



## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

*SESSION 1890-91.*

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*Council Meeting, held August 5th, 1890.*

**M**INUTES of a meeting of the Council of the Society, held at the Grosvenor Museum on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Chairman; the Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., Dr. Elliott, B.Sc., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Messrs. George Frater (Hon. Treasurer), and Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. General Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*Resolved:* That this Council desire to place on record their sense of the loss sustained by the death of Mr. Charles Roach Smith, F.S.A., an honorary member of the Society, whose labours in archæological research for so many years have been of so much value, and would wish to communicate this resolution to his friends and relations. The Hon. General Secretary was directed to forward this resolution to the right quarter.

A letter was read from Mr. William Shone, F.G.S.,

declining to accept the post of Secretary. *Resolved:* That Mr. Martin Stewart be desired to act with Mr. Taylor as Joint Secretary of the Society. Mr. Scott promised to write Mr. Stewart.

*Resolved:* That the Hon. Curator be asked to place short inscriptions upon some of the Roman inscribed stones found in the north wall of the city.

A photograph of the crypt in Watergate Street, occupied by Messrs. Quellyn Roberts and Son, presented by Mr. Constantine Jennings, was accepted with thanks.

*Resolved:* That the President and the Hon. Secretary sign the petition to the Treasury (suggested by the Congress of Archæological Societies in Union) for an advance in aid of modelling ancient monuments on behalf of the Society.

The Hon. General Secretary reported that the Cambrian Archæological Association would this year hold their Annual Meeting at Holywell, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Mostyn, and that they intended to pay a visit to Chester, on Thursday, the 21st instant, and that His Worship the Mayor had intimated to him that he would receive them at the Town Hall. It was arranged that the members of the Council should meet them on their arrival, and show them the various objects of interest in the city.

Two letters from the very Rev. the Dean, resigning his membership of the Society, were read, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to write to him to the effect that by the constitution of the Society the Dean of Chester, for the time being, was *ex-officio* a Vice-President, and that, while he could not be called upon to pay his subscription, the Council hoped that he would still continue to take an interest in the Society, and to be as useful to it in the future as he had been in the past.

The following bill was ordered to be paid Miss Pullan;  
Notices of meetings and stamps, £5. 4s. 3d.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER,  
August 11th, 1890. *Chairman.*

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*Council Meeting, held August 11th, 1890.*

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Society, held at the Grosvenor Museum on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. I. M. Jones, C.E., Mr. E. J. Baillie, F.L.S., Dr. Elliott, B.Sc., and Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A.

In the absence of the Hon. General Secretary, Dr. Stolterfoth took his place.

The question of the appointment of an Assistant Secretary was considered, as the Hon. General Secretary, Mr. Henry Taylor, wished to be relieved of some of the purely clerical work connected with the office.

Proposed by Mr. A. Lamont, and seconded by Mr. E. J. Baillie: That Mr. T. J. Powell be appointed Assistant Secretary to the end of the current year, subject to such remuneration as the Council may hereafter determine. This was carried.

Proposed from the chair by the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, and seconded by Mr. A. Lamont: That the Council of the Chester Archæological and Historic Society, having just had the letters of the Dean, dated May 30th and June 1st, brought before them, learn with great regret that he is anxious to withdraw from the Council of the Society. Conscious as they are of the help which he has afforded the Society in past years, they respectfully beg leave to ask him to receive a small deputation, in the hope that he will be induced to reconsider the matter.

This motion, having been put, was unanimously carried, and Dr. Stolterfoth was requested to write to the Dean.

Proposed by Mr. I. M. Jones and seconded by Dr. Elliott: That the following members of the Council be requested to form a deputation to wait upon the Dean: Sir Horatio Lloyd, Alderman Charles Brown, Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. I. M. Jones, and Dr. Stolterfoth. This motion was unanimously carried.

It was reported by Mr. E. J. Baillie that the Management Committee of the Grosvenor Museum was willing to devote a sum not exceeding £5 for the purpose of putting descriptive labels upon the Roman stones lately found in the North Wall. *(Signed)* HORATIO LLOYD,

September 27th, 1890.

*Chairman.*

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*Council Meeting, held September 27th, 1890.*

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum on the above date.

Present: His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd in the chair, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Rev. Henry Grantham, Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., Alderman Charles Brown, Mr. I. M. Jones, C.E., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. General Secretary), and Mr. T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Rev. S. Cooper Scott reported that as desired by the Council at the meeting held on the 5th August, he wrote Mr. Martin Stewart, asking him to act with Mr. Taylor, as Joint Secretary of the Society, but he had declined.



The following letter from the Dean of Chester was read, viz.:—The Thorpe, Eastbourne, August 14th, 1890. My dear Mr. Stolterfoth, I am really exceedingly obliged by your very kind note just received. May I say without any of the detested "mock humility" that I feel you all have made too much of the very little that I have been able to do; I cannot possibly think myself of sufficient importance to see anyone on the subject. But at the same time I desire to express my most sincere appreciation of the more than kind way the Council have asked me to remain a member. In keeping to my intention, I have only to ask you all to believe that my letters give the whole reason, and that there is nothing whatever "behind." Any aid that I can be able to give will be cheerfully given at any time, if one who is not a member can render any. I remain, yours very faithfully,

(Signed) JOHN L. DARBY.

To H. Stolterfoth, Esq.

*Resolved:* That the best thanks of the Society be accorded to The Right Worshipful the Mayor (James Salmon, Esq.) for the kind hospitality he extended to the Society's guests, the Cambrian Archæological Society, on the occasion of their visit to Chester on the 21st August.

Mr. Henry Taylor (Hon. Secretary) submitted the programme for the ensuing session, and it was approved and ordered to be circulated.

It was reported that Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A., the Hon. Editorial Secretary of the Society, expected the new volume of the Society's proceedings would be ready for circulation about the end of October.

*Resolved:* That the Hon. Curator be requested to prepare a list of all the coins and other portable property of the Society, and that the same, together with the said property, be submitted to the Council at their meeting on the 21st

October, with a view to their safe custody being provided for in the Museum, and for their future exhibition.

(Signed) ALEXANDER LAMONT,  
October 20th, 1890. *Chairman.*

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*Council Meeting, held October 20th, 1890.*

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum on the above date.

