



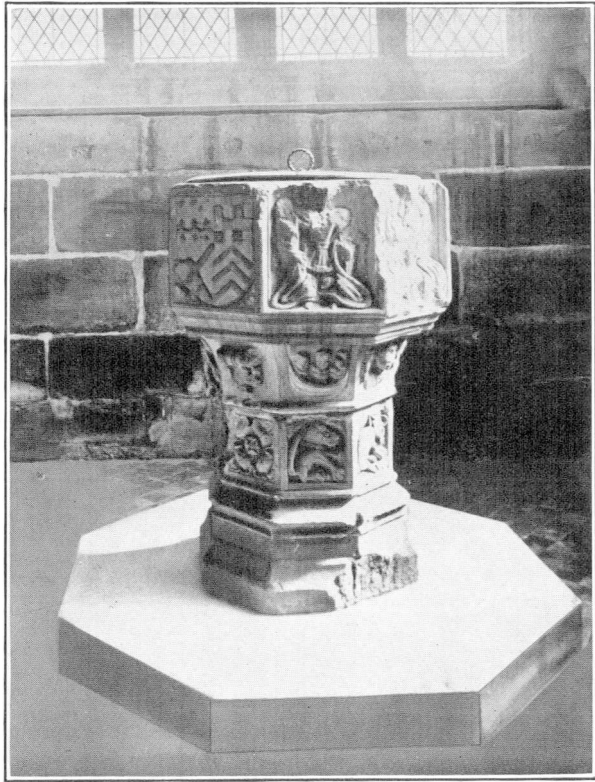
ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, 1904-1905

SUMMER EXCURSION

The Annual Summer Excursion took place on June 14th, 1905, and though but few members were able to take part, it was pronounced a great success. The weather was all that could be desired, as the storms which were evidently in the neighbourhood never reached the party.

Leaving the General Railway Station at 10-3 a.m., Wrexham was reached at 10-30, where a drag was in waiting, capable of conveying a much larger number. This was exchanged in the town for a smaller and lighter vehicle; and advantage was thus taken of the short delay to pay a brief visit to the noble church.

The drive to Holt, through the famous strawberry country, was very enjoyable; and at Holt Church the Rev. Jenkin Jones was in waiting, and pointed out the main features of the interesting building. The interior has a striking effect; and the contrast between the very lofty and pointed arches of the earlier nave, with the broader arcading of the later chancel, is very noteworthy. The absence of a clerestory (which may be due to the height of these arches, and so of the roofs of the aisles) is somewhat curious; the walls of the nave have, however, evidently been raised. On the south side the easternmost arch runs into the east wall; and by the south side of its supporting capital is the column, which thus serves no purpose whatever. Various explanations have been given of this, the most obvious being that the builders either built without a plan, and so made a mistake in their



Font in Holt Church

measurements, or that they had contemplated a wider chancel. An interesting and delicately-engraved brass (really copper) in the north aisle, to Thomas Crue, dated 1666, attracted attention. It is well preserved, and has an inscription in the form of an acrostic; while, in Greek, is the legend, "Silvanus Crue wrote it." Other points noted were the old roof; the tomb of Jasper Peck, who had five sons and twelve daughters; the various consecration crosses; the old registers; and the most interesting font, on which are carved various shields and coats of arms (including those of Earls Warren and Fitz Alan), and other devices. At the west end of the church were seen marks of cannon balls, shewing how the church suffered in the Civil War.

