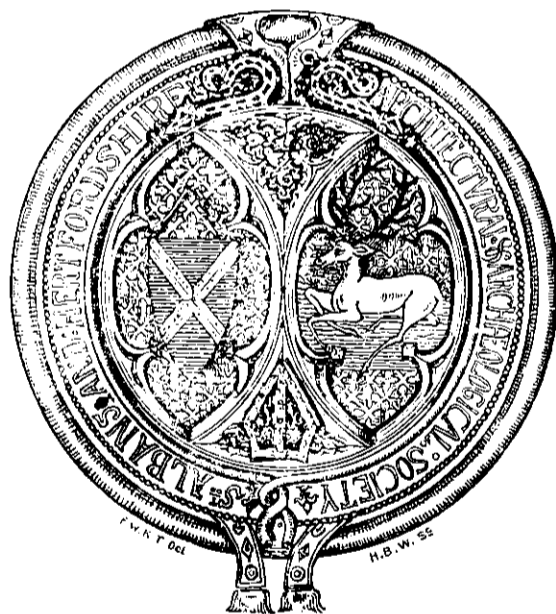


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St. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society.

PROCEEDINGS.

Meeting held at the Herts County Museum,
October 31st, 1902.

Present—The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans, in the chair; also Mr. and Mrs. Knight, the Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Turle, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kitton, Messrs. E. Stanley Kent, E. S. Wolfe, G. Gaffe, W. R. L. Lowe, A. E. Gibbs, F. Palmer, C. Johnson, A. E. Ekins; and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ashdown; with the Hon. Secretaries, Mr. W. Page and Mr. R. J. Hillier, and many others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following new members were elected:—Mr. F. J. Linzell, Mr. Hugh Pedder, Mr. H. Maurice, Mr. Leighton, Miss English, and Miss Rumball.

Mr. F. G. Kitton moved the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—“That the thanks of this Society be accorded to Mr. Harry Brown (of Messrs. Munt, Brown & Co.), to Mr. T. A. Martin, manager of the Factory, and to Messrs. Hiskett and Ewer, decorators, for the sympathetic manner in which they have carried out the restoration of the moulded plaster work on the front of the Old House, No. 13, Fishpool Street; and, that the Society shall notify its appreciation of the action of Mr. E. S. Harvey, the present owner of the Ancient Buildings, and Mr. T. Foster-Woodman, the architect, at the upper corner of George Street, in preserving that interesting structure, and in exposing to view the timber framing, which had been previously obscured.”

Mrs. F. T. Knight then read a most interesting and exhaustive Paper “On the History and Times of Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, and his connection with the Abbey of St. Albans.”

After some remarks on the Paper, by the Very Rev. the Dean, Mr. Gaffe, and Mr. Kitton, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Knight for her admirable paper was proposed by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Ekins, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Dean, proposed by Mr. Kitton, seconded by Mr. A. E. Gibbs, was carried unanimously.

LEWIS EVANS.

Dec 2nd, 1902.

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**General Meeting of the Society in conjunction with
the "Hertfordshire Natural History Society and
Field Club," held at the Herts County
Museum, December 2nd, 1902.**

Present—Mr. Lewis Evans in the chair; also Mr. Kitton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gibbs, Mr. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Hine, the Rev. Canon Wigram, Mrs. Pope, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. F. Palmer, and others, with Mrs. Knight, Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Gibbs announced that a copy of the "Transactions for the Year, 1883," which had been lost, had been kindly replaced by the gift of a new copy of that date from Mrs. Kitton.

The following new member was elected:—Mrs. Pope, Ridgmont Road, proposed by Mrs. Knight, and seconded by Mr. A. J. Rhodes.

Mr. Herbert George Fordham then read an interesting Paper on "County Maps and the Books in which they are found, with special reference to the Maps of Hertfordshire," illustrated by a collection of Topographical Works and County Atlases.

At the conclusion of the Paper, the Chairman expressed the thanks of the two Societies to the lecturer, remarking upon the great amount of research such a subject required, and which Mr. Fordham had evidently given to it, as shown by the exhaustive character of his Paper.

The formal vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. Hopkinson, seconded by Canon Wigram, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Kitton, seconded by Mr. Montague Jones, and carried unanimously.

W. H. TURLE.

February 19th, 1903.

**Meeting of the Society, held at the Herts County
Museum on February 19th, 1903.**

Present—The Rev. W. H. Turle, in the chair; also Messrs. Rhodes, Wilton Hall, W. J. Hardy, J. Blake, Grimwood, H. Gilpin, S. Flint Clarkson, Mrs. and Miss Fox Bourne, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. H. Gilpin, Mrs. Tarte, Mrs. Hansard, Mrs. Clarkson, Miss Rumball, Mr. Knight, and the Secretaries, Mrs. Knight and Mr. R. J. Hillier.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. W. H. C. Boswell, proposed by Mr. Hillier, and seconded by Mr. Blake, was unanimously elected a member of the Society.

Mr. Henderson then read a Paper, written by Mrs. Henderson, on "St. Wulfstan, and his connection with St. Albans."

The Paper proved to be extremely interesting, and, as the chairman remarked, showed evidence of great literary skill and research. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Henderson, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clarkson.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Henderson, and seconded by Mr. A. J. Rhodes, was accorded to the Rev. W. H. Turle for taking the chair.

HENRY J. TOULMIN.

