

The Late Rev. H. Fowler's Papers.

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The Secretaries of the Society entrusted me, some time ago, with a considerable number of MSS. and Memoranda belonging to the late Rev. Henry Fowler, that they might be sorted and classified, and so arranged as to be available for reference. It has been a somewhat lengthy task, but most willingly undertaken, as a tribute to the memory of one who was so diligent a student of Antiquities and Archæological lore in general, and especially of all such matters relating to this county.

A good many of Mr. Fowler's Papers have been published in the Society's "Transactions," and the original copies of most of these are in this collection. But it is not so much the finished Papers as the Notes, References and Memoranda, which he made when compiling them, that form the bulk of the papers here dealt with. There can be no doubt but that Mr. Fowler was most anxious to be strictly accurate in the statements which he made, and these papers abound in instances

which show the pains he took to secure that accuracy. Sentences are written and re-written in a variety of ways, showing that he wished to say the right thing in the right way. It was this over-anxiety to be accurate which largely caused that hesitancy in delivery, which made his speeches at times so difficult to follow.

As regards much that he wrote, he does not seem to have been satisfied that the last word had been said. Much, therefore, has been left unfinished, that he might revise it in the light of a more exact knowledge following on deeper research.

Several drafts, more or less complete, of nearly every paper in this collection are to be met with, and in most cases it is very difficult to determine which is meant to stand for fair copy. There are several instances in which the MS. of the Paper, and the same Paper, as printed in the "Transactions," show considerable variation from each other. A good deal of suggestive matter may be found in these drafts.

It has been difficult in some instances to classify the Notes and Memoranda, and a thorough and complete classification would only be possible after making a careful calendar and index, as one sheet or fragment of paper frequently contains notes relating to several different subjects, and connected with different places. As a rule, however, they have some connection with each other; the references and memoranda, for the most part, being concerned with places visited at the summer excursions of the Society.

Many of the notes, headed "British Museum," cover a variety of subjects. In some of them the same references occur more than once, as if the notes made in the first instance had been mislaid.

The papers have been sorted out, as far as possible, under the head of "Parishes," as follows:—

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| I. ST. ALBANS. | II. HERTFORDSHIRE. |
| III. OTHER COUNTIES. | IV. MISCELLANEOUS. |

The documents relating to each "Parish" are, as a rule, in separate envelopes, and the papers are grouped, numbered, and lettered, and a list of the contents similarly numbered and lettered is filed in each envelope with the Papers; it is not an ideal arrangement; but still, it is a step in the direction of a proper classification.

The following list gives an outline of the subjects dealt with. For more detailed information the list of contents in each envelope must be consulted; but the student must be prepared to look the papers carefully through for himself, as the list of contents is not, of necessity, exhaustive.

I. RELATING TO ST. ALBANS.

1. THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Roman Wall—Raynshaw Family—Rowlatt Family—Queen Elizabeth's Visits—Survey 3° and 4° Philip and Mary—Verulam Road—Cotton Mill Lane—Verulam—Moot Hall.

2. ST. ALBANS ABBEY.—Voluminous Papers on the Monastic Buildings—Sites of Monastic Buildings—Boundary Wall of the Monastery—Notes on the Fabric. Abbot Wheathampstead and his family—Miscellaneous Papers on the Abbey—Mr. Ridgway Lloyd's "Mediæval Pilgrimage to St. Albans"—Cathedral of St. Albans—Abbey Roofs—Extracts from Weever—Thomas de la Mare—Vicarages in Patronage of the Abbot.

3. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPEL.—The Chapel and its Levels—Various Notes—Sketch Plans.

4. ST. MICHAEL'S.—Pulpit—Roman Foundations—Lady Anne Bacon—Gorhambury.

5. ST. PETER'S.—Church Plate—Pemberton Family—Church—Photographs.

6. ST. STEPHEN'S.—Bells—Registers—St. Julian's.

7. JENNINGS FAMILY—Jennings and Maynards from Abbey Register—Will of the Duchess—Notes relating to the Duchess and the Jennings Family from Strickland, Pepys, Evelyn, etc.—Note *re* certain Sandridge Vicars.

II. RELATING TO THE COUNTY.

1. ALDBURY.—Leeds and Verney Chapels—Notes relating to Aldbury (Edlesborough, Dagnall, Eaton Bray)—Sketch of Carving in South Aisle of Church.

ALDENHAM.—The Manor—Printed Slips relating to Church—Priest's Heath—Carye Brass—Inscriptions—Bells—Census of 1891—Palimpsest Brass.

2. ASHWELL.—Paper on the Church—Four Drafts of the Paper more or less complete—Many Notes—Plan of the Church—Pencil Sketches and Notes on parts of the Church—Portion of another draft on the Church.

3. BALDOCK.—Notes on the Argentein Slab—from Clutterbuck—References to Authorities.

4. CHESHUNT.—Unfinished Note on Cheshunt—Notes on Brasses and Manor of Theobalds—Various Notes and Extracts—Cheshunt Great House.

WALTHAM.—Notes on the Abbey Church—The Austin Canons—Waltham Cross—Eleanor Crosses.

5. GREAT BERKHAMPSTEAD.—Paper on the Castle—Books of Reference—Notes from Mat. Paris and Rishanger—References to State Papers.

6. FLAMSTEAD.—Effigies in Church—Notes on Flamstead—on the name—Extracts from Mat. Paris, and Book of Benefactors—Pedigree of Ferrars.