Present: Mr. Alexander Lamont in the chair, His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., His Honour Judge Wynne Ffoulkes, M.A., Alderman Charles Brown, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read from the Mayor of Chester, dated September 30th, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council.

A letter, dated October 10th, 1890, was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Museum Management Committee.

The Hon. Secretary reported the death of Mr. Thomas Hughes, F.S.A., on May 30th last, and that he then wrote the family of the deceased gentleman, expressing the deep regret and sympathy of the Society.

The death of Mr. I. E. Ewen, Hon. Librarian to the Society, on October 16th, was reported, and it was proposed by Mr. A. Lamont, seconded by Mr. H. Taylor, and unanimously resolved that the Hon. Secretary be requested to write the late Mr. Ewen's family, conveying the condolence of the Society.

The Hon. Curator (Mr. G. W. Shrubsole) reported that the whole of the portable property and coins belonging to the Society were in the Museum, and that by the next meeting of the Council he would endeavour to classify the coins and give particulars of them.

(Signed) CHARLES BROWN,

November 17th, 1890.

Chairman.

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*General Meeting, held on Monday, October 20th, 1890.*

The opening meeting of the Session 1890-1 was held in the Lecture Theatre of the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Monday evening, October 20th, 1890, at eight o'clock.

Present: His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd in the chair, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Alderman Charles Brown, His Honour Judge Wynne Ffoulkes, M.A., Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Dr. Brushfield, Dr. Moreton, Mr. H. Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

Dr. Moreton, of Tarvin, was proposed, seconded, and duly elected a member of the Society.

T. N. Brushfield, Esq., M.D., then delivered a lecture entitled "Certain forms of punishment employed in England up to the present century for dishonest trading, drunkenness, scolding, and brawling, and for minor offences generally." The lecture was illustrated by diagrams, and took nearly two hours to deliver.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Brushfield for his very interesting lecture, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman ended the proceedings.

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*Council Meeting, held November 17th, 1890.*

Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum on the above date.

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown) in the chair, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Mr. I. M. Jones, C.E., Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., Mr. John Hewitt, Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A. (Hon. Editorial Secretary), Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Mr. George Frater (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read, affirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The following letter was read, and, on the proposal of the Chairman, it was ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

26, Hough Green, 22nd of October, 1890.

Dear Mr. Taylor,—I am desired by my mother to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and to say how much we all of us value the kindly sentiment which prompted the members of the Archæological Society to pass the resolution with reference to our late father. We have received on all sides marks of sympathy, but those which come from the Society in which he was so interested are additionally grateful to us. Please convey our thanks to the members of the Society, and accept the same personally for the kind way in which you communicated to us the resolution that had been passed.—I remain, yours faithfully,

(Signed) ALFRED EWEN.

H. Taylor, Esq., F.S.A.

The election of a Librarian to the Society, in the place of the late Mr. I. E. Ewen, was postponed.

A letter was read, dated November 6th, 1890, from the Museum Management Committee, asking the Council to appoint a representative on that Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. I. E. Ewen. Proposed by Mr. Henry Taylor, seconded by Dr. Stollerfoth, and

*Resolved:* That the Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., be appointed a representative of the Council on the Museum Management Committee.

*Resolved:* That the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A., Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., and Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., be a Committee of this Council for the purpose of obtaining information and reporting to the Council upon the advisability of reforming the rules and constitution of the Society, with a view to its greater development and capacity, and with power to add to their number, either from among members of the Society or others interested in antiquarian research. Two to form a quorum.

Letters were read, dated November 1st and 15th, from Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., of Lancing College, respecting the negotiations with the Dean of Chester for permission to excavate the walls from the Deanery Field; and a letter was also read, dated November 14th, from Messrs. Townshend and Barker, Chester, agents to the dean, enclosing draft agreement.

*Resolved:* That the Hon. Secretary be requested to address the following reply to Messrs. Townshend and Barker, viz.: "I laid your letter received on the 5th instant before my Council, and, in thanking you for it, I am instructed to say that they regret the limited time allowed for the commencement of so important a work prevents them from giving a definite decision. They hope, however, that the Dean will allow the application to be repeated

next year; my Council will esteem it a great favour if they receive this assurance, so that the subject might be more fully discussed, and the necessary preliminaries (which will take some time to settle) may be arranged."

A letter was read, dated November 1st, from Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., of Lancing College, asking permission to compound his subscriptions to the Society, and suggesting that he should pay ten years' subscriptions. The matter was left over until the settlement of the new rules.

The application of Mr. H. L. Price, of Manchester, for a few of the back volumes of the Society's Proceedings was allowed to lie over until the appointment of a Librarian.

The Hon. Curator was requested to provide between this and the next meeting for the safety of the coins and portable property of the Society at a cost of about £5.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER,

December 15th, 1891.

*Chairman.*

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*General Meeting, held November 17th, 1890.*

The second monthly meeting of the session was held in the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Monday, the 17th November, 1890, at eight o'clock.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, the Mayor of Chester, Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. F. Brown, M.A., Mr. John Hewitt, Rev. W. Sparling, M.A., Rev. S. C. Scott, M.A., Dr. King, Rev. C. L. Feltoe, M.A., Mr. Newstead, Mr. G. R. Griffith, Mr. I. M. Jones, C.E., Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A. (Hon. Editorial Secretary), Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary), and others.

*Resolved:* That Mr. H. L. Price, of Manchester, and Mr. F. B. Mason, of Chester, be elected members of the Society.

Mr. R. Newstead exhibited some flint weapons recently found near Neston.

The Hon. Curator (Mr. G. W. Shrubsole) reported that Mr. Ll. Vawdrey, of Tushingham Hall, near Whitchurch, had presented to the Society an interesting collection of objects found about the site of the Roman station of Condate, near Kinderton.

*Resolved:* That the best thanks of the Society be forwarded to Mr. Vawdrey for his kindness.

Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A. (Hon. Editorial Secretary), the lecturer for the evening, then addressed the audience, the title of his paper being "An Account of the Randle Holmes, the celebrated Heralds and Antiquaries" (see pp. 113-170). A discussion followed, in which the Chairman the Mayor, Mr. Henry Taylor, Rev. S. Cooper Scott, Mr. Hewitt, and Mr. Earwaker joined.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and the lecturer closed the evening.

