

## Meetings for Discussion on Papers.

In the afternoon, the Auction Mart was well filled, the chair being taken by Canon CHURCH.

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## St. Barbara.

The first paper, read by the Rev. F. W. WEAVER, was entitled, "A painting of St. Barbara, in the church of Cucklington." (Printed in Part II.)

In the discussion which followed, Mr. ELWORTHY referred to the well-known adjective, tawdry, which arose from the laces and frippery furbelows sold at the great fair of Saint Etheldrida or Saint Audry, at Ely. Also he referred to the famous well under the centre of Winchester Cathedral, in which more than one Saxon king was baptised, and to that in the Mamertine prison in Rome, where St. Peter baptised his gaoler.

Canon CHURCH said there was one very important omission which he could not let pass without notice. The great spring at Wells, which came from the well of St. Andrew, and which, with its three or four converging streams, ultimately supplies the moat which runs around the palace. To him, that was one of the most important springs in England.

## The Excavations near Glastonbury.

The Rev. GILBERT SMITH said, in reference to the recently discovered village near Glastonbury, that the excavations were going on with interesting results, and a short report would be issued at the end of the season. Mr. Bulleid had undertaken very extensive diggings, in addition to those that were mentioned in the paper read at their meeting last year, and there had been many finds, amongst which were four querns, or handmills, two of them discovered quite recently. It appeared that there were no traces of any weapons at all. The articles principally found were implements of various kinds for weaving and spinning, and nearly a complete loom had been found ; of course, in a very rotten state. There had also been found a large number of combs for combing wool. The ornaments found were curious, consisting of jet rings,

amber rings, and a considerable number of brooches made of bronze and in different forms. Bones of many animals had been found, such as those of a cow, sheep, horse and pig; but nearly all had been cut or used in some way; and the ingenuity with which different implements had been formed out of these bones was great. No coins had been found. A pathway at the village of Godney had been discovered, but at present no discovery had been made which would establish the age of the village. He pleaded for funds to enable the work of excavation to be continued.

### **Churchwardens' Accounts.**

The Rev. D. L. HAYWARD read a paper entitled "Old Churchwardens' Accounts in the parish of Somerton." (Printed in Part II.)

### **Old Will.**

Mr. A. J. MONDAY read a paper entitled "The last Will and Testament of Dame Elizabeth Biconyll, widow of Sir John Biconyll (or Bicknell), Knight." (Printed in Part II.)

The Rev. F. W. WEAVER stated, on the authority of Leland, that Sir John Biconyll was buried within the precincts of Glastonbury Abbey.

The party dined at the George Hotel; afterwards

### **The Evening Meeting**

was held in the Auction Room.

### **Prebendal Psalms.**

Canon CHURCH, who presided, read a paper on "The order of the daily recitation of the Psalter in the ancient statutes." (Printed in Part II.)

### **Chapels in Holnicote Valley.**

This was the title of a paper read by the Rev. F. HANCOCK, rector of Selworthy. (Printed in Part II.)

The Rev. F. W. HOLMES read a paper, prepared by Bishop Hobhouse, which had for its title

**“ In Gordano.”**

(Printed in Part II.)

Mr. HUGH NORRIS read a paper entitled “ Some observations on the place-name

**‘ Frome.’ ”**

(Printed in Part II.)

Professor F. J. ALLEN said he thought Frome an Anglo-Saxon pronunciation of a Celtic word “ Hrom ” (*i.e.*, “ Rhom ”), cognate with the Latin “ Roma ” and Greek “ Hreuma ; ” also with words like Rhine and several others, all of which meant “ a stream.”