



## RULES.

### TITLE.

THE Society shall be called "The Chester Archæological and Historic Society."<sup>1</sup>

### PURPOSES.

The Objects of the Society shall be—

- (1) The collection and publication of Archæological and Historic information relating to the City and County of Chester and the neighbourhood.
- (2) The preservation in a permanent Museum of the Remains of Antiquity and other objects of interest in the City and County of Chester and neighbourhood.

### CONSTITUTION.

The Society shall consist of Life, Ordinary, and Honorary Members.

*Life Members.*—Donors of ten pounds or more shall be members for life, and shall be entitled to copies of the Society's *Journal* as published.

*Ordinary Members* shall consist of all subscribers of ten shillings

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<sup>1</sup>When the Society was originally founded in 1849, it was called "The Architectural, Archæological, and Historic Society of the County, City, and Neighbourhood of Chester." The late Rev. W. H. Massie, one of the earliest Hon. Secretaries, designed an interesting badge for the Society bearing the words, SOCIET : ARCHITECT : ARCHÆOLO : ET : HISTOR : CESTR : with a garb or wheat-sheaf in the centre. This the Council intend to use for the new series of the Society's *Journal*, although the word Architectural has been removed from the title.

and sixpence per annum. They shall have the right of attendance at all Lectures, Exhibitions, and Ordinary Meetings, and shall also have the use of the Library, and access to the Museum. They shall also be entitled to a copy of the Society's *Journal* for the year for which their subscription is paid.

*Honorary Members* shall be chosen by the Council.

#### MANAGEMENT.

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council, to consist of the following persons:—The President, Vice-Presidents, and Officers of the Society, viz., the Editorial Secretary, the General Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, the Curator, and the Librarian. To these shall be added ten members to be elected by the Society at the annual meeting. The Council shall meet quarterly, or more frequently if necessary.

Five of the elected members shall retire from the Council yearly, in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. The Secretaries and other Officers of the Society shall be annually elected by the Council.

The Council may appoint sub-committees for special purposes, who shall act under the control and supervision of the Council.

If any member shall be desirous of altering any rule, he shall propose such alteration, in writing, to one of the Secretaries, who shall submit it to the Council at their next meeting; but before any rule shall be altered by the Council, notice thereof must be given at a previous meeting.

There shall be an annual general meeting, to be held in the month of May, and also monthly meetings as far as possible on the third Monday in each month during the Session.

A special general meeting may be called, of which not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given, stating the objects of the meeting, on a written requisition to the General Secretary, signed by not less than five members.

#### PROPERTY.

When the Council shall consider any paper, read at a meeting

of the Society, worthy of being printed in the *Journal*, they shall request the writer to submit the manuscript to the Editorial Secretary, so that it may appear in the Society's *Journal* for that purpose.

The writer of any paper printed in the *Journal* shall receive twenty copies of his own paper gratis.

All Antiquities, Books, Prints, &c., belonging to the Society shall be preserved for the use of the members at the Grosvenor Museum, and in such rooms and custody as shall be appointed by the Council. All orders for payment, &c., shall be made by the Council and signed by the Hon. General Secretary. All cheques shall be drawn and signed by the Hon. Treasurer. The accounts shall be audited by two members appointed at the annual meeting of the Society.

#### ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

The names of candidates for admission to the Society must be proposed and seconded by two members at any meeting of the Society or of the Council.

All subscriptions shall become due on the 1st day of January in each year.