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*Council Meeting, held 15th December, 1890.*

Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown), Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., Mr. I. Matthew Jones, C.E., Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Mr. H. Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The following letter from the Museum Management Committee was read:—

“Chester, December 2nd, 1890.

“The Secretary, Chester Archæological Society.

“Dear Sir,—Some time ago (a long time ago now) various sculptured stones and other relics of antiquarian interest were given over by the Chester Town Council to the Museum Management Committee, as representing the trustees of the Grosvenor Museum, to be deposited for safe keeping and for exhibition in the Grosvenor Museum. Realising that the various items were of archæological interest, the Management Committee felt it best to entrust them to that body. We have been asked repeatedly and are now pressed to furnish a complete inventory of these articles, in order that the list may be handed to the civic authorities.

“The Chairman and one or two other members of our Committee have had this matter in hand, and though we have understood from time to time that the list was in preparation, we have never been able to get it; and at our meeting held last evening we were asked to write you to beg that you will be good enough to put the matter in a proper channel for due and immediate attention.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) “EDWARD J. BAILLIE,

“WM. H. OKELL,

“*Hon. Secretaries.*”

The Hon. Curator's reply to the foregoing letter was then read, viz.:—

“Chester, December 15th, 1890.

“To the Chairman, Chester Archæological Society.

“Sir,—My answer to the letter of the Secretaries of the Management Committee of the 2nd December is that a full list of the various articles received from the Town Council



was given by me into the hands of the Chairman of the Management Committee some twelve months ago.

"The only time when I demurred to furnish the list was some months later, when I did it on the ground of my objection to furnish a duplicate of a document of which I did not possess an exact copy.

"It is obviously right that a list of the articles in question should be in the possession of the city authorities (at the same time it is fair to remark that much annoyance might have been saved if a list had been kept of the articles entrusted to our care), and I will see that the same is made out within the next few days.—Yours, &c.,

(Signed) "GEO. W. SHRUBSOLE,  
"Curator, Archaeological Society."

*Resolved:* That the Hon. Curator be requested to make out another list without delay.

The programme for the January meeting was considered, and the Assistant Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., of Lancing College, and the Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., of Eaton, and request them to give their papers at that meeting.

The Hon. Curator exhibited the following coins belonging to the Society, viz.:—

Fifty-one first brass coins; eighty-three second and third brass coins, principally in first-rate condition; thirty inferior coins, large brass Roman; total, one hundred and sixty-four.

There being other coins awaiting arrangement, and a card of rings and seals.

The Hon. Curator exhibited the following coins from the Water Tower Museum, viz.:—

One case of Roman coins, containing two silver denarii and one hundred and nineteen brass coins, one hundred and twenty-one in all.

One case of English coins, containing one gold coin, twenty-eight silver coins, ninety-nine copper coins (tokens, &c.), one hundred and twenty-eight in all.

One case of miscellaneous coins, containing eleven silver coins, and one hundred and thirteen copper coins, one hundred and twenty-four in all.

Total: One gold coin, forty-one silver coins, three hundred and thirty-one copper coins, three hundred and seventy-three in all.

The Chairman (the Venerable Archdeacon Barber), the Hon. Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary were requested to draw up a circular to be issued to the public inviting members to join the Society.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER.

January 19th, 1891.

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*General Meeting, held December 15th, 1890.*

The third monthly meeting of the session was held in the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Monday, December 15th, 1890, at eight p.m.

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown, Esq.) in the chair, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Rev. S. C. Scott, M.A., Rev. J. Godson, Rev. C. L. Feltoe, M.A., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Mr. I. Matthew Jones, C.E., Mr. J. G. Holmes, Mr. F. B. Mason, Mr. W. E. Brown, Mr. R. Wilkinson, Mr. H. Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), Mr. W. G. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Mr. T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary), and others.

*Resolved:* That Mr. John Wiseman, of Dee Banks, Chester, be elected a member of the Society.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Samuel Rigby, of Chester, and the Rev. Matthew Henry Lee, M.A., of Hanmer.

The Hon. Secretary reported the receipt of two volumes of Transactions from the Royal Society of Ireland.

The Rev. John Godson was called upon by the Chairman to read his paper on "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" (see pp. 186-189). Afterwards the Chairman, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. W. Cox, and others made remarks upon the subject.

The Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., then read a paper upon "The stained glass in the West Window of St. John's Church," illustrative of the history of the church and city, lately presented by His Grace the Duke of Westminster, the patron of the Society (see pp. 171-177). Afterwards the Hon. Curator (Mr. G. W. Shrubsole) made some observations upon "The Roman and other remains brought to light in Chester and the neighbourhood since the last session," submitting for inspection an almanac for 1819, Prayer Book dated 1780, a Roman earthenware stamp and Roman glass, also coins, &c.

The Hon. Secretary then read a letter from Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., of Lancing College, Sussex, referring to the repairs of the north wall, to the west of the Northgate, then proceeding, and where several interesting finds of Roman tombstones have been made. The Chairman explained the nature of the operations referred to in Mr. Haverfield's letter, and said that when the work was finished the face of the wall supposed to be Roman would be exposed to view.

The Hon. Secretary referred to the discovery of a Roman column on the premises now being rebuilt in Watergate Street by the Chairman, and expressed his pleasure that the column was to remain *in situ*.

Mr. Henry Taylor (Hon. Secretary) then proceeded to deliver his paper on "Some Early Deeds recovering the Names of Mediæval Goldsmiths" (see pp. 178-185), at the

commencement of which he read a letter from Mr. R. S. Hope, F.S.A.

The Chairman remarked that the Chester Goldsmiths' Company was still in existence, and that Mr. James F. Lowe had promised on some future occasion to deliver a paper on the company.

Mr. Rimmer (architect) made a few observations on the Roman column found on the Mayor's premises in Watergate Street, and said that the lines of Roman Chester taken from this column quite upset Mr. Thompson Watkin's map of Deva.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and the Lecturers closed the proceedings.

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*Council Meeting, January 19th, 1891.*

Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, the Mayor of Chester (Alderman C. Brown), Messrs. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., I. M. Jones, C.E., G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S., A. Lamont, T. Gleadowe, M.A.

The receipt of the Prymer, published by Messrs. Longmans, Green, and Company, presented by the author, was reported.