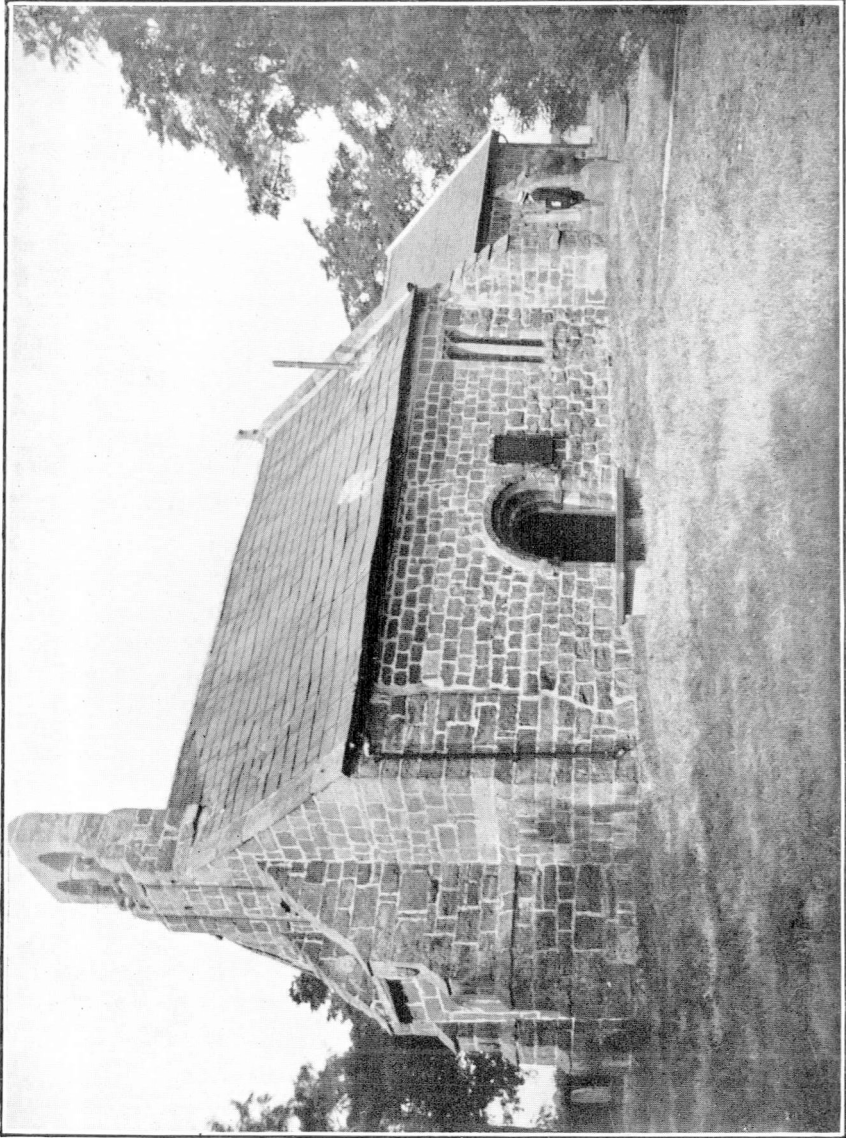
Leaving Holt, with many thanks to the Vicar, the old bridge over the Dee was crossed, and Farndon Church was visited, where the Rev. L. E. Owen was in waiting, having carefully arranged for inspection the registers, churchwardens' accounts, and church plate, and also some armour, kindly lent by Mr. Barnston, of Crewe Hill. Mr. Owen gave a full description of the church (dedicated, like that at Holt, to St. Chad), pointing out its various features. The church suffered much in the Civil Wars, when it was used as a garrison; traces of bullets are to be seen in the door and elsewhere. On the east wall of the tower is the mark of the original high-pitched roof, before the clerestory was added, and the flat roof substituted. In the Barnston Chapel (or pew, as it now is), on the south side, is a most interesting small stained-glass window, about two feet square, which has, in recent years, been restored to its original position. The work is most delicate, and the drawing and colouring very beautiful. It is entirely a military memorial, the centre part representing a field of war, with Sir Francis Gamul (with the badge of baronetcy) emerging from a tent, and around it portraits of Sir Wm. Mainwaring, Captain Barnston, and others.

At the west end of the church is the effigy of Sir Patrick de Barton, which was discovered with two others, many years ago, and fortunately preserved, when the others "were converted into sand by the vandals of the neighbourhood." The knight is represented in mail armour, his head reclining on a cushion, his feet on a dog; the helmet is conical, and the shield bears a bend cotised. In the churchyard formerly stood a church-house, which was pulled down a few years ago; the oak doorhead has been preserved, and bears the date 1576. It had been used (latterly, at any rate) as two tenements. It may have been the old "poor-house," or, possibly, the priest's house; but of this, apparently, no record exists. Mr. Owen gave some account of the "Rush-bearing"; and also of some of the entries in the registers and other books.

