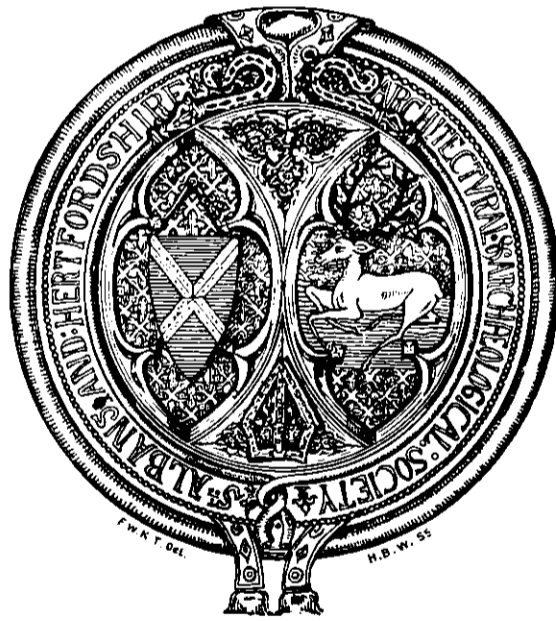


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Obituary.

THE EARL OF VERULAM,

who died on November 11th, 1924, became a Member in 1897, a Vice-President in 1900, and a Patron in 1913. For some years, until his health failed, he frequently presided at the meetings of the Society.

The present Earl, who has become a Patron in his father's place, is the third successive holder of the title to be a Patron.

THE VERY REV. G. W. BLENKIN, D.D.,

Dean of St. Albans and Rector of the Abbey Parish, who died on September 24th, 1924, became a Vice-President in 1921.

THE REV. CANON G. H. P. GLOSSOP, M.A.,

who died on June 8th, 1925, became a Member in 1895, a member of the Committee (now the Council) in 1899, and a Vice-President in 1904.

DR. EUSTACE H. LIPSCOMB, M.B.,

who died on August 25th, 1924, became a Member in 1895, and Hon. Auditor in 1906.

Report of the President, 1925.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that our Society pursued its course through the year 1924 with continued success.

Both the Lectures and the Excursions were well attended, and our thanks are due to Mrs. Ashdown for the manner in which she arranged them, to the Lecturers for the very interesting subjects they presented to us, and to hosts and hostesses for their kind hospitality on the occasions of Excursions.

Our membership increased during the year by eighteen, and now numbers one hundred and seventy-two, including Life and Honorary members. We shall welcome a further increase in our membership.

We have to congratulate Mrs. Ashdown on having received the honour of Fellowship of the Royal Historical Society, an honour well deserved by reason of her historical research and work.

We have sustained several losses by death, as will be found recorded in the Obituary notices.

We are grateful to the Earl of Verulam for succeeding the late Earl as a Patron of our Society, to the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson, M.A., Dean and Rector of St. Albans, for having succeeded his predecessor as a Vice-President, and to Mr. A. W. Card for having undertaken the duties of Auditor of our accounts, in the place of the late Dr. Lipscomb. Miss Jopling resigned the post of Librarian on leaving St. Albans, and we thank Miss K. A. Jones for very kindly accepting appointment as her successor.

Mr. Blencowe Brigg, of Harrogate, has presented a collection of papers relating to our County, compiled by his father, the late Mr. William Brigg. Particulars of these are given by the Hon. Librarian in this volume, and also of other gifts to our Library.

The late Mr. Wilton Hall, shortly before his death, gave the President a collection of papers which he wished handed to our Librarian, as he thought that some of them would be of interest to our Society. Some of these have also found a place in our Library.

Members are invited to make greater use of the Library; books can be borrowed at any time.

E. J. GALLOP.

Honorary Secretary's Report, 1925.

It is a pleasure to record that a very successful series of Lectures was given before the Society during the winter season of 1924-5, viz. :—

Oct. 6th, 1924.—“ English and Foreign Romanesque Buildings compared.”

By Mr. Allen S. Walker.

Oct. 20th, 1924.—“ The Holy Mountain Athos.”

By Sir Edgar Wigram, Bart, B.A., A.R.I.B.A.

Nov. 3rd, 1924.—“ Thirteenth Century Capitals and other details in some Herts., Notts. and Lincs. Churches.”

By Mr. Ernest Woolley, F.S.A.

Nov. 17th, 1924.—“ Lilley People who figure in Literature.”

By the Rev. Prebendary F. A. Hibbert, M.A.

Dec. 1st, 1924.—“ Luton Church.”

By Mr. E. Craven-Lee.

Jan. 19th, 1925.—“ Buildings and Archæology in India.”

By Mr. C. D. Steel, B.A.

