

PROCEEDINGS, 1897.

Members of the General Annual Meeting of the Members of the Society, held in the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Friday, 28th May, 1897, at 5-30 o'Clock. Present: The Very Rev. The Dean Darby of Chester in the Chair, The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, Dr. Henry Stolterfoth, Dr. J. C. Bridge, Rev. Henry Grantham, Mr. Henry Taylor, Mr. Alderman C. Brown, Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. C. H. Minshull, Mr. G. R. Griffith, Mr. W. Tasker, Mr. Edward Hodkinson (Hon. Curator and Librarian), and Mr. Walter Conway (General Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting of the Members held 14th July, 1896, were read, affirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report of the Council, together with the Hon. Curator's and Librarian's Report and the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts were read, approved, and adopted.

The retiring Members of the Council (Rev. Canon Scott, Dr. J. C. Bridge, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, Mr. John Hewitt, Mr. F. W. Longbottom, and Mr. C. H. Minshull), together with the Honorary Officers of the Society—Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., Hon. Editorial Secretary; Mr. Edward Hodkinson, Hon. Curator and Librarian; Mr. John Dodds, Honorary Treasurer, were re-elected.

It was also unanimously Resolved—"That the Rev. J. M. New, M.A., of Abbey Street, Chester, Minor Canon of Chester Cathedral, be elected Honorary General Secretary of the Society; and that Mr. Walter Conway be elected Assistant General Secretary."

The retiring Honorary Auditors, Messrs. J. H. A. Hall and W. E. Brown, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

A cordial vote of thanks was presented to the Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, and the Council for conducting the affairs of the Society during the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks was presented to the Donors of Books and objects of Antiquarian interest during the past year, especially to Mr. Alderman Charles Brown for his presentation to the Society of fourteen Deeds relating to the Hooton and Stanley families.

The best thanks of the Meeting were presented to the Very Rev. The Dean of Chester for presiding.

THE HON. CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

DURING the last year I have the pleasure to report that the following additions have been made to the Society's Museum:—

Eight Roman Bronze Coins. Presented by Miss Nessie Brown.

Roman Silver Coin of Severus. Presented by Mr. James Rogers.

Silver Pax Penny, Chester Mintage, William I. Presented by Mr. F. W. Longbottom.

Mediæval Vessels of Glazed Earthenware. Presented by Mr. Frank Williams.

Fragments of the Gold Corslet found near Mold in 1833. Presented by Mr. George Lowe.

- Lock of Old Northgate Prison. Presented by Mr. T. Mealing.
- Lithographic Print, by Gahey, of Chester, of Commanding Officers, &c., Steamship "Great Britain." Presented by Mr. H. B. Dutton.
- Fourteen Deeds relating to Hooton and Stanley Families.

 The expense of the purchase of these Deeds most kindly defrayed by Alderman C. Brown.
- Roman Altar recently discovered in excavation in St. Werburgh Street. Lent by Mr. Frederick Potts.
- Minute Books of Officer of Grand Sessions, George II. Purchased.

The additions to the Library have been principally by the exchange of Journals of Societies kindred to our own; this being an annual addition to the Library of something like fourteen or fifteen valuable volumes of Transactions. The Society also subscribes to the Index Library; Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire; and "The Antiquary"; and has, besides, purchased Mr. W. F. Irvine's "Registers of the Ancient Parish of Bebington."

EDWARD HODKINSON,

Hon. Curator and Librarian.

CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY.

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CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY.

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Examined with the Vouchers and found correct,

JOHN DODDS,

HON. TREASURER.

J. H. A. HALL, HON. AUDITORS.



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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL.

On September 23rd, 1897, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe reported that the Driving Excursion to Moreton Old Hall, Astbury, Gawsworth, and Congleton, on June 29th, had proved very successful.

Mr. Alderman Charles Brown submitted a draft plan of the Roman Columns, recently found on his property in Northgate Street, and which he intended should remain in situ.

On October 19th, 1897, the Rev. H. H. Wright and Mr. P. B. Ironside Bax were elected Members of the Society.

Dr. Stolterfoth kindly presented Photographs of Moreton Old Hall and Marton Church

Mr. Alderman Charles Brown reported, with great regret, the death of Mr. E. J. Baillie, Hon. Treasurer of the Museum Management Committee; and Mr. New was desired to write to Mrs. Baillie expressing the sympathy of the Society for her in her loss.

SESSIONAL MEETING, November 2nd, 1897.—Chairman, Mr. Alderman Charles Brown.

Subjects: "Recent Roman Remains found in Northgate Street, Chester." By Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A. "The Opening of a Pre-Historic Barrow at Penmaenmawr." By Mr. R. Newstead, F.E.S.