In the course of his remarks, he said that Farndon signified, in its first syllable, "a way over"; and, in Domesday, it was called Fernton, or "go over town." He also alluded to the fact that John Speed, the historian, was a native of Farndon; he was born in 1552, and died in 1629, being buried in St. Giles', Cripplegate, London. Mr. Owen had taken considerable pains to obtain and supply information, and was warmly thanked for his attention.

After luncheon at "The Raven," the drive to Shocklach was resumed, passing Castleton, where, on a moated site, stood the Castle of Shocklach, probably, in a state of repair so late as the reign of Elizabeth. Nothing remains now but the mounds and trenches.

Shocklach Church, dedicated to St. Edith, stands quite away from any house. There was a churchyard cross, the steps and shaft of which have been recently restored by Mr. Haswell; and round it the party were grouped, to be photographed by Mr. F. Simpson. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Mathias) joined them, and also Mr. Nickson (for thirty-five years churchwarden), and Mr. and Miss Howard, from Broughton Hall.



St. Edith's Church, Shocklach

Frank Simpson, Photo,

The church, though small, is very interesting. There is a good Norman doorway on the north side; a Jacobean domed ceiling over the nave hides the older roof; and the chancel roof has, at one time, been lowered, so that it now comes below the top of the chancel arch. There is a small bell-turret, with two bells, at the west end; and two large external buttresses, which, if not part of the original building, were soon rendered necessary by the nature of the ground, which is clay. The space (about six or seven feet) between these buttresses has, at a later period, been covered in, and added to the church, being connected by an irregular opening, and now forms a baptistery. At one time there was a west gallery, which was taken down about twenty years ago. The church has been seated with solid and good oak benches, some of them gifts of Mr. Howard, Mr. Nickson, and others, and in every respect is well cared for. Some interesting stones were pointed out in the masonry of the walls; while an object not of antiquarian interest was a partridge's nest, with eighteen eggs in it, close to one of the doors.

The dedication to St. Edith is not a common one; there are, in England, sixteen churches dedicated to St. Edith of Polesworth (probably sister of Edward the elder, and the original wife of the apostate Sithric, Danish King of Northumbria); and three to St. Edith of Wilton (daughter of King Edgar), Abbess of Wilton, and the friend of Dunstan.

Leaving the church, and driving across the fields, Grafton Hall was reached; and, by the kind permission of Colonel Piers Egerton-Warburton (to whose second son it has been left by the late Lord Stanley of Alderley), was inspected. The Hall is a most picturesque mansion, built by Sir Peter Warburton, a Judge of the King's Bench, about 1613. For many years it was occupied as a farmhouse; but the late Lord Stanley, who resided there occasionally, restored it at great expense, repairing the beautiful oak panelling,

which adorns the hall and many of the rooms. Above the fireplaces in the dining-room and drawing-room are two quaint pictures, probably Flemish. These, which were black with age and smoke, have been cleaned, and disclose some most curious details. That in the drawing-room is partly mythological, for there is evidently the story of Phæthon, driving the chariot of the sun, with his untimely fall as the result of his presumption. It is much to be hoped that a careful study may be made, and a full description of the pictures be given by some competent person. The garden in front of the house is entered by a handsome gateway; and in another garden is a grotto or summer-house, elaborately decorated for Lord Stanley. The house, which few persons have visited, was much admired.

From Grafton the party drove to Bangor-is-y-Coed, stopping on the way (by the kind invitation of Mr. Howard) to see Broughton Hall, a beautiful half-timbered house of the 16th century. The front elevation is particularly fine; the carving over the porch (all in oak) being most delicate and ornate. The timber has apparently never been oiled, and the pins stand out well from the surface. There are some magnificent oaks in the park, of very great age; one at the entrance having a hollow trunk.

At Bangor a short halt was made for tea; and while it was being prepared the church was inspected, under the guidance of the rector, the Rev. M. Elrington Bisset. It is a spacious edifice, consisting of nave, very large chancel, and aisles of unequal width. At the west end, above a blocked doorway into the tower, is stretched a recently discovered painting of the last Abbot of Bangor, S. Dunawd, to whom the Church is dedicated. In the east window, of beautiful tracery, is some modern glass, put in in 1868, in which the story connected with Bangor is delineated. In the centre is the Crucifixion; and on one side are the monks consulting the hermit before waiting upon St. Augustine, being advised that if he shewed himself to be a man of

God by his humility, they should take his advice. On the other is St. Augustine receiving them sitting, and not rising to meet them, so that the monks retired, declining to agree to any of his propositions. Shortly afterwards, we are told, "1,200 British monks, from the great monastery of Bangor, were savagely slaughtered on the field of battle by Ethelfrid."