7. GREAT GADDESSEN.—The Manor and Church—Attack of Wat Tyler's mob on Ashridge.

LITTLE GADDESSEN.—References in Mat. Paris and the Gesta—Various Extracts chiefly relating to the College of Bonhommes—Extracts and Notes from Lipscombe and Todd-Pitstone—Ashridge—Wright's Notes on Little Gaddesden Church and Letter—Notes on the Monuments—Notes relating chiefly to 2nd Duke of Bridgewater—The Egertons—Monumental Inscriptions—Part of a Paper by Rev. F. H. Hodgson—Drafts of a Paper on Little Gaddesden—Two Photographs.

8. HERTFORD.—On Hertford Churches—Tracing of the site of St. John's.

HITCHIN.—Notes on Effigy and the Church—On Ashwell, Arbury Banks—The Baliols—Temple Dinsley—The Kendals.

9. KING'S LANGLEY.—Paper dated June 1st, 1894—Notes on Abbot's and King's Langley from Pridmore—Survey of Manor 2^o Philip and Mary with Plan of Black Friars at Norwich—Notes on Palace, Priory, and Church—Roll of Arms and Will of Edmund Langley, Duke of York—The Langley Tomb—Lancaster Shield—Label of Bolingbroke—Black Friars of Norwich—Part of a Draft of a Paper on the Palace and Priory—Notes from Strickland, Trokelow, etc.

10. KING'S WALDEN.—Paper on King's Walden, copy and several drafts—Charter of Æthelred, references in Mat. Paris—Priory of Malton and ordination of Vicarage—Letter from A. H. Kersey on the Restoration of the Church—Notes from various sources—Name and Places Names—References to various Authorities—The Nevilles—Legats—Kimpton and Offley.

11. LITTLE BERKHAMPSTEAD.—Note on Bishop Ken—Borders of Danish Territory.

BUSHEY and OXHEY—from Cussans. CALDECOTE and NEWENHAM—Notes and Sketch of Effigy in EASTWICK Church.

12. MACKERY END.—Paper on Mackery End—Notes on the House—Paper, R. L. Howard—Draft of Paper—Bostok Pedigree—Name of Mackery, Charles Lamb—Plans, Tracings, and Rubbings.

NORTH MIMMS.—Notes on North Mimms—Chantry of St. Catherine—North Mimms Place.

13. REDBOURN.—Paper on Redbournbury—On the Priory—References in the "Gesta"—Invention of St. Amphibalus—Manor of St. Amphibal—Extracts from Weever, etc.—Pecok Brass—Reade Brass—Church Plate.

14. ROYSTON.—Paper on the Priory Church with Plan—Another Copy.

TWIN —References to Conventual Leases—Transcript of Lease 24 Henry VII.

QUEEN HOO.—Various Notes and References—Part of Draft of a Paper—Notes from the Romance—Woodhall—Botelers—Pedigree of Boteler.

THUNDRIDGE.—Paper on Thundridge—Bishops of London—Sketch of the Bury.

GREAT HADHAM—Notes on.

STANDON—The Manor and Church.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN.—Notes and Memoranda, various.

15. STEVENAGE.—Paper on the "Six Hills"—Plan and Section of Bartlow Hills—Various Notes—Folk Lore of the Hills—Sketch of Moat in Holmley Wood, etc.

16. THERFIELD.—Visit of Abbot of Ramsey to Therfield.

17. TRING.—Brief Note.

18. TYTTENHANGER.—Paper on Tyttenhanger—Six Drafts or portions of Drafts of the same—Ridge—Sir Thomas Pope—Lee—Mountjoy—Pictures in the House.

19. WATFORD.—Paper on Cassiobury—Plan—Draft of Paper and Notes on an Excursion—Watford Place Names—Morison Chapel—Notes from "Gesta," etc.—The Church—Vicarage, time of Abbot Stoke. CHENIES—Russell Chapel. SARRATT.

20. WHEATHAMPSTEAD.—Charles I. at Lamer—Brass of Hugh Bostock.

III. RELATING TO OTHER COUNTIES.

1. BEDFORD—Excursion to—Bedford Castle—Elsrow—St. Paul's Church—Numerous Notes.

2. ELY—Notes.

3. IVINGHOE.—Church—Chaceport's Tomb—Materials for Papers.

4. LINCOLN.—Newport Gate—Tracings. Paper, not in "Transactions."

5. ST. HELEN'S, BISHOPSGATE.—Church—Nunnery—Pemberton Brass in St. Helen's.

6. ST. NEOT'S.—Paper on St. Neot's—Translation of the Homily for St. Neot's Day—Glossary—Various Notes—Priory.

7. SAFFRON WALDEN—Excursion Notes—Tracings—Audley End—Lord Braybrook.

8. SOMERIES and LUTON.—Paper—Several Drafts—Many Notes—Wenlock Chapel—Sketch Plan of Luton—Someries—Someries Pedigree—Sketch of Someries—Will of William Wenlock—Plan of Someries—Many Notes.

9. TOTTERNHOE.—Paper—Notes on the Name—Vicarage, tempo Hugo Wells.

10. TYNEMOUTH.—Robert de Mowbray.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.

1. Translation of Poem, said to be by John Wheathampstead—Part of an Heraldic Glossary—Alfred's Boethius—Weather in the Thirteenth century.

2. Memoranda relating to a variety of persons, places, and things; unclassified.

3. A variety of Memoranda relating to Meetings of the Architectural and Archæological Society.

4. Odds and Ends.

5. A number of Newspaper Cuttings.