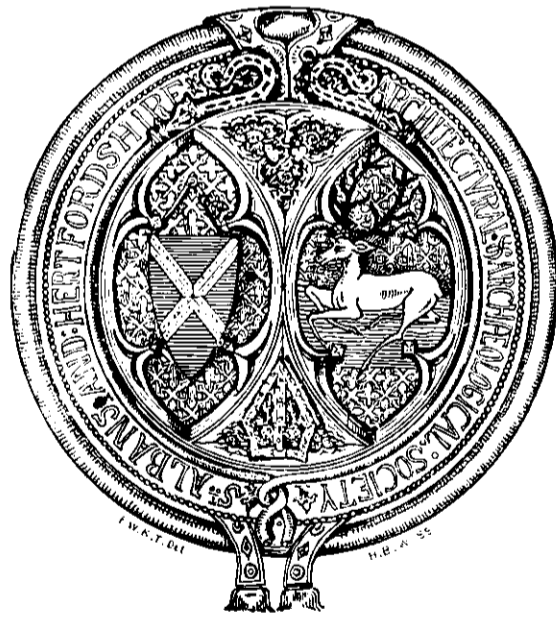


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St. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society.

PROCEEDINGS.

General Meeting held at the Herts County Museum, January 20th, 1905.

Present—The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans (in the chair), Mrs. Puddicombe, Mrs. Kinneir Tarte, Mrs. Bakewell, Miss R. White, Miss B. E. Evans, and Miss E. M. Palmer; Messrs. H. R. Wilton Hall, F. W. Silvester, H. Pedder, B. Wadmore, D. A. H. Lawrance, A. E. Ekins, V. T. Hodgson, H. Pollard, W. F. Andrews, with the Secretaries, Mr. F. W. Kinneir Tarte and E. Stanley Kent, and others.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed. The Dean referred in feeling terms to the great loss which the Society had sustained since its last Meeting by the death of Mr. Frederick George Kitton, and proposed the following Resolution:—"That the St. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society desires to put on record, on this the first Meeting since the lamented death of Mr. Frederick George Kitton, their sense of the great loss that they have sustained, remembering the unfailing interest which he always evinced in the welfare of the Society for many years past, and the able assistance which he ungrudgingly gave to its work. They also wish to assure Mrs. Kitton of their deep sympathy with her in her bereavement."

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. A. E. Ekins, and carried unanimously.

The following new Members were proposed by Mr. Tarte, seconded by Mr. Kent, and elected:—Mr. M. T. Hodding, Mr. Beauchamp Wadmore, and the Library of Congress, Washington, U.S.A.

A most interesting Paper, well illustrated by lantern slides, made by the Author, was read by Mr. A. Whitford Anderson, of Watford, on "Some Characteristics of Hertfordshire Churches."

At the conclusion of the Paper the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Society to the Lecturer, remarking that he was well acquainted with most of the Churches in Hertfordshire, and he was quite amazed at the amount of labour which must have been expended by Mr. Anderson in getting all his facts together in the masterly way he had done.

A Discussion followed, in which Messrs. Hodgson, Wilton Hall, Pollard and Tarte took part.

The formal vote of thanks to Mr. Whitford Anderson was proposed by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Ekins, and carried unanimously; as were also votes of thanks to Mr. Ashdown for manipulating the lantern, and to the Dean for presiding.

(Signed) W. J. LAWRENCE.

May 26th, 1905.

**The Annual Meeting of the Society held at the
Herts County Museum, May 26th, 1905.**

Present—The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans (in the chair), Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Ashdown, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Miss R. White, Messrs. Toulmin, Hillier, Johnson, Ekins, Gibbs, Lowe, the Hon Secretaries, and others.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. H. J. Toulmin, as Treasurer, presented the Balance Sheet, which was considered satisfactory, and duly passed.

Mr. Kinneir Tarte read the Report of the Committee upon the work done by the Society during the past session, which was duly passed.

The following gentlemen were elected as the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:—

Patrons—The Most Noble the Marquess of Salisbury; the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Albans; Lord Aldenham, F.S.A.

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The following were duly elected Members:—Mr. A. W. Cleghorn and Mrs. F. E. Hall, Redborne.

Mr. W. Page and Mr. Duncan Montgomerie each read a Paper on Berkhamstead Castle.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Lecturers for their excellent Papers. This was seconded by Mr. Ekins, and the vote was carried unanimously; as were also votes of thanks to Mr. Ashdown for showing the slides, and to the Dean for presiding.