Soames, in giving the story in his "Anglo-Saxon Church," adds: "Of this cruelty Augustine was probably altogether guiltless." No trace of the monastery remains. It was probably a settlement of wattled dwellings, and not a monastery in the ordinary sense of the word. In fact, it has been supposed that the monks were not necessarily unmarried. A house is still known as "the Abbey Gate," which may mark the entrance to the enclosure. *Leland* speaks of Porth Hogan by north, and Porth Clays by south, as names still remaining in his day (16th century). *William of Malmesbury*, in the 12th century (who, however, never visited the place), speaks of so many destroyed walls of churches, and such masses of ruins as could scarcely be seen elsewhere; but as no trace of any kind now remains, he probably wrote from hearsay. The masonry on the bank of the river, at the west end of the church, is evidently of a later date, and has nothing to do with the monastery. A fine old chest; a picture of the old Rectory (now demolished), called the Hall; and the old ringers' board in the belfry, were also seen.

After tea, the party left for Wrexham, and reached Chester at 8-30, after a most enjoyable excursion, which must also have created interest in the minds of those who so kindly acted as guides at the different places visited.

NOTE.—It may be of interest to note that Farndon and Holt were visited by the Society, at its Annual Excursion, on July 14th, 1854. An account of that visit will be found in Volume I. of the Journal (pp. 438 to 443), with illus-

trations; but as many of our present members are not fortunate enough to possess it, we give from it the inscription (which is in the form of an acrostic) on the old brass in Holt Church:—

“The life of man, imperfect from the wombe,
 Hasteneth both day and night unto the tombe;
 Of mortall life when once the thred is spunne,
 Man has a life immortall then begunne;
 A wise man dying lives, and living dies,
 Such was ye man yt here intombed lies;
 Carefull he lived, God’s sacred lawes to keepe
 Religiously until yt Death or Sleepe
 Unto a happy life his soule did bringe,
 Ending this life wth Christ our King.

Obiit pridie Iduum Augusti ætatis suæ xxvii. Ao Dni r666.
 Stipendium peccati Mors.”

Under the inscription is a recumbent skeleton, with the motto: “Hodie Mihi, Cras Tibi.” Above is the family crest; and on one side, in Greek: “Silvanus Crue wrote (this)” On either side is a column, surmounted by an hour-glass, with “Fugit Hora” on the capitals; whilst sun-dials and skulls indicate the rapid flight of time, and the certainty of death. There is nothing to show the relationship of the writer of the epitaph, Silvanus Crue, to the deceased, Thomas Crue.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, 7th June, 1904, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, the arrangements for the Annual Summer Excnrsions were discussed; and a full account of them appears in the Journal, Volume XI.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 19th September, 1904, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber

in the Chair, the Hon. Curator reported the gift, by Mr. William Vernon, of various Roman objects, found in the recent excavations in Forest House, Foregate Street, Chester.

It was reported that the old set of Recorders, which had been lent by the Society to the Worshipful Company of Musicians, for the Special Loan Exhibition of Ancient Musical Instruments, &c., had been returned. It was decided to ask all the Publishing Learned Societies of Great Britain and Ireland to exchange publications with this Society. One new member was elected.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 18th October, 1904, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, the Hon. Curator reported that the New Library was opened on the 28th September last; but that it would necessarily be some time before the books would be available for reference, as they were not yet catalogued; the cataloguing, however, was being proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

It was reported that Colonel Ommanney, of the Cheshire Regiment, had promised that if the Society would publish Mr. F. Simpson's Paper, entitled "History of the Cheshire Regiment and its Colours," in its volume of Proceedings, and illustrate the plates in colours, the Officers of the Regiment would subscribe £10 towards the cost of the illustrations; and it was decided to accept this offer, and publish the paper, with illustrations, in the next volume of the Society's Journal.

The question of the method to be adopted for cataloguing the Society's books in the new Library was discussed; and the following resolutions were passed, viz. :—

- (1) That the Hawarden system of the classification and cataloguing of Books be adopted, in the preparation of the catalogue of the Society's books.