A letter, dated 6th January, from the Hon. Secretaries of the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee was read, referring to their former letters requesting to be furnished with an inventory of the property handed over by the Town Council, and it was the unanimous opinion of the Council that the letter was based on a misunderstanding. Mr. A. Lamont submitted the inventory prepared by the

Hon. Curator in 1889, and he and the Committee expressed themselves satisfied with it.

The Hon. Curator reported that he had made enquiries for a safe for the custody of the coins, &c., but had not yet found one.

Proposed by the Mayor of Chester (Alderman C. Brown), seconded by Mr. George Frater, and

*Resolved:* That Dr. Stolterfoth's name be added to the Committee appointed to consider the reforming of the rules and constitution of the Society.

Letters were submitted from the Hon. Cecil T. Parker, agent to the Duke of Westminster, and the Mayor of Chester also reported that the Duke had allowed the Excavation Committee, which was also carrying on work at the Northgate, and of which Mr. F. Haverfield was the head, to excavate in Edgar's field, Handbridge, prior to its being handed over to the Corporation as a recreation ground.

*Resolved:* That the following accounts submitted by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. George Frater) be passed, viz.:—

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Pullan, Printing - - -	4	12	3
Newstead, Sundries - - -	0	4	6
John Sconce - - -	0	8	0
G. R. Griffith, Printing - - -	1	3	3
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The appointments of a Librarian and an Auditor of the Society were ordered to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

The name of Mr. J. A. Robson was submitted as a member of the Society. (*Signed*) EDWARD BARBER,

February 23rd, 1891.

*Chairman.*

*General Meeting, held on the 19th January, 1891.*

The fourth monthly meeting of the session of this Society was held at the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Monday evening, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair.

Amongst those present were the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown), Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Messrs. John Wiseman, C. W. Cox, A. Lamont, F. F. Brown, M.A., T. Wakefield, W. E. Brown, J. G. Holmes, Rev. C. L. Feltoe, M.A., Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., Messrs. T. Gleadowe, M.A., G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

A letter was read from Mr. T. Cann Hughes, forwarding several interesting curiosities for exhibition.

Reference was made to the death of Colonel Humberston, one of the oldest members, and a Trustee of the Society.

Mr. Robson was elected a member of the Society.

The Rev. Canon Morris read a paper on "The Inscriptions on the Pigs of Lead now in the Grosvenor Museum." (See pp. 68-79.)

Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., of Lancing College, Sussex, then read a paper on "The Administration of Roman Mines, with reference to those in the neighbourhood of Deva." (See pp. 80-95.) He also shortly described the recent and very interesting finds of Roman inscribed stones found in the north city wall, west of the Northgate, which were exhibited.<sup>1</sup>

Remarks on the papers were made by the Chairman, the Mayor, Rev. C. L. Feltoe, Mr. Henry Taylor, Mr. Newstead, and Mr. Cox.

Thanks were returned to the Chairman and the Lecturers.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Haverfield's account of the recent finds of Roman inscribed stones in the north city wall will appear in a work, now in the press, entitled Roman Chester.

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Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown), Messrs. A. Lamont, Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., J. Hewitt, I. M. Jones, C.E., T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), and T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the last Council meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read, dated February 5th, 1891, from the Museum Management Committee, to the effect that the inventory prepared by the Hon. Curator of the property handed over by the Town Council to the Museum was not considered sufficient, and it was

*Resolved:* That a Sub-committee, consisting of Dr. Stolterfoth and Mr. A. Lamont, be appointed to prepare such an inventory as will be satisfactory to the Museum Management Committee, and that the officials of the Society be requested to, as far as possible, facilitate the work of the Sub-committee.

A letter was read, dated February 18th, 1891, from Mr. F. Haverfield, of Lancing College, suggesting that the Council should nominate certain gentlemen to serve on the Committee formed for the purpose of carrying on the exploration of the city walls, and it was

*Resolved:* That Dr. Stolterfoth, together with Messrs. Henry Taylor, A. Lamont, and T. S. Gleadowe, be appointed to represent the Council, with full authority to respond on its behalf.

The Chairman also read a letter which he had received from Mr. Haverfield, suggesting that the subject of Roman mines might be taken up by the Council; and it was

*Resolved:* That Mr. G. W. Shrubsole (Hon. Curator) and Mr. Henry Taylor (Hon. Secretary) be a Sub-committee, with power to add to their number, to consider the suggestion.

*Resolved:* That Mr. John Hewitt be appointed Hon. Librarian to the Society.

*Resolved:* That Mr. J. H. A. Hall be appointed Auditor of the Society, in the place of Mr. H. Watson Jones, deceased.

A letter, dated January 12th, 1891, from Mr. de Gray Birch, offering to read a paper on "The Earls of Chester," on certain expenses amounting to about £10. 10s. being borne by the Society. It was decided to consider the offer next session.

Application was made by Mr. A. Lamont, on behalf of the Museum Management Committee, for the use of the "recorders" at the forthcoming concert to be held on the 2nd of April, in augmentation of the building fund of the Museum.

*Resolved:* That the application be granted.

A letter, dated January 16th, 1891, was read from the National Society of Professional Musicians, thanking the Council for the use of the "recorders" on the occasion of their recent visit to Liverpool.

A letter was read, dated January 23rd, 1891, from the Misses Humberston and Mrs. P. H. Humberston, acknowledging the receipt of the vote of condolence passed at the last meeting of the Society.

A letter was read, dated February 10th, 1891, from Mr. G. C. Yates, F.S.A., Hon. Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER,

April 1st, 1891.

Chairman.

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*General Meeting, held February 23rd, 1891.*

The fifth meeting of the session of the Chester Archaeological and Historic Society was held at the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Monday evening, the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown) in the chair.

Amongst those present were the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Messrs. A. Lamont, C. P. Douglas, J. Wiseman, W. E. Brown, T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., E. W. Cox, William Shone, F.G.S., I. M. Jones, C.E., G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

Messrs. Roger Jackson, of Hough Green, and Richard Baker, of Queen's Park, were elected members of the Society.

