

*Proceedings*  
*of the*  
*Somersetshire Archæological and*  
*Natural History Society,*  
*during the Year 1883.*

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THE Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Wiveliscombe, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 21st, 22nd, 23rd August. This district of West Somerset had not before been visited.

Mr. CHAS. I. ELTON, the retiring President, on taking the chair, said that his task was a very brief one. He begged to thank the Society for the honour conferred upon him—for it had been both an honour and a pleasure to him; and he hoped that during his year of office he had done something to promote the objects of the Society. He had only now to introduce to them their most respected friend and neighbour, Mr. Wm. E. Surtees, the President-elect.

Mr. SURTEES then took the chair, remarking that he would for the moment only thank them for the distinction. He would therefore call on the Secretary to read the

## Annual Report.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,

“Your Council beg to present their 35th Annual Report, as follows:—

“The number of your Members continues to be much the same as last year. The new Members received since 1882, although numerous, have only served to replace those lost by death or otherwise.

“The Financial Report presented by your Treasurers shows a balance of £85 10s. 5d. on the general account in favour of the Society, against £19 11s. of last year. Of this, £45 1s. 6d. has since been laid out in the purchase of books and book-cases from the library of the Taunton Institution. The debt due from the Castle Purchase Fund has been reduced from £561 3s. 4d. to £491 10s. during the year.

“Your Council have to report the presentation to your Museum of many specimens of Natural History from the British Museum. They have also to report a present from the same Institution of about eighty volumes of Catalogues, Indexes, and other valuable publications. From the Government of India your Council have received some very valuable Historical, Archæological, and Topographical Reports, enriched with rare prints and photographs. They also have great pleasure in reporting the receipt of one volume of the *Facsimilies of Anglo-Saxon Charters*, from the Lords of the Treasury.

“The addition made to your Library by the purchase of rare and standard works from the collection of the Taunton Institution amounts to over 240 volumes.

“Your Council have to report the receipt, through Mrs. Pengelly, of some remains found in Kent’s Cavern, Torquay, from Lord Haldon and the Committee of the British Association.

“They have also to report the purchase, for the Museum, of about thirty Roman silver coins, found at Chew Magna.

“The Hugo Manuscripts, referred to in the last year’s Report, have been placed in the hands of your Council. They are not so complete as could be wished, and at present are hardly in a fit state for publication.

“Your Council have much pleasure in reporting the munificent proposal made by Col. Wm. Pinney to rebuild at his own cost the stair turret leading to the muniment room, now in a very dilapidated condition. The plans and estimates prepared by your Architect, Mr. Ferrey, have been laid before the Building Committee, in accordance with the standing order made in 1879, and with some very slight alterations have been unanimously approved of by them.

“In connection with the plan for rebuilding the stair turret, it was recommended by your Architect, that the muniment room, its roof, walls, and floors, might advantageously undergo a thorough repair at the same time. After due consideration and examination of other parts of the Castle, the Building Committee considered that this work, although desirable, was not of such urgent necessity as repairing or restoring the roof of the geological room. They therefore passed a resolution that your Architect, Mr. Ferrey, should be requested to examine that roof, and report his opinion of the repairs required thereon, and the probable cost of such repairs.

“Your Council much regret the loss, by death, of Lord Talbot de Malahide, who was for so many years a prominent antiquary, and when resident in the county of Somerset took a warm interest in the welfare of the Society.”

The adoption of the Report—proposed by Bishop CLIFFORD, seconded by Mr. ELTON—was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. J. TURNER,—expressing regret that Mr. Badcock could not be present,—then read the

*Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting.*

**Treasurers' Account.**

*The Treasurers in Account with the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1882.*

| DR.                          | £ s d             | CR.                                      | £ s d             |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1881, Dec. 31st.             | 19 11 0           | To Expenses attending Annual Meeting,    | 17 15 6           |
| By Balance of former account | 19 8 6            | Travelling, &c. ... ..                   | 9 19 0            |
| " Members' Entrance Fees...  | 16 5 0            | " Stationery, Printing, &c. ... ..       | 25 19 5           |
| " Members' Arrears of Sub-   | 235 10 0          | " Coal and Gas ... ..                    | 14 0 3            |
| " Members' Subscriptions     | 6 16 0            | " Cases, Fixtures, Repairs, &c. ... ..   | 1 10 0            |
| " for the year 1882...       | 11 0 0            | " Purchase of Books, Specimens, &c....   | 17 9 4            |
| " Members' Subscriptions in  | 26 15 4           | " Balance of account for Printing Vol.   | 52 6 4            |
| " advance ... ..             | 22 18 0           | " XXVI. ... ..                           | 13 15 6           |
| " Excursion Tickets...       | 10 0 0            | " Printing and Binding Vol. XXVII.       | 85 0 0            |
| " Museum Admission Fees...   | 1 1 0             | " Illustrations ... ..                   | 1 1 0             |
| " Sale of Volumes of Pro-    | 1 1 0             | " Curator's Salary, 1 year to Christ-    | 1 1 0             |
| " ceedings ... ..            | 1 1 0             | " mas, 1882 ... ..                       | 1 1 0             |
| " Donation from Mr. Sanford  | 11 18 9           | " Subscription to Harleian Society,      | 4 10 6            |
| " towards Glass Case ... ..  | 4 6 6             | " 1882 ... ..                            | 2 1 0             |
|                              | 2 1 0             | " Subscription to Harleian Society,      | 16 5 1            |
|                              | 1 12 3            | " Register Section, 1882 ... ..          | 1 12 3            |
|                              | 85 10 5           | " Subscription to Palæontographical      | 1 1 0             |
|                              | 1 1 0             | " Society, 1882 ... ..                   | 1 1 0             |
|                              | 1 1 0             | " Subscription to Ray Society, 1882 ...  | 11 18 9           |
|                              | 11 18 9           | " Rates and Taxes ... ..                 | 4 10 6            |
|                              | 4 10 6            | " Insurance ... ..                       | 4 6 6             |
|                              | 4 6 6             | " Postage of vols. of Proceedings ... .. | 2 1 0             |
|                              | 16 5 1            | " Subscriptions returned, paid in error  | 16 5 1            |
|                              | 1 12 3            | " Postage, Carriage, &c. ... ..          | 1 12 3            |
|                              | 85 10 5           | " Sundries ... ..                        | 85 10 5           |
|                              | 1 12 3            | " Balance ... ..                         | 1 12 3            |
|                              | 85 10 5           |  | 85 10 5           |
|                              | <u>£ 368 3 10</u> |  | <u>£ 368 3 10</u> |

