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NOTES.

It will be observed that the present part is issued uncut, and is therefore a little larger than our first number. It will thus range in size with similar publications, but in binding can, of course, be made uniform with Part I. if desired.

A Plate to illustrate MR. PINDER'S Paper on an Antiquarian Discovery at MOORDOWN is issued herewith, and it is intended to face p. 47, Part I. The Rev. W. L. W. Eyre has kindly shared the expense of the Illustrations to his Paper on GODSFIELD CHAPEL.

For the present, Members can obtain copies of Part I. of the Papers and Proceedings, or extra copies of the present number, on application to the Hon. General Secretary. Price, 1s. 6d. Postage, 2d. extra.

HAMPSHIRE BIRDS.

It is proposed to make a complete List of the Birds of the County, with a view of publishing an account of them in future numbers of the Proceedings of the Club. Communications on this subject will be thankfully received by MR. W. KELSALL, West Street, Fareham, and the REV. T. WOODHOUSE, Ropley Vicarage, Alresford.

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RULES.

1.—That this Society be named "THE HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB," 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 the annual subscription payable by each ordinary member be five shillings, and that the names of newly elected members be not entered on the list of members until the first annual subscription has been paid.

4.—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.

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

6.—That the subscription of ordinary members be due in advance, and be paid at or before the first meeting of the Club in each year, and that the name of any member in arrear for one year be removed from the list of members.

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 Honorary Secretaries*, one of whom shall act as Treasurer, and not less than six other members.

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, be elected to the Club by the ballot of the Committee.

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 into the Club is engaged, or is interested, or any other qualification, or special line of study.

* The duties having greatly increased, an Honorary Treasurer and three Secretaries have been appointed.

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 business 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.

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REPORT FOR 1887.

THE HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB, at the end of its third year, consists of 190 Members.

Upon the very day that the Club held its Annual Meeting for 1888 it sustained the irreparable loss of its President. Not until after he had been re-elected to the office did the sad news reach Southampton, although owing to his failing health Vice-Presidents had been elected to relieve him of all duty, and a unanimous vote of sympathy with him had been passed at the meeting. It was thought that a notice of Prof. de Chaumont's work could not fitly enter into the report. A short account of his life, therefore, from the pen of Surgeon General Maclean, C.B., M.D., appears at the head of the papers in this Number.

Previous to the Annual Meeting of 1887, the Club again accepted the invitation of the Geologists' Association to join them at the Easter Excursion. The latter part of the Excursion was beyond the limits of the County, but on a preliminary Excursion a large party of Members of the Club joined the Association, on Saturday, April 9th, and walked from Netley to Fareham along the new line, directed by Mr. W. Whitaker, F.R.S., who explained the succession of beds. An interesting feature of this day's excursion was the discovery, about a mile and a half from Fareham, in the London clay, of *Terebratula bisinuata*, specimens of which are to be seen in the Hartley Museum.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Hartley Institution, on the 14th April. Several objects of interest in the town and neighbourhood were visited in the afternoon, including Spring Hill, where the Members viewed the remains of the ancient conduit, constructed by the Grey Friars for the water supply of Southampton, early in the 14th Century. The party was hospitably entertained by the late Rev. J. L. Carrick and Mrs. Carrick.

The first Field Meeting was held, at Alresford, on the 27th May. *Directors*—Rev. W. L. W. Eyre and Rev. T. Woodhouse.

New Alresford and Old Alresford churches were visited, and the earth works and barrows on Abbotston Down. The main object of the Excursion was to see the Chapel of Godsfeld. The Members of the party who were gathered within the walls of this charming relic of medieval life will not soon forget the visit, and will read with interest the paper which the Rev. W. L. W. Eyre contributed on that occasion. Thanks are also due to Mr. J. A. Houghton, J.P., of Armsworth House, who afforded every opportunity for the inspection of the Chapel, and afterwards hospitably entertained the party.

At this Meeting a resolution was passed, which it is worth while to record in the report, as it shows the *raison d'être* of such an Institution as the Hants Field Club. Earlier in the year, Mr. T. W. Shore and Mr. W. Dale paid a visit to a remote corner of the New Forest to see a very fine group of large ring-barrows of the bronze period. To their extreme grief, they found this most picturesque spot spoiled by the erection of a hideous rifle butt, and two of the best barrows destroyed to make it. A condemnatory resolution was passed and forwarded to the Hon. Gerald Lascelles, which brought the following courteous reply:—

Queen's House, Lyndhurst.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. Although I was well acquainted with the circumstances under which leave was given to erect a rifle range on Beaulieu Heath, I was not aware that advantage had been taken of this permission to destroy the two barrows spoken of. Being in a very remote corner of the Forest, to which I am hardly ever called by my business, I had not inspected the site of the butts since the line was first laid out. I have been there to-day, and deeply regret to find that the statement in your resolution is perfectly correct, and that the barrows are destroyed beyond the possibility of re-instatement. I can only say that the permission which was given did not in the slightest degree warrant this wanton and unnecessary act of vandalism, and would never have been given at all had it been conceived possible that such an advantage would have been taken of it. It appears that my subordinate officers having satisfied themselves that leave was given to construct a range, did not report to me what was going on, supposing the whole thing to be sanctioned. For myself I can only say that had the circumstances come to my knowledge in time, not a single spadeful of soil would have been allowed

to be taken from the barrows, and I am exceedingly distressed that so wanton a piece of mischief should have been done on land under my charge.