Mr. Henry Taylor (Hon. Secretary) exhibited and read a description of the original commissions, kindly lent by Lord Mostyn, authorising Colonel Sir Roger Mostyn to raise and embody the Flintshire Militia, and read a paper on the subject (see pp. 52-67). In the course of his remarks he said that Sir Roger was not only colonel of the regiment, but also captain of one of the companies, which company was raised on his estate, and in the document was styled the company of colliers. This company was also found in accoutrements by Sir Roger Mostyn, which accoutrements had been preserved, and at the present time were in the hall at Mostyn.

The Mayor then called upon Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S., to deliver his lecture "On a Settlement of Prehistoric People in Delamere Forest, with an account of their Grave Mounds" (see pp. 96-112), which proved very interesting. The lecturer exhibited a stone axe and a kind of club, both found at Beeston, and kindly lent by Lord Tollemache;

and also an axe, made from the base of an antler of a deer, which was found at the Chester Gas Works during the excavations a year or two ago.

The Chairman remarked that he had very pleasant recollections of an excursion to Delamere Forest in 1886, when the British Archæological Institute visited Chester, and drew attention to the similarity of the site of the supposed prehistoric city of Eddisbury and Old Sarum, near Salisbury.

The usual vote of thanks closed the meeting.

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*Council Meeting, held April 1st, 1891.*

Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Messrs. Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the last Council meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Sub-Committee appointed to prepare the inventory for the Museum Management Committee reported that the inventory had not yet been completed.

A letter, dated March 5th, 1891, was read from the Museum Committee, requesting the Council to make their annual election of representatives to that Committee, and it was

*Resolved:* That Messrs. T. S. Gleadowe, A. Lamont, H. Beswick, I. M. Jones, G. W. Shrubsole, and J. Hewitt be the representatives of the Council on the Museum Management Committee for the ensuing year.

The desirability of holding an extra sessional meeting in the event of Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A., coming over to Chester in course of the next week or two in order that he might have an opportunity of explaining the progress of the explorations of the city walls, west of the Northgate, and it was thought that a public meeting should be held, and the Secretaries were instructed to communicate with Mr. Haverfield thereon.

The proof of the third volume of the Society's proceedings was laid before the meeting, and also a letter from Mr. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A., the Hon. Editorial Secretary, in which he suggested that the Council should organise an excursion during the summer months, and the subject was referred to the next meeting of the Council.

*Resolved:* That the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, Mr. J. P. Earwaker, and Mr. Henry Taylor be requested to draw up the annual report of the Council to the members.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER,

May 8th, 1891.

*Chairman.*

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*Monthly Meeting, held April 1st, 1891.*

The sixth monthly meeting of the session was held in the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Wednesday, April 1st, 1891.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Messrs. the Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., Rev. H. Grantham, Dr. King, Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., E. W. Cox, T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., R. Newstead, John Wiseman, Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), and T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., read a paper by Mr. J. Romilly Allen, F.S.A. (Scot.), on "The Early Christian

Monuments in North Wales" (see pp. 34-51). Canon Morris, in course of a few remarks, suggested that members might divide districts in North Wales, and mark on an ordnance map places where archæological remains had been found, and as to where these remains are now to be found.

Mr. Henry Taylor said the Society of Antiquaries had sent down a model map, and asked the Council to take the matter in hand. He had very great pleasure in proposing votes of thanks to Mr. J. Romilly Allen for his paper, and to the Rev. Canon Morris for reading it, which were carried unanimously.

The proceedings then terminated.

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*Council Meeting, held April 10th, 1891.*

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum, on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, A. Lamont, Dr. Elliott, B.Sc., I. M. Jones, C.E., T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

A letter, dated April 5th, 1891, was read from Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A., acquiescing in the suggestion that he should address a public meeting *re* the exploration of the city walls, west of the Northgate, and asking if it would be possible to get the Bishop of Chester to preside. A post card from the same gentleman was then read, in which he suggested that the meeting should be held on Wednesday, April 15th, 1891.

*Resolved:* That the public meeting be held on Wednesday next, in the Lecture Theatre, and that the arrangements

be left in the hands of Messrs. T. S. Gleadowe, A. Lamont, and the Assistant Secretary.

The Archdeacon undertook to ask the Bishop to preside.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER,

May 8th, 1891.

Chairman.

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*Council Meeting, held April 15th, 1891.*

Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Messrs. A. Lamont, Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., I. M. Jones, C.E., H. Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

It having been found that the representatives of the Society on the Museum Management Committee must be, by the provisions of the deed of trust, members of the Council, and Mr. H. Beswick, in consequence of his not being a member of the Council, having been wrongly named as a representative on that Committee at the last meeting of the Council, it was

*Resolved:* That Mr. E. J. Baillie, F.L.S., be elected a representative of the Council on the Museum Management Committee.

Mr. C. B. Phillips was elected a member of the Society.

*Resolved:* That the Venerable Archdeacon Barber be requested to take the chair at the public meeting to be held this evening.

A letter, dated April 11th, 1891, was read from Mr. De Jong to Mr. J. I. Hughes, of White Friars, Chester, asking how he could obtain the loan of the "recorders" for a concert to be given at the Brasenose Club, Manchester. The Council thought that the instruments could not be lent to an individual, but if application were made by the Brase-

nose Club, on their undertaking to pay all expenses connected with the conveying of them over to Manchester and back again, the Council would grant the loan.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER,  
May 8th, 1891. *Chairman.*

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*Monthly Meeting, held April 15th, 1891.*

An extra meeting of the session was held in the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Wednesday, April 15th, 1891.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Rev. S. C. Scott, M.A., His Honour Judge Wynne Ffoulkes, M.A., Dr. and Mrs. Stolterfoth, Messrs. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., F. Potts, A. Lamont, G. W. Rogerson, W. Spencer, W. Monk, G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary), and others.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, observed that the discoveries made were of the very greatest importance, and he trusted that the citizens of Chester would not let pass the opportunity of continuing them.

Mr. Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A., then delivered his report on the discovery of inscribed and sculptured Roman stones, which have been extracted from the north city wall.<sup>1</sup>

During the lecture Mr. F. Haverfield drew attention to the plan exhibited by Mr. I. M. Jones, and also to some admirable photographs produced by Mr. Spencer.

The lecture was followed by a short discussion, and votes of thanks to Mr. Haverfield and the Chairman closed the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> As already stated (p. 208), Mr. Haverfield's lecture will be incorporated in his forthcoming volume on Roman Chester.