At the close of the Meeting several Members expressed their desire to view the excavations at Berkhamstead Castle which were being carried out by Messrs. Page and Montgomerie. The Secretaries arranged an Excursion to take place on June 3rd, Messrs. Page and Montgomerie kindly undertaking to show the Members the excavations.

(Signed) ALFRED J. NICHOLSON.

November 24th, 1905.

**A General Meeting held at the Herts County
Museum, November 24th, 1905.**

Present—A. J. Nicholson, Esq. (in the chair), Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Messrs. B. Wadmore, H. Pedder, H. Nicholson, the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. E. Stanley Kent and C. H. Ashdown, and others.

On the motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by Mr. Ashdown, Mrs. F. G. Kitton was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of this Society, in appreciation of the important services rendered to the Society by the late Mr. F. G. Kitton.

Mr. H. R. Wilton Hall then read a Paper entitled, "Tis Sixty Years Since: A Review of the History of the Society, A.D. 1845 to 1905."

At the conclusion of the Paper the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilton Hall for his excellent Paper. This was seconded by Mr. Ashdown, and carried unanimously.

(Signed) HENRY J. TOULMIN.

March 2nd, 1906.

**A General Meeting held in the Herts County
Museum, March 2nd, 1906.**

Present—H. J. Toulmin, Esq., in the chair. The meeting was largely attended, there being nearly sixty Members and Friends present.

The following were elected Members of the Society:—Dr. Hobbs, Lemsford Road; Mr. R. D. Gillman, Cumberland Avenue; Mr. Henry Lawson, Clarence Park, and Mr. James S. Nicholson, Woodstock Road.

The Secretary announced that the following Lectures and Excursions had been arranged:—

Mr. W. H. Nicholson, Lecture on "Mediaeval Vestments"; Mr. A. Whitford Anderson, Lecture upon "St. Stephen's Church," to be delivered, if possible, at St. Stephen's Church; Excursions to Ponsbourne and District, by invitation of Mr. E. Hildred Carlile, M.P.; Excursion to the Eastern part of the County in conjunction with the East Herts Archæological Society.

Mr. Charles Johnson announced that a friend of his would be willing to Index the one-inch Ordnance Map of Hertfordshire, providing the Society would guarantee the publication.

A Paper of much interest was then read by Mr. William Page upon "The Site of the Kingsbury Castle."

Mr. Ashdown read a Paper upon "Tessellated Pavements recently uncovered in Verulam."

Mr. Charles Johnson read a Paper upon "Hertfordshire in 1068."

The first two Papers were illustrated by Lantern Slides, and all three Papers evoked considerable interest.

During the Discussion that followed, remarks were offered by Mr. Wadmore, Dr. Morison, Mr. A. E. Gibbs, Mr. Page, and Mr. Ashdown.

(Signed) HENRY J. TOULMIN.

May 28th, 1906.

**The Annual Meeting of the Society held at the
Herts County Museum, May 28th, 1906.**

Present—Mr. H. J. Toulmin, in the chair. The meeting was very numerous attended, about sixty Members and Friends being present.

The Secretary read a letter from the Dean, regretting his inability to be present.

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Toulmin, as Treasurer, presented the Balance Sheet, which was considered satisfactory and passed.

Mr. Ashdown read the Report of the Committee upon the previous year's work, and also the Report of the Hon. Librarian, both of which were passed.

The following were elected as Officers and Members of the Committee for the ensuing year:—

Patrons: The Most Noble the Marquess of Salisbury; the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of St. Albans; Lord Aldenham, F.S.A. President: The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Vice-Presidents: Sir John Evans, K.C.B., D.C.L.; the Earl of Verulam; the Rev. Canon Owen W. Davys, M.A.; Ernest N. Wix, M.A.; W. Page, Esq., F.S.A.; the Rev. Canon the Hon. Kenneth F. Gibbs, M.A. Committee: A. E. Ekins, Esq., F.C.S., J.P.; A. J. Nicholson, Esq.; B. Wadmore, Esq., A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I.; T. Victor Hodgson, Esq.; A. Whitford Anderson, Esq., A.R.I.B.A.; F. W. Kinneir Tarte, Esq., M.S.A.; E. Stanley Kent, Esq.; A. E. Gibbs, Esq., F.L.S., F.R.H.S. Hon. Treasurer: H. J. Toulmin, Esq., J.P. Hon. Secretary: Chas. H. Ashdown, Esq., F.R.G.S., F.C.S. Hon. Librarian: H. R. Wilton Hall, Esq.

