

Though they were unable to acquire a "goose with ten toes," the members had goose for dinner. Michaelmas was one of the old quarter days for payment of rent, and in addition to the regular fees a custom developed through the ages of presenting a goose to the landlord "to maintain good relations." The geese were also nice and plump, having been turned into the cornfields to glean after the collection of the crops. The story of the "goose with ten toes" arises from an old collect (from the sacramentary of Gregory) for the 17th Sunday after Trinity in the Church of England, and the 16th Sunday after Pentecost in the Roman Catholic faith. In the Latin version, which was used as grace, the collect ends with the word "Intentos," and the theme of the collect is "Good works."

The next meeting will be held at Martinmas, early in November. 1953.