed in that capacity his devotion to the best interests of the Society, which will long mourn his loss.

S. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society.

BALANCE SHEET, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last account	42	13	1
Subscriptions	35	13	0
Life Composition withdrawn from Deposit.....	8	8	0
Ditto paid in 1899	8	8	0

	16	16	0
Sale of Transactions	1	15	1

	£96	17	2

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Donation to St. Michael's Excavation Fund	5	0	0
Meetings	1	14	6
Postage	3	13	5
Stationery	1	5	1
Printing and Illustrations	42	10	0
Custodian of Library	1	0	0
Cheque Book	0	2	0
Purchase of £19 5s. 0d. Consols	20	0	0
Payment in error by F. Wallen, Esq.	1	1	0
Book added to Library	0	1	6
Subscription to Congress of Archæological Societies	2	0	0
Balance due to Mr. Page (Hon. Sec.) 1898	0	15	11

	£79	3	5
Balance in Treasurer's Hands	14	19	1
Petty cash in Hon. Sec.'s hands	2	14	5

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	£96	17	2

HENRY J. TOULMIN,
Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
G. C. BARNES,
April 6th, 1900.

S. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1900.

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Balance at Bank, Jan. 1st, 1900	14	19	4	Custodian of Library, Town Hall.....	1	0	0	
Petty Cash in Hon. Sec hands Jan. 1st, 1900.....	2	14	5	Printing and Stationery—				
By Sales of Publications		10	6	Lithograph Plans of St. Albans	2	12	6	
By Subscriptions	42	17	0	Typewriting Mr. A. Oliver's Paper		5	0	
By Dividends on £19 5s. 0d. on Consols		10	4	Copy of Portrait of Late Rev. H. Fowler.....		5	0	
				Electrotype Blocks for Illustrations	1	2	8	
				Blocks for Mr. Kitton's Papers	1	13	6	
				Gibbs and Bamforth, General Printing and Stationery	3	8	6	
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				Meeting and Excursions—			2	
				Hire of Room at Town Hall		6	0	
				Excursion to Royston		13	0	
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				Visit of East Herts Archæological Society		16	0	
				Expenses of Soirée at Museum.....		2	17	
				Oxygen Gas for Lantern Lectures			9	
				Books purchased			15	
				Books Bound and Repaired			1	
				Subscription to National Trust		1	1	
				Postage and Parcels.....		3	2	
				Cheque Book.....			5	
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Examined and found correct,
G. C. BARNES,

April 23rd, 1901.

HENRY J. TOULMIN,
Hon. Treasurer.

S. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society.

VERULAM RESEARCH FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1898-9.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Donation from this Society	5 0 0	Wages to men excavating, Mar., 1898, to Feb., 1899	50 17 2½
A. H. Lyell, M.A., F.S.A.....	2 2 0		
The Society of Antiquaries, 1st grant	5 0 0		
" " " 2nd grant	5 0 0		
R. L. Howard	0 10 0		
W. J. Hardy, F.S.A.	1 1 0		
Anonymous.....	2 0 0		
C. T. Part, J.P.....	2 0 0		
H. J. Toulmin, J.P.	1 1 0		
Rev. G. H. P. Glossop, M.A.....	2 0 0		
General Calusac	1 0 0		
The Earl of Verulam.....	5 0 0		
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April 28th, 1899.

HENRY J. TOULMIN,
Hon. Treasurer.

S. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society.

VERULAM RESEARCH FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1899-1900.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
W. J. Hardy, F.S.A.	1 1 0	Wages to men excavating, Oct., 1899, to May, 1900.....	48 8 2
Lewis Evans, F.S.A.	2 2 6	Compensation to tenants of land	3 10 0
G. Mowat, J.P.	1 1 0	Hurdles purchased.....	0 18 0
Sir John Evans, K.C.B.	5 0 0	Hire of boards and wheelbarrows	0 19 4
P. Manning, M.A., F.S.A.	4 0 0		
Donation from this Society	5 0 0		
W. Page, F.S.A.	8 0 0		
F. G. Hilton Price, Dr. S.A.	5 0 0		
W. Minet, F.S.A.	5 0 0		
E. N. Wix, M.A.	5 0 0		
Grant from the Society of Antiquaries	15 0 0		
The Lord Bishop of St. Albans	2 0 0		
R. L. Howard	1 0 0	Balance in hand	5 9 0
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WM. PAGE,
Hon. Secretary.

