

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOMERSETSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY,
FOR THE YEAR 1870.

PART I

THE Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Society was held at WINCANTON, on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1870, under the presidency of Sir WILLIAM C. MEDLYCOTT, Bart.

The PRESIDENT thanked the members of the Society for the honour they had done him in selecting him as Chairman of the meeting. He had not attended so many meetings of the Society as he could have wished, but by the interesting annual reports which he had read, he found they had visited nearly every part of the county, and he was glad they had not omitted that little corner. They had not there a Dunster Castle, nor ruins like those of Cleve Abbey ; but he thought to-morrow they would be amply repaid by a visit to Cadbury Camp, one of the most remarkable remains in the county. One of the most interesting places in this part of the county had been already visited, namely, the Priory of Stavordale, or it might have been included in their excursions. He trusted to see a large party at Milborne Port on Thursday. At Milborne Port they had a very ancient church, as ancient, he be-

lieved, as that of Stoke-under-Ham, which was one of the finest specimens of the Norman period. The church at Milborne had, however, the additional advantage of having been recently restored. Sir William concluded by reading a passage from Macaulay, which refers to the first encounter at Wincanton between the hostile armies of the Prince of Orange and the King.

Mr. Wm. ARTHUR JONES (hon. sec.), read the following

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

“Your Committee, in presenting their 22nd Annual Report, have the satisfaction to state that the operations of the Society have been well sustained during the past year, and that the volume of proceedings, which is in the press, will be in the hands of the members before long.

Many valuable additions have been made to the Museum of the Society, which is every year becoming more and more recognized as the most suitable depository for all objects calculated to illustrate the Archæology and Natural History of the county.

With a view of preserving, as far as may be, all the more interesting monuments of antiquity which are scattered over the country, your Council are strongly impressed with the necessity of placing them under the supervision of the State, and they would, therefore, recommend that a memorial be forwarded from the members of this Society to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, to urge on Her Majesty's Ministers to take such steps as shall effectually preserve and protect the more important remains of past ages from injury and decay.

The Council have the pleasure to present the Dictionary of the Somersetshire Dialect, on which the Rev. P. Wadham Williams, and one of your secretaries, have been

engaged during the past year, and they earnestly solicit the co-operation of members of the Society, in different parts of the county, to render the publication complete.

As the statement of account, now presented, shows a balance in favour of the Society, the Committee deem it necessary to observe that the cost of the volume of proceedings, now in the press, remains to be provided; and they would urge on all members the importance of not allowing their subscriptions to fall into arrears.

The Council regret to have to report that Mr. W. Ayshford Sanford finds it necessary to resign the office he holds as one of your general secretaries, and they desire to place on record their grateful sense of the valuable services rendered by him to the Society."

In the absence of the Treasurers, the Secretary presented the following

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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

1869.		1869-70.	
	£ s d		£ s d
September 1		By Expenses attending Annual Meeting	13 8 0
To Balance of former account	35 17 7	„ Glass Case, Painting, Glazing, Repairs, &c.	7 17 3
„ Subscriptions	174 11 0	„ Stationery, Printing, &c.	9 10 2
„ Entrance Fees	9 10 0	„ Coal, Gas, &c.	9 7 2
„ Sale of Volumes	6 11 0	„ Curator's Salary, 1 year, to Aug. 3, 1870	37 10 0
„ Excursion Tickets	9 2 6	„ Rent, 1 year, to Midsummer, 1870	30 0 0
„ Museum Admission Fees	11 13 9	„ Insurance	7 6
		„ Lithographic Printing, Drawing, &c.	8 6 6
		„ Subscription to Ray Society, 1870	1 1 0
		„ Subscription to Palæontographical Society, 1870	1 1 0
		„ Postages, Carriage, &c.	5 19 8
		„ Sundries	1 4 7
		Balance	121 13 0
	<u>£ 247 5 10</u>		<u>£ 247 5 10</u>
August 17, 1870, Balance	£121 13 0		

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

August 18, 1870, Audited and found correct,
W. M. KELLY.

Resolved "That the Reports now read be received and adopted."

Moved by Mr. BATTEN, seconded by the Rev. Canon MEADE, and carried unanimously:—"That it be an instruction to the Council, to procure a list of such memorials of the class referred to in the Report, as it will be desirable to place under the care of the State, and to obtain, if possible, the co-operation of the proprietors of these memorials, in carrying out the wishes of the Society."

On the motion of the Rev. Canon MEADE, seconded by the Rev. H. D. WICKHAM, it was resolved:—"That the Vice-Presidents be re-elected, with the addition of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Wm. Long, Esq."

Moved by Mr. P. P. BOUVERIE, seconded by the Rev. H. D. WICKHAM, and carried:—"That the Treasurers be re-elected; and that Mr. W. Arthur Jones, and Dr. Pring be the General Secretaries."

Moved by Mr. JONES, seconded by Mr. BATTEN, and carried:—"That the Local Secretaries be re-elected, with the addition of Mr. W. Ayshford Sanford, and the Rev. H. D. Wickham."

Moved by the Rev. H. H. WINWOOD, seconded by Mr. JAMES BUSH:—"That the following gentlemen be members of the Committee—Mr. W. P. Pinchard, Mr. W. Meade King, Mr. Jno. Marshall, Mr. J. F. Norman, Mr. T. Meyler, Mr. J. E. Anderdon."

Moved by Mr. JONES, seconded by the Rev. H. H. WINWOOD:—"That Mr. W. Bidgood be re-elected Curator."

At the request of the Chairman, the Rev. HILL D. WICKHAM, Rector of Horsington, read a paper, of which the following is an abstract, on