Dr. Mann was elected a Member of the Society.

Mr. Alderman Charles Brown presented part of a "Quern" with an imperfect inscription upon the edge.

Sessional Meeting, *November* 16th, 1897.—Chairman, The Very Rev. the Dean of Chester (J. L. Darby, D.D.)

Subject: "Some East-Anglian Churches," illustrated by a large selection of new and original Slides. By Rev. Walter Marshall, M.A., Minor Canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

Mr. H. Beswick was elected a Member of the Society.

Mr. C. H. Darbishire placed at the service of the Society certain articles (Stone Hammers, Spear-head, Rubbing Stones, &c.), found by him in the recent excavation of a Tumulus at Penmaenmawr.

Sessional Meeting, January 18th, 1898.—Chairman, The Ven. Archdeacon Barber.

Subject: "Sir William Stanley, of Hooton." By Rev. F. Sanders, M.A.

It was decided that, in future, the Accounts should be made up annually to the end of March, instead of to the end of December as heretofore.

Messrs. F. W. Longbottom and J. Fergusson Irvine resigned their membership of the Council, owing to inability to attend the Meetings.

Sessional Meeting, *February* 15th, 1898.—Chairman, The Very Rev. the Dean of Chester (J. L. Darby, D.D.)

Subject: "Birkenhead Priory. By Mr. E. W. Cox. Illustrated by a series of Lantern Slides, specially prepared for the Lecturer by Mr. George W. Haswell.

A further present from Mr. C. H. Darbishire of a Celtic Urn, found in a Penmaenmawr Barrow in 1891, was received.

Sessional Meeting, March 15th, 1898. - Chairman, Dr. Henry Stolterfoth, M.A.

Subject: "The Private Devotions of the Welsh in days gone by." By Rev. J. Fisher, B.D.

The Dean of Chester, the Archdeacon of Chester, Messrs. T. S. Gleadowe, E. Hodkinson, A. Lamont, and H. Taylor were elected to represent the Society on the Museum Management Committee for the ensuing year.

Sessional Meeting, *April* 26th, 1898—Chairman, The Very Rev. the Dean of Chester (J. L. Darby, D.D.)

Subject: "Welsh Music." By Dr. J. C. Bridge, M.A.

An application for pecuniary help was made to the Society on behalf of Mrs. Thompson Watkin, widow of the Author of "Roman Cheshire."

A statement of Receipts and Payments from December 31st, 1896, to March 31st, 1898, was submitted, shewing a balance of £10 os. 1d. in the hands of the Treasurer.

On May 31st, 1898, the Draft Annual Report of the Council and Statement of Accounts made up to March 31st, 1898, were submitted and approved.

The Annual General Meeting followed, when the Officers of the Society were re-elected.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

THE Council have pleasure in submitting their Annual Report to the Members of the Society for the past year. The following Papers have been read:—

October 19th, 1897.—Chairman, Mr. Alderman Charles Brown.

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Subject: "Welsh Music." By Dr. J. C. Bridge, M.A.

The thanks of the Society are due to the authors of these Papers, and also to Mr. J. D. Siddall for his assistance in illustrating them.

During last summer an Excursion was made to Moreton Old Hall, Astbury, Gawsworth, and Congleton, which proved a great success, particulars of which are given by Mr. T. S. Gleadowe (who kindly conducted the Members to the various places of interest), and which will appear in due course in the Society's Journal. The Council propose arranging a similar excursion during the coming summer. It is hoped that Members and their friends will avail themselves of the opportunity of joining the expedition.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to represent this Society upon the Management Committee of the Grosvenor Museum, viz.: The Very Rev. the Dean of Chester, The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, Messrs. T. S. Gleadowe, A. Lamont, Henry Taylor, and E. Hodkinson.

The attention of the Members is drawn to the Report of the Hon. Curator and Librarian; and the Council desire to express warm thanks to the various donors of objects of interest presented during the year.

Under Rule IV. the following Members of the Council retire, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Mr. Alderman Charles Brown, Mr. E. W. Cox, Rev. H. Grantham, Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. F. W. Longbottom, Dr. Henry Stolterfoth, M.A., and Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A.

The Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts shews a balance of £10 os. Id. to the credit of the Society. For this year it is for a period of fifteen months, being made up from 31st December, 1896, to 31st March, 1898; and it is intended in future to end the financial year on the 31st March, instead of on the 31st December as heretofore; the Subscriptions, however, will still be due on January 1st in each year, but the Accounts will be closed on the day the Session ends.

Arrangements are being made, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, for Mr. St. John Hope, M.A., Fellow and Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, to give a Lecture in the Cathedral Refectory, upon St. Werburgh's Abbey, due notice of which will be again given.

