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1.—That this Society be named "THE HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY," and that the object of the Club be the study of the Natural History and Antiquities of the County.

2.—That the Club consist of Ordinary Members and Honorary Members.

3.—That scientific men of distinction, non-resident in the County, may be proposed and elected as Honorary Members of the Club at any meeting of the Committee, such Honorary Members not to exceed twenty-five in number.

4.—That ladies be eligible for election as members of the Club.

5.—That the annual subscription of Ordinary Members be ten shillings and sixpence, due in advance on the 1st January, and from new members on admission, with an entrance fee of 5/-. That the names of persons newly elected be not entered in the list of members until their subscription and entrance fee have been paid.

6.—That the Secretary be required to give notice to members in arrear, and that the Proceedings of the Club be not sent to any whose subscription shall remain unpaid. The name of any member in arrear for one year shall be removed from the list.

7.—That the Head Quarters of the Club be at Southampton.

8.—That the government of the Club be vested in a Committee, to be elected annually, and to consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Editorial and general Secretaries *ex-officio*, and not less than six other members. The President and Vice-Presidents shall not hold office for more than two years consecutively.

9.—That three be a quorum of the Committee.

10.—That the Committee be empowered to appoint Local Secretaries for any part of the County, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

11.—That persons who are members of any recognised Scientific Society publishing proceedings be eligible for admission as members of the Club without ballot, and that other persons, having been duly proposed and seconded by two members of the Club, may be elected to the Club by the ballot of the Committee.

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12.—That the proposer of any candidate be required to state the particular branch of Natural History or Antiquities in the study of which any candidate for admission to the Club is engaged, or is interested, or any other qualification or special line of study.

13.—That in order for any such candidate to be elected a member of the Club the ballot by the Committee be unanimous.

14.—That the Club hold not less than four ordinary field meetings in each year.

15.—That an annual meeting for general purposes be held in the early part of each year.

16.—That the financial report of the Club be brought up at the annual meeting in each year.

17.—That any member of a recognised Scientific Society, publishing proceedings, be eligible to attend any field meeting of the Club as a visitor, on the introduction of a member of the Club.

18.—That each member of the Club be at liberty to introduce one visitor (who may not be a member of any recognised Scientific Society) to each field meeting of the Club, but not the same visitor more than once in any one season.

19.—That members of the Club who do not attend any meeting, after they have given notice of their intention to attend, be liable for their share of any expenses which may be incurred by the Committee in connection with such meeting.

20.—That the Club discourage the practice of removing and rooting up rare plants from characteristic localities, and the extermination of rare birds, and also use its influence with landowners for their protection.

21.—That the Club use its influence to promote the preservation of objects of antiquity.

22.—That the number of members be limited to 250, but the Committee are empowered to include beyond that number persons of special attainments, or likely to promote the objects of the Club. Other candidates may be elected as vacancies occur.

23.—That no alteration or addition be made to the foregoing rules except at an Annual General Meeting, fourteen days' notice having been given of the matter proposed.

Hampshire Field Club and Archæological Society.

ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 4th, 1916.

The Thirty-first Annual Meeting was held in the County Council Chamber, Winchester, on Thursday, May 4th, 1916, at 3 p.m., Mr. W. Ravenscroft, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., in the chair.

The proceedings began with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting (1915), after which the Hon. Secretary read the annual report.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1915.

It is the sad duty of the Committee to preface their report, as usual, by mentioning the names of several important members of the Club who have been removed by the hand of death during the past year. Firstly, they would mention the name of the Hon. F. H. Baring, an interesting paper by whom only lately appeared in our Proceedings. The Rev. Canon Stenning and the Rev. Canon Nash have both passed away since the last annual meeting, and their loss will be much felt. When Rector of Overton, Canon Stenning received the members of the Club there, and though, after his retirement to Winchester, ill-health prevented his attending the meetings, he retained an interest in its affairs. Canon Nash filled the office of Vice-President quite recently, and was a valuable help in furthering the objects of the Club. Full and appreciative obituary notices appeared in the Winchester papers. By the death of the Rev. Reginald White the Club has lost one of its oldest and most valuable members. For many years he was Local Secretary for the Fareham district. During the time he was Vicar of Titchfield he received and

entertained the Club more than once, as well as other Societies. His labours in staying the process of decay in the beautiful Wriothesley monument are well known, as well as his great interest in everything pertaining to the archæology of the County. The Club was represented at his funeral, in November last, by your Hon. Sec. Lastly, it is our duty to record, with regret, the death of Mr. H. L. Hansard, of Stanbridge Earls. The visit to his beautiful residence is a recent event in our annals, and will be recalled with pleasure.

During 1915 six meetings were held, as follow : At Littlecote, on May 19th ; at Easton, on June 7th ; at Winchester College and St. Cross, June 26th ; at Reading, July 12th ; at Portsmouth, July 28th ; and at Carisbrooke and Newport, in conjunction with the British Archæological Association, on August 19th. Thanks are respectfully tendered to Mrs. G. L. Bevan, of Littlecote ; to the Rev. J. M. Freshfield, of Easton ; and to Mrs. Hautenville Cope, who kindly provided hospitality. In addition to these meetings, the Annual Congress of the South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies was held at Brighton early in June, and was attended by some of our members. Your Secretary also represented the Club as a delegate to the British Association at Manchester, in September, and attended both meetings of the delegates from the Societies in union therewith. It may be added that the Club has, through its Hon. Secretary, afforded assistance to His Majesty's Office of Works in the matter of taking steps to placing the walls of Southampton under the protection of the Ancient Monuments Act, and has also interested that body in the preservation of the Norman chimney of God's House.