*Council Meeting, held May 8th, 1891.*

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Messrs. A. Lamont, George Frater (Hon. Treasurer), H. Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. Secretary), and T. J. Powell (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

A letter, dated May 5th, 1891, was read from the Museum Management Committee, with reference to the placing in the Museum of the stones found in the excavations in the city wall, west of the Northgate, and the matter was referred to the Sub-committee appointed to assist the Excavation Committee.

The Committee appointed to consider and re-draft the Rules of the Society submitted the result of their deliberations, and it was

*Resolved:* That the new Rules, as prepared by the Sub-committee and now read, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Rules of the Society.<sup>1</sup>

The draft Annual Report of the Council to be laid before the General Meeting of members was submitted, approved, and adopted.

*Resolved:* That the Annual Meeting of the Society be held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Wednesday, May 27th, 1891, at eight o'clock, and that a Council Meeting be held the same evening, at seven p.m.

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Account for the year ending December 31st, 1891, was submitted, showing a balance to the credit of the Society of £19. 12s. 5d.

It having been suggested by the Hon. Auditors that the bills owing from time to time by the Society should be passed by the Council before payment, it was

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<sup>1</sup> The rules as amended will be found at pp. 234-237.

*Resolved:* That the Hon. Treasurer be requested to fall in with the suggestion of the Hon. Auditors.

*Resolved:* That the following gentlemen be the officers of the Society for the ensuing year:—Hon. Editorial Secretary, Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A.; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. George Frater; Hon. Curator, Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S.; Hon. Librarian, Mr. John Hewitt; General Secretary, Mr. T. J. Powell.

The desirability of having an excursion during the summer months was considered, and ordered to be brought forward at the next meeting of the Council.

The Treasurer submitted Mr. Elliott Stock's account for £1. 4s., and it was ordered to be paid.

(Signed) EDWARD BARBER,

May 27th, 1891.

Chairman.

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*Council Meeting, 27th May, 1891.*

Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on the above date.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Messrs. A. Lamont, sen., I. M. Jones, C.E., E. J. Baillie, F.L.S., G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), Geo. Frater (Hon. Treasurer), John Hewitt (Hon. Librarian), and T. J. Powell (General Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read, dated May 13th, 1891, from the Hon. Secretary of the International Folk Lore Congress, proposed to be held in London, on the 1st October next, and the General Secretary was instructed to express the thanks of the Council for the courteous invitation to the Congress, but it did not appear that there would be anyone likely to be present.



A circular was submitted from the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, giving the dates of proposed excursions of the Society, from which it appeared that they would visit Chester on June 20th, 1891, and the General Secretary was instructed to ask what time the Society would be likely to reach the Grosvenor Museum, and also whether the Council could render any assistance.

*Resolved:* That Mr. T. J. Powell (General Secretary) be voted £10 for his services during the past year, and his salary for the future be £10 per annum, and 5 per cent on the total amount of the subscriptions of the Society.

*Resolved:* That Mr. A. Lamont, sen., Mr. E. J. Baillie, Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, and the General Secretary be a Sub-Committee to arrange for a summer excursion, Conway and district, including Caer-hun, being suggested as an attractive place and July 1st as a suitable day.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted two bills for postages and making index from Mr. J. P. Earwaker (Hon. Editorial Secretary) amounting to £3. 19s., and they were passed.

A discussion then took place on the schedule of Roman inscribed stones, coins, &c., handed to the Museum Management Committee by the Chester Town Council, and which schedule the Museum Management Committee required to be furnished with, in order that they might give a proper acknowledgment. Mr. G. W. Shrubsole (Hon. Curator) agreed to co-operate with the Committee already appointed by the Council to enlarge the schedule already prepared by him in order to meet the wishes of the Museum Management Committee.

Proposed by Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, seconded by Mr. I. M. Jones, and unanimously

*Resolved:* That the Council beg to acknowledge their deep sense of the services rendered for so long a period to the Society by Mr. H. Taylor, F.S.A., as their Hon. General

Secretary, and to thank him most heartily for his unwearied devotion in that capacity for the welfare of the Society.

Mr. I. M. Jones requested permission to withdraw himself as a candidate for election on the Council.

Mr. John Hewitt (Hon. Librarian) presented a piece of Roman pottery, found during some excavations on the premises of Miss Haswell, Foregate Street, Chester.

A letter was submitted from Mr. W. C. Jones, fellmonger, Handbridge, Chester, forwarding several pieces of Roman pottery, found during some excavations on the premises tenanted by him in Topham's Lane.

(Signed) CHAS. BROWN,  
Chairman.

*Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 27th May, 1891.*

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Lecture Theatre, at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Wednesday, May 27th, 1891, at eight o'clock.

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., in the chair, Rev. Cooper Scott, M.A., the Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., Rev. C. L. Feltoe, M.A., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A., Dr. Elliott, B.Sc., Messrs. A. Lamont, sen., E. J. Baillie, F.L.S., H. Taylor, F.S.A., I. M. Jones, C.E., G. R. Griffith, J. Rowe Dutton, W. Roberts, E. Hodgkinson, G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator), George Frater (Hon. Treasurer), T. J. Powell (General Secretary), and Mr. J. Hewitt (Hon. Librarian).

The notice convening the meeting was read.

The minutes of the last General Meeting of the Society, held May 19th, 1890, were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report of the Council, together with the Hon. Curator's and Hon. Librarian's Reports and the

Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, having been circulated amongst the members, were taken as read. These are as follows :—

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council congratulate the members on the continued success of the Society and the progress made during the past session. Since the last Annual Meeting seven sessional meetings have been held, all of which were fairly attended.

The following are the dates and particulars of the papers read at the meetings, viz. :—

*October 20th*, 1890.—Chairman, His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd.

Subject: "Certain Forms of Punishment employed in England up to the Present Century, for dishonest trading, drunkenness, scolding, and brawling, and for minor offences generally." By Mr. T. N. Brushfield, M.D.

*November 17th*, 1890.—Chairman, The Venerable Archdeacon Barber.

Subject: "An Account of the three Randle Holmes (father, son, and grandson), the celebrated Heralds and Antiquaries." By Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A. (Hon. Editorial Secretary).