April 23rd, 1903.

**The Annual Meeting of the Society, held at the
Herts County Museum, on April 23rd, 1903.**

Present—H. J. Toulmin, Esq., in the chair; also Messrs. A. E. Ekins, A. Whitford Anderson, F. G. Kitton, A. E. Gibbs, F. W. Kinnier Tarte, J. F. Knight, the Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. M. C. Knight and Mr. R. J. Hillier, and many others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet was presented and passed.

The Secretaries' Report as to the number of meetings and membership was also presented, and considered satisfactory.

A letter from Mr. Page was read regretting that owing to ill-health, he was obliged to resign his post as Secretary, and the said resignation was accepted with deep regret.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President: The Very Rev. the Dean of St Albans; Vice-Presidents: Lord Cranborne, Sir John Evans, the Earl of Verulam, and Ernest N. Wix, Esq. Committee: A. E. Gibbs, Esq., C. H. Ashdown, Esq., Dr. Wyatt Wingrave, S. Flint Clarkson, Esq., A. J. Rhodes, Esq., F. W. Kinnier Tarte, Esq., J. F. Knight, Esq., F. G. Kitton, Esq. Treasurer: H. J. Toulmin, Esq. Secretaries: Robert J. Hillier, Esq., Mrs. Maude C. Knight, E. Stanley Kent, Esq. Auditor: G. N. Marten, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. A. E. Ekins, and carried unanimously:—"To add to Rule 3—'and any Secretary of the Society, who shall have held office for five years, shall be eligible for election at an Annual General Meeting as a life member, and shall be considered to have compounded for all subsequent subscriptions to the Society.'"

Under the new Rule, Mr. Page was proposed by Mr. Toulmin as a life member, and his election was carried unanimously.

It was mentioned that Mr. Page had presented the Society with a copy of his Paper on "The St. Albans School of Mural Painting," which was accepted with thanks by the Committee.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the East Herts Society, suggesting that this Society should subscribe to certain excavations taking place in the eastern part of the county. It was decided that sufficient had been done in mentioning the subject.

A most interesting Paper, very well illustrated by lantern slides, made by the author, was read by Mr. A. Whitford Anderson, of Watford, on "Some Ornamental Carvings in Herts Churches."

The Paper was throughout most excellent, and gave many evidences of the large amount of trouble and care which had been taken by Mr. Anderson in preparing it, and it was very highly commended. After the paper, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Flint Clarkson, seconded by Mr. Kitton, to Mr. Anderson for his excellent paper, and carried unanimously. After Mr. Anderson had suitably replied, votes of thanks were also accorded to Mr. Ashdown and Mr. Briggs for their management of the lantern.

FRANK BEAL.

Dec. 11th, 1903.

**Meeting held in the Herts County Museum,
St. Albans, on December 11th, 1903.**

Present—F. Beal, Esq. in the chair; also Messrs. A. J. Nicholson, F. W. Kinnier Tarte, C. H. Ashdown, J. Blake, H. J. Worssam, A. E. Ekins, Mrs. Blake, Miss Worssam, Mrs. Henderson, and others, with the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. E. Stanley Kent and R. J. Hillier. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Cox and Mr. Purchase were duly elected Members of the Society.

Mr. C. Hulton Le Maistre then read a Paper on "Parish Registers and Genealogies: How to write a Family History."

The Paper was most interesting, and was closely followed by those present. On its conclusion, a vote of thanks was accorded unanimously to Mr. Le Maistre, the same being proposed by Mr. Ekins, and seconded by Mr. Worssam.

A discussion, arising out of the recent visit to Hall Place, was postponed on account of the lateness of the hour.

A. J. RHODES.

May 6th, 1904.

**The Annual General Meeting held in the Herts County
Museum, on May 6th, 1904.**

Present—A. J. Rhodes, Esq., in the chair; also Messrs. W. R. L. Lowe, A. E. Gibbs, J. Blake, C. H. Ashdown, F. Silvester, F. W. Kinnier Tarte, F. Boswell; Mrs. Blake, Miss Barker, Mrs. and Miss Hillier, Mrs. Ashdown, Miss Rose White, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

With regard to the Committee for the ensuing year, Dr. Wyatt-Wingrave, Mr. Flint Clarkson, and Mr. F. W. Kinnier Tarte being the retiring members, their places were filled by Mr. C. Johnson, Mr. A. J. Nicholson, and Mr. A. E. Ekins. Mrs. Knight having resigned her position as Secretary, Mr. Tarte was appointed Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. Flint Clarkson was appointed a Life Member.

The Balance Sheet was presented and adopted, the same being considered to be quite satisfactory.

A new representative being required on the Museum Committee, the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Rhodes, Mr. R. J. Hillier was unanimously elected as a Life Member of the Society under Rule 3, as amended at the last Annual Meeting.

Mr. W. R. L. Lowe then read a Paper, by Mr. G. Mowat, on "Early Pigeon Houses," which was illustrated by lantern slides, shown by Mr. Ashdown.

A vote of thanks was subsequently unanimously accorded to Dr. Mowat for his Paper, on the motion of Mr. Kinnier Tarte, seconded by Dr. Hillier.

Mr. H. R. Wilton Hall was unanimously appointed Librarian to the Society, on the proposition of Mr. Tarte, seconded by Mr. Silvester.

WALTER J. LAWRENCE.

January 20th, 1905.