I have addressed a strong letter of remonstrance to the Colonel of the Corps to whom leave is given to use the range, but I hardly know what reparation he can be called upon to make.

I am, yours truly,

W. Dale, Esq.

GERALD LASCELLES.

The second meeting of the Club was held at Petersfield, on June 23, the directors being Mr. T. W. Shore, F.G.S., and Mr. W. Dale, F.G.S., and the meeting was one of the best of the season.

The remarkable collection of barrows on the Heath were visited, and, in connection with them, Mr. W. Dale gave a short address on prehistoric times, while here, as well as at Froxfield Ridge, Mr. Shore discoursed on the various races, Saxon, Jutish, Roman, Keltic, and prehistoric, that had successively peopled these hills and valleys. The Rev. F. Howlett, of East Tisted, contributed personal recollections of Wordsworth. Many objects of Roman and prehistoric age were shown by local members. Steep Church delighted the Archæologists, and the opportunities for botanizing were most favourable.

The third meeting was on July 27, at Brading and Whitecliff Bay, the directors being Mr. W. Whitaker, F.R.S., and Mr. G. W. Colenutt, the Hon. Local Secretary for the Isle of Wight.

This excursion included a visit to Yaverland and Brading Churches. The Geological section exposed in the cliffs at Whitecliff Bay was explained by Mr. W. Whitaker, F.R.S., and marine algæ were collected on the beach.

A very interesting paper was read by Mr. G. W. Colenutt, on the history of the Isle of Wight, and special thanks were tendered to this gentleman for arranging the excursion.

The fourth excursion took place on August 30, directed by Mr. C. R. Pink, F.R.I.B.A., of Winchester. The Club was glad on this occasion to welcome among them once more the Rev. G. N. Godwin, who had returned to England on leave for the purpose of recruiting his health. The meeting was almost entirely archæological in character—botanizing having been cut short by rain in the afternoon. Four interesting

churches were visited north of Winchester—Avington, Easton, Martyr Worthy, and Headbourn Worthy. The sculptured Rood, of Saxon age, at the western end of the church last named, was examined with much interest, as well as the chapel built to protect it.

The last General Field Meeting was on September 22, the Rev. G. N. Godwin and Mr. T. W. Shore, F.G.S., being directors. Michelmersh Church was first visited, and at the Rectory the members were entertained by the Rev. Barrington and Mrs. Browne.

Timsbury Church was also visited, and the Works of the South Hants Water Co. In the afternoon the numbers had increased to upwards of 70, and gathered in the Abbey Church of Romsey, where the Rev. E. L. Berthon sketched the history of the building, and explained it in detail. The same gentleman afterwards conducted them round the Berthon Boat Factory.

A supplementary meeting for the study of Fungi, arranged by the Rev. W. L. W. Eyre and Mr. Morris Miles, took place in October. It lasted two days, and the Directors invited Dr. M. C. Cooke, M.A., to join them. Lyndhurst was the head quarters of the Meeting, which proved one of great interest.

The Hon. Genl. Secretary, in making this report, feels bound to remind the Members of the Club of the great obligation they are under to Mr. T. W. Shore, F.G.S., F.C.S., the Hon. Organizing Secretary, who has had such a large share in the arrangement of these Meetings, and contributed so much to their success.



HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1887.

MONEY RECEIVED.				f.	s.	d.
Balance from year 1886	..	..	..	21	12	9
12 Members' Subscriptions for 1886	..	..	..	3	0	0
157 Ditto ditto 1887	..	..	..	39	5	0
2 Ditto ditto 1888	..	..	..	0	10	0
				<u>£64 7 9</u>		

MONEY EXPENDED.				f.	s.	d.
Printing Journal of Proceedings, 1886	..	..	..	11	15	0
Printing Notices, &c. ..	..	..	..	4	8	6
Stationery ..	..	..	..	2	12	8
Expenses of Fungus Foray, New Forest	..	..	..	1	0	0
Postage and Incidentals, per Mr. T. W. Shore	..	..	..	3	13	0
Ditto ditto Mr. W. Dale	..	..	..	0	11	10
Ditto ditto Mr. Morris Miles	..	..	..	1	3	0
Fee paid to Assistant Secretary	..	..	..	3	3	0
Expenditure by Assistant Secretary	..	..	..	3	7	4
Balance to be carried forward ..	..	..	..	32	13	5
				<u>£64 7 9</u>		

MORRIS MILES, *Hon. Financial Secretary.*