- (2) That the Earwaker collection of books be kept intact, and that it be not embodied in other collections.
- (3) That the following gentlemen be appointed a sub-committee to consider the best method of protecting the book-presses, and to obtain estimates for wire doors, viz.:—The Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, and Mr. Robert Newstead.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 31st October, 1904, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, a letter from the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee was read, enclosing a report, drawn up by Messrs. Jolliffe & Jolliffe, Solicitors, of Chester, upon the Trust Deed, regulating the management of the Museum; also resolutions passed by the Management Committee, to the effect that the City Council be approached, with a view of their taking over the Museum Buildings, subject to the Societies continuing their rights as users of the building in the future, as in the past, and requesting this Society to consider the proposition, and to draw up the conditions upon which it would be willing to continue to use the buildings. It was

Resolved:—That this Council are in favour of the City Council taking over the Museum Buildings, so long as the rights of the Society, as to the use of the portion of the buildings hitherto occupied by them, together with their property, is secured in the future, as in the past.

Mr. Edward Hodkinson reported that his paper, upon "Basingwerk Abbey," was completed; and a grant of £8 was made towards the cost of the illustrations for its publication in the Society's Journal.

The Venerable Archdeacon Barber promised to give a paper upon "The Churchwardens' Accounts of St. Martin's, Chester," at the November Sessional Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Friday, the 15th November, 1904, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, two resignations of membership were reported, and the Hon. Curator reported the gifts to the Society of a valuable and interesting work upon ornamental art, from Mrs. Giles, of Baths Street, Chester; also a gold watch from Miss Elliott, of 1, Linenhall Place, Chester.

The Secretary reported that, owing to a family bereavement, the Rev. F. Sanders was unable to give his paper upon "John Bird, First Bishop of Chester," at the December Sessional Meeting, as promised; it being too late to make other arrangements, no Sessional Meeting was held in December.

It was decided that estimates should be invited for the illustrations for Mr. F. Simpson's paper, upon "The History of the Cheshire Regiment and its Colours," for the Journal.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 17th January, 1905, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair. It was

Resolved:—That this Council heartily congratulate the Archdeacon of Chester, Dr. J. C. Bridge, M.A., and Mr. W. Fergusson Irvine, upon the honour which has been conferred upon them in being elected Members of the Society of Antiquaries.

It was reported that the cost of the illustrations of Mr. F. Simpson's paper, upon "The History of the Cheshire Regiment and its Colours," would be much greater than was anticipated; and it was, therefore, decided to ask Colonel Ommanney to increase the promised grant of £10 towards it.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 21st February, 1905, Dr. H. Stolterfoth in the Chair, it was reported that Colonel Ommanney (of the Cheshire Regiment), had agreed to increase the promised grant of £10, towards

the cost of the illustrations of Mr. F. Simpson's paper, upon the "Cheshire Regiment," to £20.

The gifts to the Society of a series of twelve reproductions of original drawings, by Mr. Leonard Patten, was also reported, and one new member was elected.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1905, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, the Council received a deputation of Members of the Society, consisting of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. A. W. Butt, H. B. Dutton, Horace Davies, John Griffiths, J. T. Golder, G. W. Haswell, and James Williams, for the purpose of receiving suggestions affecting the working of the Society; such as the arranging of more local excursions, an increase in the number of papers given before the Society, and the filling up of the vacancies upon the Council. The Chairman promised that the suggestions would be considered by the Council.

The gift of a drawing of the badge of the 22nd Cheshire Regiment, by Mr. Alfred Williams, was reported, and estimates for the illustrations of the Journal were submitted and accepted.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Friday, the 24th March, 1905, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, a notification was received from the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee, to the effect that Mr. Robert Newstead had resigned his position as Curator of the Museum, and requesting the contributing Societies to consider the question of the appointment of his successor. A Sub-Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, was appointed to confer with a Sub-Committee of the Natural Science Society on the matter, viz.:—Venerable Archdeacon Barber, Dr. J. C. Bridge, Mr. W. E. Brown, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, Mr. C. H. Minshull, Dr. H. Stolterfoth, Rev. Canon Cooper Scott, Mr. Henry Taylor, and Mr. Walter Conway (General Secretary).