The question of holding meetings during the present season will probably be discussed at this meeting. Some Societies have surrendered their meetings, but very many have not, and if it is the wish of the annual meeting, your Secretary is quite willing to arrange some excursions of a quiet character. If no meetings are held we must expect a loss in the number of our members, and shall have to face a depletion in funds, while our Proceedings

cannot maintain the high rank they now take in the literary world. We may also bear in mind the wise words which appeared in *The Times* of the 4th February last, in connection with a visit to an object of archaeological interest:—"There are so few antidotes to the private disease of soul which follows on loss and bereavement, that the world cannot afford in these sad days to neglect any of them. Among the consequences of disaster the most baffling, even to men and women of courageous spirit, is a distaste of the world and things in it, which follows as a reaction on personal grief. It is, then, necessary to find things in the world which are not distasteful. People, above all, desire serene and strengthening influences, and they do not always know where to look for them."

The Hon. Treasurer said he had much pleasure in submitting the accounts for the past year, which might be considered satisfactory. The membership, according to the subscriptions paid for the past three years, was 1913, 212; 1914, 222; 1915, 198; with a few subscriptions still unpaid. There had been a considerable number of resignations, and the consequent decrease of income will be felt more during the coming year. There were seven new members, as against twenty-five for 1914. The special donations were considerably above the average, and included £5 from Sir William Portal, £4 19s. from Mr. Rawstorne for the blocks illustrating the article on Roche Court, and sundry reprints for which he paid. The sale of Proceedings is also above the average, being £4 13s., as against £1 4s. 6d. for the previous year. The payments compared favourably with those of previous years, especially "General Printing," which was lower than it had been for at least eight years. The financial position was better, the balance in hand at the beginning of the year was £59 17s. 6d., and at the close of the year £77 14s. 9d., an improvement of £17 7s. 3d.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts, which was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Hon. Secretary said that by Rule 8 the office of President could only be held for two years, and, accordingly Sir William Portal retired. The Committee had given very careful consideration to the appointment of a new President, and they unanimously decided to recommend the members to elect Mr. Charles E. Keyser, F.S.A. Accordingly, on the proposal of Mr. J. Hautenville Cope, seconded by Mr. Nisbett, and supported by Mr. Ravenscroft, it was proposed that Mr. Keyser be the President for the ensuing two years. This proposal was carried with acclamation. Mr. Ravenscroft then vacated the chair, which was taken by the newly-elected President, who said that a very great compliment had been paid him. He should try and fulfil the position to the best of his ability. Some might wonder why he should have been elected President, because he did not actually reside in Hampshire; his property was mainly in Berkshire, although two parts ran into Hampshire. He had been a member of the Hampshire Field Club and Archæological Society for a number of years, and there were many interesting connections in the past with his place and the county of Hampshire. The President alluded to Mr. Nisbett's reference to his handbook on mural paintings, which was published in 1883; he hoped to issue a second edition when he had a little more leisure. Regarding the paper on Norman Doorways, which he contributed to the last published part of the Society's "Proceedings," he hoped to justify his position as President by offering another such paper accompanied with illustrations. He should have been attending the annual meeting in London that day of the British Archæological Association, but told that Society he felt he must go to the meeting at Winchester. He recalled the successful meeting that was held by the British Archæological Association in conjunction with the Field Club in the Isle of Wight last year, and would like to take the opportunity of saying that he was in agreement with the final sentence of the Annual Report, and hoped that they might be able to arrange some excursions.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Dr. Andrews read the reports of the Subject Secretaries, and stated that the reports would be published in the Proceedings for 1916. Dr. Andrews also mentioned that he was compiling a list of the clergy of every parish in Hampshire from the time of Henry VIII. downwards, and was being allowed access to some of the documents preserved in the Bishop's Court at the Cathedral, and these included the curacies, which did not appear in other records. He exhibited a bound volume of records from the Diocesan Registry, which, when he first saw them, had been reduced to a state of tinder, and had been splendidly restored at the British Museum.

Dr. Williams-Freeman mentioned the discovery of a beautiful piece of Roman pavement, 12 feet by 14 feet, at Grateley. The site had been covered up again, and the Marquis of Winchester, who owned the property, would decide what was to be done with it.

This concluded the business, but before leaving the members were interested in looking at the "Mothering Cakes" brought by Mr. Dale, and some drawings of fresh-water hydra were exhibited by Miss Spittall.

After the meeting the members of the Club were entertained to tea by a member, who desires that his name should remain anonymous.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Year ended the 31st December, 1915.

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) E. W. C. WHITTAKER, Incorporated Accountant.
Southampton, April 17th, 1916. *Hon. Auditor.*

(Signed) FREDK. J. BURNETT,
2, High St., Southampton. Hon. Treasurer.