

The PRESIDENT announced that they had now a very rare opportunity of adding a very important item to the parochial history of the county. The Provost of Eton had brought down with him a large number of mediæval deeds connected with the parish of Stoke Courcy, and had prepared a calendar, which he had been kind enough to promise to revise and place on their Transactions. Those documents would be most important in preparing a history of the county, and he hoped that the example would be but the commencement of many others.

The Rev. THE PROVOST OF ETON, at the President's invitation, remarked that the rare and large collection of documents which he had brought with him, were interesting in a great many ways. They contained records of many of the old families in the county from about the year 1160 to 1440. Some of the deeds were very old, and the Priory to which they referred was founded about 1150 or 1170. He had made a list of the documents, which though imperfect, he should be happy to enlarge and place at the disposal of the Society.

The Reverend Prebendary SCARTH said that he had found an old deed in connection with his parish, dated 1447, relating to the transfer of some property from the rector of the church to the parish.

Mr. J. BATTEN remarked that the seals attached to the

documents brought down by the Provost of Eton were very curious and quite unique.