THE HON. CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

THE additions to the Society's Museum during the last twelve months are as follows:—

Prehistoric:

- *Collection of Implements from Penmaenmawr, found during the excavation of a Barrow, and presented to the Society by Mr. Charles H. Darbishire.
- Two large Neolithic Stone Celts, also from the neighbourhood of Penmaenmawr, lent by Mr. A. C. Nicholson.
- *Casts by Mr. R. Newstead of two Neolithic Implements, lent by Mrs. C. Griffiths, made from Antlers of Red Deer, found during excavations for Manchester Ship Canal, near Lymm.

Roman:

Cast by Mr. R. Newstead of Inscribed Stone, near Holland School, Little Orme's Head, Llandudno.

Bronze Coin. Presented by Rev. Harold T. Wright.

Silver Coin of Faustina. Presented by Mr. Walter Conway.

Terra Cotta Lamp (locality doubtful.) Presented by Mr. Guy.

- Fragment of Altar to the Genius of the XXth Legion. Portion of Quern, inscribed round side. Sculptured head in red stone, possibly a Corbel or from a Tomb. Northgate Street excavations. Presented by Alderman Charles Brown.
- *Cinerary Urn and Glass Lachrymatory, Boughton. Purchased.
- *Bronze Pin, Bronze Brooch, two Buckles, Bronze Steelyard or Strut, Bronze Boss, three Coins, Lead Lamp, Glass Vial, and fragments of Samian and other Pottery; neighbourhood of Hunter Street. Purchased.
- *Coins and fragments of Pottery and Glass; neighbourhood of Love Lane. Purchased.
- *Three Coins; neighbourhood of St. Werburgh Street. Purchased.

Mediæval:

Various fragments Pottery, Glass, Tiles, &c. Purchased.

Photographs:

Four enlargements by Dr. Stolterfoth—from Negatives taken by Mr. R. Newstead—of Moreton Hall, &c., &c., during the Society's Excursion, June 29th, 1897. Presented by Dr. Stolterfoth.

The Society is much indebted to Dr. Stolterfoth and Mr. J. D. Siddall for the loan of Cameras for use in illustrating their Journal and other Museum work.

^{*} Described in the present Journal by Mr. R. Newstead.

The additions to the Library are, for the most part, by exchange of Journals with the following Societies:—

The Society of Antiquaries, London.

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

The Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S. of America.

Cambrian Archæological Association.

Northamptonshire Notes and Queries.

The Powis-Land Club.

Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

Surrey Archæological Society.

Essex Archæological Society.

Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society

Cambridge Antiquarian Society.

Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society.

Sussex Archæological Society.

Academy of History and Antiquities, Stockholm, Sweden.

Warwickshire Naturalists' and Archæologists' Field Club.

The Society also subscribes to--

The Antiquary.

The Index Library.

The Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

The Cheshire Sheaf.

EDWARD HODKINSON,

Hon, Curator and Librarian.

CHESTER & NORTH WALES ARCHÆOLOGICAL & HISTORIC SOCIETY.

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20th MAY, 1898—Examined with the Vouchers and found correct, WM. E. BROWN.

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MINUTES of the General Annual Meeting of the Members of the Society, held in the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Tuesday, 31st May, 1898, at 5-30 o'clock. Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, Dr. Henry Stolterfoth, Rev. Henry Grantham, Mr. Henry Taylor, Mr. Alderman C. Brown, Mr. A. Lamont, Mr. C. H. Minshull, Mr. G. R. Griffith, Mr. W. Tasker, Mr. E. W. Cox, Rev. Canon Cooper Scott, Mr. G. W. Haswell, Mr. P. Ironside Bax, Mr. Edward Hodkinson (Hon. Curator and Librarian), Rev. J. M. New (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. Walter Conway (General Secretary.)

The Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting of the Members held 31st May, 1897, were read, affirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report of the Council, together with the Hon. Curator's and Librarian's Report and the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts were read, approved, and adopted.

The retiring Members of the Council (Mr. Alderman C. Brown, Mr. E. W. Cox, Rev. H. Grantham, Mr. A. Lamont, Dr. Stolterfoth, Mr. Henry Taylor), together with the Honorary Officers of the Society (Rev. Canon Morris, D.D., Hon. Editorial Secretary; Mr. Edward Hodkinson, Hon. Curator and Librarian; Mr. John Dodds, Hon. Treasurer; and Rev. J. M. New, Hon. Secretary), were re-elected.

The retiring Honorary Auditors, Messrs J. H. A. Hall and W. E. Brown, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

A cordial vote of thanks was presented to the Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, and the Council, for conducting the affairs of the Society during the past year.

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