Jubilee Year. I have not come across much evidence so far that Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee was observed in print by SBG, but it was the pinnacle of a great decade, as was her Golden Jubilee of the 1880s. She had come through some hard times to get there. The 1990s have been fairly 'horribiles' for our own Queen: may she have more to celebrate by 2002.

Meanwhile our Society has a lot going on which may give rise to some modest celebration at our 10th anniversary in 1999. There is an upsurge of literary output, reported on under 'membership notes'. Research is continuing. Plans are being made for a possible SBG Museum - so look out for anything that may be being disposed of by others, and let a member of the committee know about it.

Surprises are in the air. Recently a bookfair colleague offered me two three-decker titles and a two-decker - with the possibility of more goodies to come; and on a short-break holiday in Essex I came across a copy of The Antiquary (vol.32, 1896) containing a long extract from a paper given by SBG as President of the Devonshire Association delivered on July 28th at Ashburton, and entitled The Prehistoric Ethnology and Archaeology of Devon, especially of Dartmoor' - fairly impressive stuff.

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