Feb. 2nd, 1925.—“ The Miracle Plays and their influence on the Elizabethan Stage.”

By the Rev. Prebendary F. A. Hibbert, M.A.

Feb. 16th, 1925.—“ The Development of Greek Temples.”

By Sir Edgar T. A. Wigram, Bart, B.A., A.R.I.B.A.

March 2nd, 1925.—“ Some Memorials of the Hertfordshire Franciscans : in commemoration, 1224-1924.”

By Mr. Gerald R. Owst, M.A., Ph.D.

March 16th, 1925.—“ Tut-ankh-amen and his Tomb.”

By Mr. Eric A. Jones.

In addition, Sir Edgar Wigram gave two lectures in the Abbey Church, on the history of the building and monuments.

All the lectures were of great interest, and it is gratifying to note that all save three of the lecturers are members of the Society. We tender to each of them our grateful thanks for making our session such an unqualified success.

The following Excursions were made during the summers of 1924 and 1925 :—

May 20th, 1924.—Flamstead and Redbourn.

June 3rd, 1924.—Totternhoe Beacon, Edlesborough and Eaton Bray.

June 16th, 1924.—Aldenham Church and Aldenham House gardens.

July 1st, 1924.—Jordans, Beaconsfield and Penn.

July 15th, 1924.—Aston Bury and Shephall Church.

July 29th, 1924.—Great Offley, King's Walden and St. Paul's Walden.

May 19th, 1925.—Aldbury and Great Gaddesden.

June 9th, 1925.—Houghton Conquest and Houghton Park House.

June 30th, 1925.—Flitton and Barton.

July 14th, 1925.—St. Paul's Walden Bury and Hoo End.

July 28th, 1925.—Chenies.

These excursions proved full of interest and instruction, and the extraordinary kindness met with at the various places visited added greatly to our pleasure.

(Mrs.) C. H. ASHDOWN.

Honorary Librarian's Report, 1925.

The Society's Library has received some very noteworthy gifts since the last volume of Transactions was issued.

Sir Edgar Wigram has given *Illustrations to the Life of St. Alban*, edited by W. R. L. Lowe and E. F. Jacob. It contains beautiful reproductions from a manuscript, the work of Matthew Paris, now in the possession of Trinity College, Dublin, and forms a very valuable addition to our Library.

Dr. G. R. Owst has presented to us *The "Angel" and the "Goliardeys" of Langland's Prologue*, reprinted from his article in *The Modern Language Review*.

Mrs. C. E. Jones has given *Armour and Weapons in the Middle Ages*. The material for this volume was compiled by the late C. H. Ashdown, and the work has been completed and prepared for the press by our Hon. Secretary.

Other volumes have been received from Mrs. Howard and Mr. H. J. Toulmin.

To Dr. G. Herbert Fowler, of Aspley Guise, we are indebted for six old deeds concerning property in Hertfordshire.

A large collection of material relating to the County was given to the Society some time ago, but has only been classified, arranged, and placed in the Library since the publication of the 1924 Transactions. This is an unique and most valuable gift, which has come to us through the kind offices of Mr. Walter J. Kaye of the Yorkshire Parish Register Society. It has been presented by Mr. Blencowe Brigg, and consists of records compiled by his late father, Mr. William Brigg, who was a member of our Society from 1893 to 1902, was Editor of *The Herts. Genealogist and Antiquary* (of which three volumes were issued in 1895, 1897 and 1898), and published *Parish Registers of St. Alban's Abbey, 1558 to 1689*. Copies of these publications are in our Library.

All the work is in manuscript, almost entirely in Mr. William Brigg's own handwriting, and comprises records which will be invaluable to anyone engaged in research relating to the County.

Included in the collection are copies of the Parish Registers of *forty-five* Hertfordshire parishes, as well as of four parishes in Buckinghamshire (Aston Abbots, Granborough, Little Horwood and Winslow) which, for some time after the Dissolution, were included in the Archdeaconry of St. Albans.

Among the other manuscript volumes, too numerous to specify here, perhaps the most notable is one containing particulars of all marriages in twenty-four Hertfordshire parishes, prior to 1650.

There are also a considerable number of original documents of

great value and interest, including seventeen old deeds ranging from the 15th to the early 19th century, relating to property in St. Albans, as well as many miscellaneous papers. Dr. G. R. Owst has very kindly transcribed the two earliest deeds, dated 1447 and 1488.

A number of the transcripts of Registers are made more interesting by the addition of copies of signatures, traced by Mr. W. Brigg, of old-time incumbents and others. These signatures, as well as those on the original documents, presenting characteristic specimens of handwriting from 1505 to 1829, have been copied by Mr. C. E. Jones into a book which he has given to our Library.

KATHLEEN A. JONES.