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The following were duly elected Members of the Society: E. Hildred Carlile, Esq., M.P. Ponsbourne House, near Hertford; T. Ottaway, Esq., St. Albans; W. J. Hardy, Esq., F.S.A., St. Albans; Dr. J. Earl Norman, St. Albans; Miss Kent, St. Albans.

Mrs. M. C. Knight was unanimously elected an Honorary Member in recognition of her valuable services to the Society.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. W. H. Nicholson to give his Lecture upon "Ecclesiastical Vestments with special reference to those in use in St. Albans Monastery."

The Lecture was illustrated by Lantern Slides, kindly prepared by Mr. W. H. Coleman; by many rubbings of Ecclesiastical Brasses; and by a splendid collection of most elaborate Vestments, kindly lent for the occasion by the Rev. H. Darwin Burton, Vicar of St. Saviour's Church, St. Albans. The Lecture was listened to with marked attention and with evident appreciation, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Lecturer at its termination.

(Signed) WALTER J. LAWRENCE.

October 29th, 1906.

**A General Meeting held in the Herts County Museum,
October 29th, 1906.**

Present—The Dean of St. Albans in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following were elected Members of the Society:—Mr. A. Yusuf Ali, St. Albans, and the Rev. L. Buxton, St. Albans.

The Secretary announced that by the kind permission of the Dean he proposed holding three Meetings in the Abbey Church for the purpose of studying the history and architecture with a view to the taking of strangers round the edifice.

The Secretary asked for lady volunteers to help in the preservation of the many rubbings of Brasses in the possession of the Society.

A medallion of the late Mr. Waller, presented by his son was thankfully received, and the Secretary was asked to write and acknowledge the same.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. H. P. Pollard to read his Paper upon "The Alien Benedictine Priory at Ware."

The Paper showed very considerable research, and was much appreciated by the Members.

Mr. Wilton Hall then read a Paper upon "The Records of the Old Archdeaconry of St. Albans."

This Paper proved to be of a most interesting character, arousing the continued attention of the audience, and occasionally evoking bursts of merriment at the quaint entries in the Records.

A vote of thanks to the two Lecturers was unanimously passed.

The Dean then delivered a short address upon the aims and objects of the Society, and congratulated the Members upon its continued usefulness and success.

(Signed) ALFRED J. NICHOLSON.

December 10th, 1906.

**A General Meeting held at the Herts County
Museum, December 10th, 1906.**

Mr. A. J. Nicholson was in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Nuttall, St. Albans, was elected a Member of the Society.

The Secretary reported that two Meetings had been held in the Abbey Church by the kind permission of the Dean, for the purpose of studying the architecture and history of the edifice. Twenty Members of the Society attended the first Meeting, and nearly thirty were present at the second.

The Chairman then called upon Mrs. C. H. Ashdown to deliver her Lecture upon "The Head-Dresses of Mediaeval Ladies."

The Lecture was illustrated by examples reproduced from brasses, effigies, &c. and made by Mrs. Ashdown herself. They were about sixteen in number, and covered the period from the Saxon to the Tudor era. Two young ladies volunteered their services as models. The Head Dresses showed a large amount of original research, and careful attention to detail.

A vote of thanks to the Lecturer was unanimously accorded.

(Signed) WALTER J. LAWRENCE.

May 15th 1907.

Excursions.

On May 20th, 1905 an Excursion of the Society was made to Gorhambury, Members of the Herts Natural History Society and the St. Albans Photographic Society also joining.

The Earl of Verulam personally received the party, and conducted the visitors throughout the chief apartments, describing the principal unique objects of interest.

The sites of the earlier houses were visited under the direction of Mr. C. H. Ashdown.

June, 1905. Excursion to Berkhamstead Castle. The Members were received by Mr. W. Page and Mr. D. Montgomerie, under whose guidance the excavations were viewed, and the construction and history of the building lucidly explained.

May 12th, 1906. Visit to St. Stephen's Church. A Paper was read by Mr. A. Whitford Anderson.

August 30th, 1906. Excursion to Stevenage, and Little Wymondley in conjunction with the East Herts Archæological Society. The Six Hills, Sishes, Chells Manor House, Stevenage Church, the Conduit Head Wymondley Priory, Little Wymondley Church, and Wymondley Bury were visited.

September 29th, 1906. Excursion to Someries Castle, conducted by Mr. B. Wadmore.