

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOMERSETSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY,
FOR THE YEARS 1868-9.

PART I.

THE Twentieth Annual General Meeting was held at WILLITON, on the 25th August, 1868, under the presidency of Sir ALEXANDER ACLAND HOOD, Bart. The President on taking the chair expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding at the annual meeting, and after recapitulating the archæological wonders he had visited in different countries, and saying that with reference to natural history the neighbourhood was strong, called upon Mr. DANIEL BADCOCK, (in the absence of the hon. secretary), to read the Report of the Council for the past year :—

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, 1868.

“The Council have the honour to report on this the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Society, that, a considerable number of members not having paid their subscriptions for four years and upwards, they recommend that their names should be removed from the

list. It will be seen that this will not affect the real condition of the Society. They further recommend that in future any member who shall not have paid his subscription for three years, shall be struck off the list, and be subject to a fresh entrance fee in case he should wish to rejoin the Society.

“It is evident that any comparison between the number of members in past and present years will, if this recommendation be adopted, be fallacious; but the Council have every reason to believe that the Society has lost no material strength during the past year.

“They report that the Volume of Proceedings for the year 1867, is for the most part printed, and they have reason to believe that it will be in the hands of members in the course of a few weeks; and that the contents will be found to be of considerable interest.

“By the courtesy of the Council of the Palæontographical Society, the paper on the Feline remains in our Museum by Mr. Sanford, will be furnished with a limited number of copies of illustrations. These will be issued to such members as require them at the price of 4s. per set of twenty-five folio and quarto plates.

“A considerable amount of wall casing for the Museum has been provided by a local subscription. This has enabled the Curator to improve the arrangement of the collection, though much still remains to be done in this respect.

“Considerable progress has been made in a minute and critical examination of, and mounting and arranging, the valuable cave collection, which proves to be of greater interest the more closely it is examined.

“A considerable portion of the rough catalogue of the whole Museum is finished by the Curator. It is hoped that this may be completed during the ensuing year.

“ Mr. Stradling has deposited a miscellaneous collection of objects in the Museum, some of them are of considerable historical and antiquarian interest, including a valuable addition to the geological collection.

“ Annexed is the Treasurers’ Report for the year ending August 20th, by which it will be seen that there is a balance of £32 1s. 5d. in favour of the Society.

“ In conclusion the Council beg to tender their thanks to the President, and the Local Committee at Williton, for their exertions on the present occasion.”

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Treasurers in Account with the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society. Cr.

1867.		1867-8.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
August 20.		By Annual Meeting at Bristol	5 19 6
To balance of former account	8 16 4	„ Repairs, Glass, &c. ...	6 15 0
„ Subscriptions for 1868 ...	148 10 0	„ Stationery, Printing, &c.	10 3 8
„ Ditto arrears ...	138 11 6	„ Coal, Gas, &c. ...	8 2 8
„ Entrance Fees ...	12 10 0	„ Curator’s Salary to Aug. ’68	37 10 0
		„ Rent to Midsummer, 1868	30 0 0
		„ Insurance ...	15 0
		„ May, balance of Account for Printing Vol. 13 ...	68 17 6
		„ May, on account of Printing Vol. 14 ...	25 0 0
		„ Lithographic drawing and printing illustrations for Vol. 13 ...	46 9 11
		„ Subscription to Palaeontographical Society 1868	1 1 0
		„ Subscription to Ray Society, 1868 ...	1 1 0
		„ Subscriptions to Archaeological Institute, 11 years—to 1867 ...	11 11 0
		„ Original drawing of Taunton Castle Gateway ...	4 4 0
		„ Postages, Carriage, &c.	7 18 8
		„ Postage of Volumes of Proceedings ...	9 6 7
		„ Sundries ...	1 10 11
		„ Balance ...	32 1 5
	<u>£ 308 7 10</u>		<u>£ 308 7 10</u>
August 20, 1868, Balance ...	£ 32 1 5		

H. R. H. J. & D. BADCOCK,
Treasurers.

August 21st, 1868, Audited and found Correct,
Wm. P. PINCHARD,

The Report of the Council and the Treasurers' Account were unanimously received and adopted.

Proposed by the PRESIDENT, and seconded by MR. MARSHALL, and resolved, "That the Committee be empowered to make arrangements for the next meeting of the Society and for the appointment of President."

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

The Treasurers were re-appointed.

The General Secretaries were appointed as follows:—
Rev. W. A. Jones, Dr. Pring, Mr. W. A. Sanford.

The Local Secretaries were re-appointed.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Committee: H. J. Alford, J. E. Anderdon, W. Meade King, T. Meyler, J. F. Norman, W. P. Pinchard.

Moved by DR. WOODFORDE, and seconded by MR. DICKINSON, and resolved "That the best thanks of the members be presented to Wm. Ayshford Sanford, Esq., F.G.S., for the valuable services rendered by him in the arrangement and classification of the Mendip Cave Bones, in the Museum of the Society, and for the elaborate catalogue of *Felis spelæa* recently completed."

MR. E. A. FREEMAN then made some remarks upon Dunster Church. The fabric had originally been divided between the monks and the people; he only knew of one other where the arrangements remained so perfect, and that was at Ewenny, in Glamorganshire.