*December 15th*, 1890.—Chairman, The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown).

Subjects: "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower." By the Rev. John Godson. "The West Window lately erected in St. John's Church, illustrative of the History of the Church and City, lately presented by his Grace the Patron of the Society."

By the Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A. "The Roman and other Remains brought to light in Chester and the neighbourhood since the last session." By Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator). "Some Early Deeds recovering the Names of Mediæval Goldsmiths." By Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. General Secretary).

*January 19th, 1891.*—Chairman, The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A.

Subjects: "The Inscriptions on the Pigs of Lead, now in the Museum." By the Rev. Canon Morris, D.D. "The Administration of Roman Mines, with reference to those in the neighbourhood of Deva." Also a "Short Description of the recent very interesting finds of Roman inscribed Stones in the North City Wall, West of the Northgate." By Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A.

*February 23rd, 1891.*—Chairman, The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chester (Alderman Charles Brown).

Subjects: "The Original Commissions, kindly lent by Lord Mostyn, authorising Colonel Sir Roger Mostyn to raise and embody the Flintshire Militia." By Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A. (Hon. General Secretary). "On a settlement of pre-historic people in Delamere Forest, with an account of their Grave Mounds." By Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, F.G.S. (Hon. Curator).

*April 1st, 1891.*—Chairman, The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A.

Subject: "Early Christian Monuments in North Wales." By Mr. J. Romilly Allen, F.S.A. (Scot.), read by the Rev. Canon Morris, D.D.

In addition to the above, a meeting was held under the auspices of the Society in the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1891, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., presiding, when Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A., very fully described the progress of the explorations of the City Wall, West of the Northgate. With respect to these explorations it may be here explained that in consequence of the discovery during the repairs of the North Wall of the City, East of the Northgate, some three years ago, of a number of very interesting Roman inscribed and sculptured stones, a committee has been formed with the consent of the Chester Town Council and the co-operation of this Society, to raise funds to explore the Wall, West of the Northgate, with the result that a quantity of very valuable finds have been made, as will be seen from the preliminary reports made by Mr. Haverfield. The following circular has been issued by the Committee, viz.:—

#### SCHEME FOR PROPOSED EXCAVATIONS AT CHESTER.

Some repairs lately executed in the North Wall of Chester resulted in the discovery of Roman inscriptions and sculptures, and a further exploration started by the Chester Archæological Society produced more inscriptions and sculptures. It is now proposed, with the consent of the Corporation, to set on foot further explorations in the same wall. The former discoveries have excited great interest both in England and on the Continent, and Professor Mommsen, of Berlin, has written strongly urging further search. Of all the historic sites in England, none are so likely to aid our knowledge of Roman history as the Roman military centres, and it is well known that Deva was garrisoned by the Twentieth Legion from the earliest times until the end of the Roman occupation of our island. The exploration will begin in a part

of the North Wall, which is now under repair, in which a preliminary search has revealed inscribed and sculptured stones. It will be carried out by the City Surveyor, Mr. I. Matthews Jones, F.S.I., who conducted the former excavations to a successful issue. Inscriptions and sculptures found will be the property of the Corporation, and will be deposited, with those previously discovered, in the Grosvenor Museum, at Chester. The results of the explorations will be published by Professor Pelham and Mr. Haverfield. Several subscriptions have been already promised, and an appeal is now made for more. The work is necessarily more expensive than "digging," and the space which ought to be examined is large. The probability of finding inscriptions is, however, very great, and the work has claims on both patriotism and scholarship.

Subscriptions may be sent to Professor Pelham, 20, Bradmore Road, Oxford, or to F. Haverfield, Esq., Lancing College, Shoreham, Sussex.

The scheme has the hearty approval of the Council of the Chester Archæological and Historic Society, of the Duke of Westminster, and the Bishop of Chester.

HENRY PELHAM, M.A., F.S.A. (Camden Professor of Ancient History in the University of Oxford).

F. HAVERFIELD, M.A., F.S.A.

JOHN EVANS (President of the Society of Antiquaries).

J. H. MIDDLETON, M.A., F.S.A. (Slade Professor of Fine Arts in the University of Cambridge).

THOMAS HODGKIN, D.C.L.

JOHN SARUM, D.D.

E. P. LOFTUS BROCK, F.S.A.

J. COLLINGWOOD BRUCE, LL.D., D.C.L.

*Sub-Committee of the Town Council.*

CHARLES BROWN, Alderman, Mayor of Chester.

JOHN JONES, Councillor, Sheriff of Chester.

J. GERRARD, Alderman, Chairman of Improvement Committee.

JOHN SMITH, Councillor, Deputy Chairman.

HENRY THOS. BROWN, Alderman.

The Council have appointed a small sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. T. S. Gleadowe, A. Lamont, and Dr. Stolterfoth, to co-operate with the above larger general committee, and this sub-committee has issued a circular to the members inviting subscriptions towards the very heavy expenses necessarily entailed by the above work.

The Council have pleasure in drawing the attention of the members to the Reports of the Curator and the Librarian.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement of accounts shows a balance of £19. 12s. 5d. to the credit of the Society.

The membership of the Society numbers 275, including six honorary, five life, and 264 ordinary members.

The Society's *Journal* for the sessions 1888-9 and of 1889-90 is now ready for delivery.

The Council have to deplore the deaths of several well-known and honoured members of the Society during the year. Mr. Thomas Hughes, F.S.A. (in whom the Council have lost a very old and most valued member of their body), was Honorary and Editorial Secretary for many years, but his failing health obliged him to relinquish those posts, when the new series of the Society's *Journal* was started in 1886. His knowledge of the past history of Chester and the neighbourhood was most extensive, and was always placed at the disposal of the members of the Society and the Chester public generally. He died May 30th, 1890.

Mr. I. E. Ewen, who for many years filled with great efficiency the post of Honorary Librarian to the Society, and from time to time contributed valuable papers which have appeared in the *Journal*, died on the 16th October, 1890.

On 16th January, 1891, Colonel P. S. Humberston, of Glanywern, Denbigh, a Trustee of the Society and one of its earliest members, passed away, whilst the veteran antiquary, Mr. C. Roach Smith, F.S.A, an eminent archæologist and one who has made many valuable communications to the Society (of which for many years he was an honorary member), has also died during the past year.