1882, Dec. 31st.

Balance ... .. £85 10 5

H. & H. J. BADCOCK, *Hon. Treasurers.*

1883, Feb. 7th, Examined and compared with the vouchers, and found correct.

ALFRED MAYNARD,  
EDWIN SLOPER.

**Taunton Castle Purchase Fund.**

*Treasurers' Account from 1st January to 31st December, 1882.*

| Receipts.                      | £ s d             | Expenditure.                         | £ s d             |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| By Donations—                  |                   | 1881, Dec., 31st.                    |                   |
| Rev. E. L. Barnwell ... ..     | 5 0 0             | Loan ... ..                          | £600 0 0          |
| Mr. Thos. Goodland ... ..      | 10 6              | Less Balance in Bank ... ..          | 37 16 8           |
| Rev. F. Brown ... ..           | 10 6              | To Balance ... ..                    | 562 3 4           |
| Representatives of the late    |                   | " Repairs to Buildings, &c. ... ..   | 75 14 1           |
| Mr. Wm. Baker, of Bridg-       |                   | " Insurance ... ..                   | 3 16 6            |
| " water ... ..                 | 20 0 0            | " Rates and Taxes ... ..             | 3 13 4            |
| " Fancy Ball, held at Taunton, |                   | " Attendance at Castle Hall and sun- | 3 0 0             |
| " Dec., 1882... ..             | 45 16 7           | " dries... ..                        | 8 2 10            |
| " Rents of Premises ... ..     | 73 8 6            | " Interest on Borrowed Money ... ..  | 28 1 11           |
| " Rent of Castle Hall ... ..   | 47 14 6           |                                      |                   |
| " Loan ... ..                  | £500 0 0          |                                      |                   |
| " Less balance                 |                   |                                      |                   |
| " in Bank ... ..               | 8 8 7             |                                      |                   |
| " Balance ... ..               | 491 11 5          |                                      |                   |
|                                | <u>£ 684 12 0</u> |                                      | <u>£ 684 12 0</u> |

1882, Dec. 31st.

Balance, viz:

Loan ... .. 500 0 0

Less Balance in Bank ... .. 8 8 7

£ 491 11 5H. & H. J. BADCOCK, *Hon. Treasurers.*1883, Feb. 7th. Examined and compared with the vouchers }  
and found correct, }ALFRED MAYNARD,  
EDWIN SLOPER.

The statement—proposed by Rev. Preb. BULLER, seconded by Bishop CLIFFORD—was accepted.

Mr. GREENFIELD proposed the re-election of the Officers of the Society, with the additions of Mr. C. I. Elton, as a Vice-President; and Mr. Hancock and Rev. J. Coleman, as Local Secretaries for Wiveliscombe and Dulverton respectively.

Mr. A. J. MONDAY seconded, and the proposition was carried *nem. con.*

The PRESIDENT said it was usual to leave to the Committee the selection of the place for next year's meeting, and he would ask the general sanction to this old custom.

The question was then left to the Committee.

Several new Members were elected.

Rev. F. BROWN remarked that they were now gathered at their Annual Meeting, and the volume of last year's *Proceedings* had not been published. He thought some arrangement should be made whereby the volume could be earlier in the hands of the Members.

The HON. SEC. much regretted the delay, but the volume was now almost ready. One reason of the delay was a long, but able and valuable paper. He thought the Society should publish occasionally an extra volume, when the subject treated was fairly exhausted; and this was a paper entitled to this separate form. A time certain should be fixed for the publication of the *Proceedings*.

Bishop CLIFFORD proposed that it might be issued not later than March.

The Rev F. BROWN seconded this, which was duly carried.

Bishop CLIFFORD said it was suggested some few years ago that a map of the county should be published, in connection with the Society, on which all discoveries should be marked. He would propose that this should be carried out in the same manner as done by the Gloucestershire Society. On this map were marked the Roman remains, villas, and roads; and all the ancient camps and barrows; and with it was published a

little hand-book, containing the necessary information. This plan was strongly supported by Mr. SCARTH.

Mr. O. W. MALET seconded the proposition.

Mr. ELTON considered that in any such work care should be taken to separate or mark the different periods. Within the last few years there had been extensive discoveries of the remains of the neolithic men. There had been some in his own district. The Committees should be instructed to mark and distinguish, not only the Roman, but also neolithic and paleolithic remains.

Professor BOYD DAWKINS called attention to a map published by the International Congress of Prehistoric Archaeologists. In this map most valuable details were given, the information being conveyed by a series of symbols. He considered it the best map of its kind, and knew of nothing similar at all comparable with it.

The plan was accepted.