

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting.

THE Sixteenth Annual Meeting was held at BURNHAM, September 7th, 1864, under the presidency of F. H. DICKINSON, Esq.

The Rev. F. WARRE read the following Report of the Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT.

“On this our Sixteenth Annual Meeting, your Committee have again the pleasure of presenting to the Society a favourable Report of its present position and its future prospects.

“Your Committee have reason to believe that the Volume of Proceedings now in the Press, will be regarded in every respect worthy to follow the volume issued last year ; and they would refer to the high character and value of the literary matter supplied, and the superior excellence of the illustrations, as a sufficient evidence of the usefulness and success of the labours of the Society.

“Your Committee would congratulate the members on the position which this Society occupies among kindred Societies, as indicated by the attendance and co-operation of men so distinguished in their several departments as the Rev. Professor Willis, the Rev. G. Williams, the Rev. W. Stubbs, Mr. Parker, and others ; while the contributions made by ordinary and resident members prove that it commands the sympathy and support of men who are eminently competent to promote the objects for which the Society is established.

“It is with peculiar pleasure your Committee find themselves able to report that the large and valuable collection of Mendip Cave Bones made by Mr. BEARD, of Banwell, is now the property of the Society, and is deposited in your Museum. It is intended as speedily as possible to arrange and classify the collection, to make it available for the higher purposes of science. In conjunction with the series of Mendip Cave Bones collected by the late Rev. D. Williams, previously in the Museum, the County of Somerset may now boast of possessing the finest collection of its kind in England, and one of the finest in Europe. The Committee trust there may be no difficulty in obtaining further subscriptions towards making up the amount required for the purchase.

“Your Committee rejoice that the invitation of the Mayor and Corporation of Bath to the Council of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in which this Society concurred, has been accepted; and they venture to promise on behalf of this Society and its members, all the assistance they can render to promote the success of the meeting of the Association to be held in the City of Bath this month.

“Notwithstanding the losses by death and removal, the number of members has been well kept up; but your Committee would again urge upon those interested in the well-being of the Society, the importance of largely increasing the list of subscribers, in order that the income may be adequate to the demands made by the numerous and varied objects of interest supplied by this large and important County.”

Mr. R. G. BADCOCK presented the following Financial Statement :—

The Treasurers in account with the Somersetsbire Archaeological and
 Dr. Natural History Society. Cr.

1863-4.	£ s. d.	1863-4.	£ s. d.
To Balance of former account	3 15 8	By Expenses at Wells	6 12 1
„ Subscriptions	187 2 0	„ Advertising	2 11 6
„ ditto to Illustration		„ Stationery, Printing, &c.	8 7 5
„ Fund	76 13 6	„ Coal, Gas, &c.	13 6 1
„ Entrance Fees	15 10 0	„ Curator's salary, 1 year	25 0 0
		„ Repairs	7 9
		„ Postage, Carriage, &c.	4 16 8
		„ Postage and delivery of Vols.	4 13 0
		„ Sundries	1 1 5
		„ Insurance	1 2 6
		„ Mr. May, balance of account for printing Vol. XI.	60 19 6
		„ Subscription to Palaeontological Society, 1861-2	2 2 0
		„ Subscription to Papworth's Ordinary of British Armorials	2 2 0
		„ Jobbins, Printing Illustrations	2 1 6
		„ Webber, Photographs	5 15 6
		„ Expenses removing Beard's Collection	8 16 0
		„ Cash advanced in part, payment of Beard's Col- lection, to be repaid to this account	55 0 0
		„ Balance	78 6 3
	<u>£ 283 1 2</u>		<u>£ 283 1 2</u>
Balance in hands of the Treasurer	78 6 3	R. G. BADCOCK,	
Loan in part payment of Beard's Collection	55 0 0	Treasurer.	
	<u>£ 133 6 3</u>		

September 5th, 1864.

Audited and found correct,
 W. E. GILLET.

Both Reports were received and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. R. G. BADCOCK, seconded by Mr. R. NEVILLE GRENVILLE, it was resolved, "That the Committee be empowered to make arrangements for the next Meeting, and for the appointment of President."

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of E. A. Freeman, Esq.

The Treasurers, General Secretaries, and Local Secretaries, were re-elected.

The following gentlemen were elected Members of the Committee : Mr. J. R. Allen, Dr. Gillett, Dr. Kelly, Dr. Metford, Mr. J. F. Norman, and Dr. Pring.

The Curator, Mr. William Bidgood, was re-elected.

The PRESIDENT having delivered a short address, called upon the Rev. THOMAS HUGO to read his paper on "White Hall, in Ilchester." The following papers were then read :

By Mr. THOMAS SEREL, on "The Early Connection of the Wellesleys with the City of Wells," which is printed in Part II.

By Mr. R. K. MEADE KING, on some early documents relating to the ownership of King's Sedgmoor.

By the Rev. GILBERT N. SMITH on the Evidence of the Pembrokeshire Bone and Flint-knife Caves in regard to the Antiquity of Man.

In the course of the day Burnham Church was visited by the members and found to be probably of the transitional period between the Decorated and the Perpendicular.