The Council have during the year held ten meetings.

The Council have had under consideration the reconstruction of the Rules, and have made several alterations and additions which they hope will prove of advantage to the work of the Society.

On the 21st August last, the members of the Cambrian Archæological Association, which was then holding its annual meeting at Holywell, visited Chester, with the object of inspecting various interesting portions of the city, which they did under the guidance of the members of the Society. They were hospitably entertained at luncheon by the Right Worshipful the Mayor (James Salmon, Esq.) in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall. Afterwards the visitors were conducted round the city walls and inspected the Grosvenor Museum.

This being the First Annual Meeting, after the adoption of the New Rules, the whole of the Council will retire, but they are eligible for re-election. The members will notice that there is one vacancy in the Council, in consequence of Mr. John Hewitt having



been appointed Librarian. The following are the names of the elective members of the Council: Mr. E. J. Baillie, F.L.S., Alderman Charles Brown, Mayor, Mr. F. Bullin, J.P., Dr. Davies-Colley, J.P., Rev. Henry Grantham, Dr. John Elliott, B.Sc., Mr. Thomas S. Gleadowe, M.A., Mr. Isaac Matthews Jones, F.S.I., Mr. Alexander Lamont, senior, Rev. S. Cooper Scott, M.A., Dr. Stolterfoth, M.A.

#### THE HON. CURATOR'S REPORT.

I have to report the following additions to the Archæological Museum during the past year:—

Small cannon found at the General Railway Station: *The Joint Railway Company*. Spindle Whorl: *Rev. Mr. Gordon*. Carved stone: *Mr. J. F. Lowe*. Thirteen inscribed Roman monumental stones; one centurial stone; seven Roman sculptured stones: *The Corporation of Chester*. A variety of Roman remains from the neighbourhood of Kinderton, the site of the Roman station of Condæ, including bricks, urns, pottery, iron implements, &c., &c.: *B. Ll. Vawdrey, Esq.*, Tushingham Hall, Whitchurch. One ebonised upright plate-glass case, filled with Roman objects found in Chester, principally from under White Friars Lodge and White Friars Cottage, consisting of variously impressed tiles, Samian pottery, Upchurch ware, amphoræ, antifix, glass, coins, &c., &c.: *F. Bullin, Esq., J.P.*

GEORGE W. SHRUBSOLE.

Chester, May 18th, 1891.

#### THE HON. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Since being appointed Hon. Librarian I have gone through the catalogue and endeavoured to acquaint

myself with the present position of the Library. This investigation is not yet completed, but I find that some of the older volumes of the Library are yet unreturned by the borrowers, and it is essential for the well working of the Society that books be returned to the shelves as soon as done with. A list of the missing volumes will be prepared as soon as possible.

The additions to the Library have been presented by the various societies in correspondence or by exchanging. The Transactions of the following societies form the main portion of the additions:—

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

The Powis-Land Club.

Cambrian Archæological Society.

Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

Surrey Archæological Society.

Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society.

Lancashire and Cheshire Historic Society.

Northamptonshire Notes and Queries.

Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.

The presentations include:—

*The Prymer, A.D. 1400*, part I, text. By the editor (Henry Littlehales).

*Roman Inscriptions in Britain*, 1888-90. By the author (F. Haverfield, M.A.).

*Early Art in Liverpool*. By Miss G. F. Jackson.

The Council have purchased the following volumes:—

*Official Year Book of the Learned Societies of Great Britain and Ireland*.

British Record Society Publications:—*Signet Bills and Privy Seals*, 1584—1624. *Chancery Proceedings, Charles I.*, Vol. II., 1625—1649.

Many of the Transactions require binding, and the valuable Bluebooks presented by R. A. Yerburgh, Esq., M.P., should be bound as soon as possible. A detailed list of the requirements will be submitted to the Council.

The Hon. Librarian ventures to say that any members having duplicate volumes, engravings, bookplates, or other county matter, would greatly assist the Society by presenting them to the Library. The Council are not at present in a position to spend as much money as the Library demands. The prints and drawings will be arranged and catalogued, and additions thereto are invited.

JOHN HEWITT,  
*Hon. Librarian.*

May, 1891.



On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Dr. Stolterfoth, it was

*Resolved:* That the Report of the Council, together with the Hon. Curator's and Hon. Librarian's Reports and the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, be and the same are hereby received and adopted.

The election of the Council then took place, Messrs. J. Rowe Dutton and G. R. Griffith being appointed Scrutineers, and it being understood that the six gentlemen last named should retire from the same at the General Meeting in 1892. The following gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Council, viz.: Rev. Canon Morris, Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, Dr. Stolterfoth, Dr. Elliott, Rev. S. C. Scott, A. Lamont, sen., E. J. Baillie, Charles Brown, Rev. C. L. Feltoe, Rev. H. Grantham, and J. Rowe Dutton.

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REV. C. L. FELTOE, M.A.	DR. STOLTERFOTH, M.A.
MR. T. S. GLEADOWE, M.A.	MR. HENRY TAYLOR, F.S.A.

*Resolved:* That Messrs. J. H. A. Hall and J. Rowe Dutton be elected the Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr. Henry Taylor, seconded by the Rev. Cooper Scott, and

*Resolved:* That the new Rules adopted by the Council, copies of which had been distributed amongst the members, be received and approved as the rules of the Society.

The Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., then read a letter from Professor Rhys, of Oxford, on the pigs of lead in the Museum (see p. 77).

The Chairman then, at the request of Mr. I. M. Jones, to whom the communication had been addressed, read some notes by Mr. F. Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A., on four inscriptions lately found in the north wall, west of the Northgate.

Proposed by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hargraves, and unanimously

*Resolved:* That a hearty vote of thanks be presented to the President, Vice-Presidents, the Council, and the Hon. Officers, for the able way in which they have conducted the affairs of the Society during the past year.

Proposed by Mr. G. W. Shrubsole, seconded by the Rev. Canon Morris, and

*Resolved:* That the best thanks of the meeting be presented to the donors of books and objects of antiquarian interest during the year.

Proposed by Mr. A. Lamont, sen., seconded by Mr. E. J. Baillie, and unanimously

*Resolved:* That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman for his urbanity in the chair, and generally for the great interest which he takes in the affairs of the Society.

