

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting.

THE Twenty-first Annual Meeting was held at AXBRIDGE, on the 7th September, 1869, under the presidency of WM. LONG, Esq. The Rev. WM. ARTHUR JONES, Secretary, read the following Report :—

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, 1869.

“ The Council, in presenting their Annual Report, have the pleasure to congratulate the members of this Society on its having attained its Twenty-first Anniversary. While much has been already done through the operation of this Society, to illustrate the history of the County by the series of volumes they have published, and by the objects of Antiquarian interest, and of Natural History collected in your Museum, they feel that very much more remains to be done; and your council would again earnestly solicit a more active co-operation on the part of all those who have it in their power to promote its objects. They are especially desirous to afford every facility for the publication in the Proceedings of original unpublished Documents relating to the County, such as may be found in the Archives of ancient Boroughs, like that in which we are now assembled, and likewise in

private collections, of which there are many in the County of Somerset of great local and public interest.

“Considerable progress has been made in the Glossary of the Somersetshire Dialect kindly undertaken for the Society by the Rev. Wadham P. Williams, assisted by one of your Secretaries, and it is hoped, that members residing in various Districts will assist in furthering this object, before the fleeting forms of the language of our forefathers pass away and become entirely lost.

“Under the supervision of Mr. Wm. Ayshford Sanford, aided by the curator, Mr. Bidgood, the valuable collection of Mendip Cave Bones in your Museum is now arranged and classified, so as to be available for students of that branch of scientific research, and for all such as are interested in the early history of the district. The Museum has been visited during the past year by several of the most distinguished men of Science, all of whom have expressed their high appreciation of the extreme value of the collection, and of the skill and care with which the classification has been carried out.

“In the early part of last Spring, your Council were pleased to have an opportunity of allowing to be placed in the Museum an apparatus for hatching Salmon-ova with the view of introducing them into the River Tone. By this means a thousand young Salmon have been set free in Somersetshire waters, and it is believed under very favourable circumstances.

“The Council desire to record with deep sorrow the recent loss by death of the Rev. F. Warre, one of the founders of this Society, and for many years one of its most active and most highly-valued officers. They feel assured that all the members would desire to join in paying a grateful tribute of respect and esteem, to the memory

It was moved by Mr. R. G. BADCOCK, seconded by Mr. R. K. MEADE KING, and carried unanimously, "That a copy of the paragraph relating to the late Rev. F. Warre, be sent to Mrs. Warre."

On the motion of the Rev. WM. HUNT, seconded by Mr. W. B. DAWKINS, the Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

Moved by the Rev. PREBENDARY HORNER, seconded by the Rev. PREBENDARY SCARTH, it was resolved:—"That the Treasurers and General Secretaries be re-elected with thanks for their services.

The Local Secretaries were re-appointed with the addition of the Rev. Wm. Hunt, Congresbury, and Mr. G. W. Marshall, of Bicknoller.

On the motion of Mr. PLEYDELL P. BOUVERIE, seconded by Mr. T. T. KNYFTON, the following gentlemen were elected members of the Committee:—Rev. W. P. Williams, Mr. O. W. Malet, Mr. H. Alford, Capt. Doveton, Mr. Cecil Smith, Mr. E. B. Tylor.

Mr. Wm. Bidgood was re-elected as Curator, and the value of his services in connection with the arrangement and classification of the Cave Remains in the Museum duly acknowledged.

Moved by Mr. F. H. DICKINSON, seconded by Mr. R. N. GRENVILLE, and resolved:—"That the Council of the Society be empowered to fix the time and place for the next Annual Meeting, and to make the necessary arrangements."

On the motion of Mr. JOHN BATTEN, it was resolved:—"That the Council be authorized, if they think fit, to arrange that the Meeting be held out of the boundaries of the County of Somerset."