

Hampshire Record Society.

The Committee of the Hants Field Club desire to call attention to the above Society, which was inaugurated at a meeting held at the Deanery, Winchester, on the 18th June last. Its objects are kindred, and in some ways supplementary to the Field Club, viz.: The Preservation and Publication of Ancient Records and Documents relating to the County. Membership is open to all who are willing to pay (1) an annual subscription of 10s. 6d., with a right to a copy of the Annual Report, and of some part of the Society's publications, together with the power of purchasing all its publications at a reduced rate; or (2) an annual subscription of £1 1s., with the right to all the publications of the Society free of cost. Subscriptions will be due on or before the 31st of December in each year.

It is proposed to publish, in parts, a selection of MSS., Records, and Documents, in which the County is particularly rich, *e.g.*, the Episcopal Registers of the Diocese; early Church Rolls, preserved in the Cathedral and elsewhere; Civic Records possessed by different towns within the County; Family Documents (where owners may be willing to let them be published); Parochial Registers, &c.

Care will be taken to secure the assistance of competent and experienced editors, who will furnish such brief introduction and annotations as may help the reader to understand and appreciate the Documents submitted.

It is thought that the Society, in order to be able to carry on its work with vigour and success, ought to consist of at least three hundred members. Up to the present time over two hundred names have been received. A Council and Officers have been elected, and any who are willing to join the Society, or who can give any information helpful towards the promotion of its objects, are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary,

THE REV. F. T. MADGE,

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