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Page 76, line 14, for James Fawkner Nicholls read James Fawkner Nicholls.

Page 76, 4th line from bottom, for Gilbert Metcalf read Gilbert Metcalfe.

Page 76, 2nd line from bottom, for William Riven, read William Niven.

Page 141, add to the names of the auditors, J. Clarke, Edwin Freshfield.

Page 200, line 19, for at read Da.

Page 221, note, for Berjean read Berjeau

Page 271, for J. Charles read J. Clarke; for C. Wilcock read C. M. Clode.

Page 280, line 24, for Rev. George Tryon Harvey read Rev. George Tyson Harvey.

Letter referred to at page 286 announcing Mr. Watson's resignation:—

Soc. Antiq. Lond., Burlington House, Tuesday, March 24th, 1885.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is not without an effort, and without pain, that I sit down to write this letter. I was elected Sccretary on the 24th May, 1860, and have thus been a servant of this dear old Society for all but a quarter of a century. To that service I have given, with unstinted devotion, the best years of my life and the best energies of my nature. To maintain its character, to sustain its high traditions, to promote in every way its honour and its usefulness, has, I can honestly say, throughout all these years, been not less my pleasure than my duty. That long connection, my Lords and Gentlemen, is now drawing to a close. Apart from other considerations, to which I will presently revert, I have been warned, and indeed my own sensations tell me, that

I cannot any longer discharge my duties to the Society, without injury—probably serious injury—to my health. I suppose it is hardly necessary to say that my interest in the Society has been the interest of my life, and that the work of the Society has been the work of my life. However imperfectly I may have performed it, I have at least tried to do my best, and it is because I feel that I cannot discharge my duties any longer with advantage to the Society, or with satisfaction to myself, that I am constrained to write this letter.

I would therefore, my Lords and Gentlemen, respectfully request that this letter may be circulated among the Fellows with the Balloting Lists for St. George's Day, and that the Society may thus be informed that I shall on that day seek relection as Secretary for the last time. With the kind permission of the President and Council, I propose retiring from Office—and from the Apartments which were allotted to the Secretary as a Residence by the Council and Office of Works, in conformity with the Plans settled and signed in the year 1868—on the 25th September next ensuing. The interval will be none too long to wind up the various matters now in arrear, and in particular the manuscript of the new Catalogue. I shall also want a reasonable time to look out for new quarters and to move my goods and chattels.

I have intimated that considerations of health did not stand alone. I should not be frank if I did not add that I also have had in view the peace and welfare of the Society. My estate, my worldly circumstances, are not unknown to some Members of the Council—the surrender of my position as Secretary is in every point of view a sacrifice which I can ill afford, and which I find it very difficult to make. But I would rather struggle on as best I can with impaired and impoverished means, than shrink from any sacrifice which may on any ground be thought desirable to promote peace and harmony in the Society. By my own act and deed I am parting from the Society—my one desire is

that we should part good friends.

I remain, my Lords and Gentlemen,
Your faithful Servant,
C. KNIGHT WATSON,
Secretary.

Page 295, line 5 from bottom, for twigs read loop.

,, last line, for Descadon read Hescadon.

Page 297, 4th line from bottom, for F. Hilton read J. Hilton.

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