



RULES.

TITLE.

- 1.—The Society shall be called “The Chester and North Wales Archæological and Historic Society.”

PURPOSES.

- 2.—The Objects of the Society shall be—
 - (a) The collection and publication of Archæological and Historic information relating to the City and County of Chester and North Wales.
 - (b) The collection and preservation in a Museum of the Remains of Antiquity and other objects of interest found in the City and County of Chester and North Wales.

CONSTITUTION.

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

Life Members.—Donors of six guineas and upwards shall be members for life, and shall have all the privileges of Ordinary Members, and be entitled to copies of the Society's *Journal* as published.

Ordinary Members shall consist of all subscribers of ten shillings 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, and be entitled to copies of the Society's *Journal* as published.

Honorary Members shall be chosen by the Council.

MANAGEMENT.

4.—The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council, to consist of the following persons:—The Patron, the President (who shall be the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Chester for the time being), eight Vice-Presidents (of whom the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chester, the Very Rev. the Dean of Chester, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Chester, and the Sheriff of the City of Chester shall be *ex officio*), and the Officers of the Society, viz., the Editorial Secretary, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Curator, and the Librarian. To these shall be added twelve members to be elected by the Society at the annual meeting, six of whom shall retire yearly in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. Five members of the Council shall form a quorum. Any intermediate vacancy in the Council by death or retirement may be filled up by the Council. The Officers of the Society shall be annually elected by the Council.

5.—The Council may appoint sub-committees for special purposes, who shall act under the control and supervision of the Council. They may also from time to time appoint Sectional Committees, consisting of members of their own body and of such other members of the Society as they may think able, from their special knowledge, to afford aid in such branches of archæology as the following:—

- (a) Ancient monuments and architecture.
- (b) Ancient manners, customs, trade, and commerce.
- (c) Local history, genealogy, and records.

The Council may appoint a Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Secretary for each Sectional Committee, and shall have full power to reconstruct or fill up vacancies in each such Committee. The Council may also appoint any person they may think fit Honorary Local Secretary, whether he be a member or not, for the town or district wherein he may reside, in order to facilitate the collection of accurate information as to objects and discoveries of local interest.

6.—If any member shall be desirous of altering any rule, he shall propose such alteration, in writing, to the General Secretary, 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.

7.—The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of May. Ordinary meetings shall be held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, at eight p.m., as far as possible on the third Monday in each month during the session, for the reading of papers, the exhibition of objects of antiquarian interest, and the discussion of subjects connected therewith. Council meetings shall be held whenever requisite. Nominations for the Council and Auditors shall be sent in writing to the General Secretary six days before the annual meeting; and, in case of a contest, election shall be made by ballot.

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.

The Council may, from time to time, convene general meetings at different places rendered interesting by their antiquities, architecture, or historic associations.

PROPERTY.

8.—The property of the Society shall be vested in the names of three trustees to be chosen by the Council.

9.—When the Council shall consider it desirable that any paper, read at a meeting of the Society, should be printed in the *Journal*, they shall request the writer to submit the manuscript to the Editorial Secretary for that purpose. The writer of any paper printed in the *Journal* shall receive twenty copies of his own paper gratis.

10.—All Antiquities, Books, Prints, &c., belonging to the Society, shall be preserved for the use of the members at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, and in such rooms and custody as shall be appointed by the Council.

11.—All orders for payment, &c., shall be made by the Council and signed by the General Secretary. All cheques shall be drawn and signed by the Treasurer. The accounts shall be audited by two members of the Society appointed by the annual meeting.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

12.—Candidates for admission to the Society may be elected at any meeting of the Society or the Council, being first duly proposed and seconded by members of the Society.

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

No volume of the Society's *Journal* can be delivered to any member whose subscription is in arrear.