The Statement of Accounts for the past year was submitted and passed, subject to audit.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Wednesday, the 12th April, 1905, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A. and Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., were elected Vice-Presidents of the Society; and the Annual General Meeting of the Members was fixed to take place on Friday, the 12th May, 1905, at 8 o'clock.

It was reported that Volume XI. of the Society's proceedings was now ready to be issued to the Members.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society, held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Friday, the 12th May, 1905, at 8 p.m. :—

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, Mrs. W. E. Brown, Messrs. L. V. Browne, W. E. Brown, J. H. E. Bennett, Dr. J. C. Bridge, Messrs. H. F. Davies, H. B. Dutton, Rev. H. Grantham, Messrs. T. S. Gleadowe, R. L. Gleadowe, H. Gleadowe, John Griffiths, John Hargreaves, G. W. Haswell, F. W. Longbottom, C. H. Minshull, Dr. A. Mann, Dr. H. Stolterfoth, Rev. Canon Cooper Scott, Messrs. William Shone, F. Simpson, Henry Taylor, W. W. Tasker, W. E. B. Whittaker, Robert Newstead (Hon. Curator and Librarian), and Walter Conway (General Secretary).

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Members, held on 31st May, 1904, were read, affirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report of the Council, together with the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, and the Hon. Curator and Librarian's Report, were taken as read; and it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Dr. J. C. Bridge, and

Resolved :—“ That the Report of the Council, together with the Hon. Curator and Librarian’s Report, and the Hon. Treasurer’s Statement of Accounts, be received, approved, and adopted.”

The following nominations for the twelve vacancies upon the Council were received :—Dr. J. C. Bridge, Messrs. W. E. Brown, A. W. Butt, H. B. Dutton, J. T. Golder, G. W. Haswell, F. W. Longbottom, C. H. Minshull, Robert Newstead, F. Simpson, William Vernon, W. E. B. Whittaker, F. H. Williams, and Rev. H. H. Wright ; and, upon a ballot being taken, the following gentlemen were elected, viz. :—Dr. J. C. Bridge, Messrs. W. E. Brown, A. W. Butt, H. B. Dutton, J. T. Golder, G. W. Haswell, F. W. Longbottom, C. H. Minshull, R. Newstead, F. Simpson, William Vernon, and F. H. Williams.

It was Proposed by Mr. W. W. Tasker, Seconded by Rev. H. Grantham, and

Resolved :—“ That Mr. Charles Coppack, of Liverpool Road, Chester, be elected Hon. Auditor to the Society for the ensuing year.”

It was Proposed by Mr. William Shone, Seconded by Mr. Henry Taylor, and

Resolved :—“ That a vote of thanks be presented to the donors of books and objects of antiquarian interest during the past year.”

It was Proposed by Mr. J. H. E. Bennett, Seconded by Mr. H. F. Davies, and

Resolved :—“ That a vote of thanks be presented to the President, Vice-Presidents, and Officers of the Society, for conducting the affairs of the Society during the past year ; and also to the Chairman for presiding.”

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Friday, the 12th May, 1905, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair,

four new Members were elected, and five resignations were reported. The following gentlemen were elected to represent the Society upon the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee for the ensuing year, viz.:—Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., F.S.A., Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., Mr. Edward Hodgkinson, Mr. W. W. Tasker, and Dr. J. C. Bridge, M.A., F.S.A.

A letter from the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee was read, requesting the Society to take charge of a valuable collection of old and Jubilee coins, which had been presented to them under the Will of the late William Pritchard, to form, or assist in forming, the nucleus of a collection of coins; also of three books by Humpheres, Henfry, & Hawkins, on the subject of coins, also presented by the late William Pritchard. Their custody was gladly undertaken by the Council.

Dr. J. C. Bridge gave notice that he would propose, at the next Meeting of the Council, that Rule 4 be altered, so as to read that four Members of the Council shall retire yearly (by rotation) instead of six, as at present.

Attention was drawn to the unsatisfactory condition of Basingwerk Abbey, Holywell, and the Chairman undertook to write to the Right Rev. Dr. Mostyn (Bishop of Menevia, Wrexham), expressing the hope of the Council that he will interest himself in the matter, and induce the members of his family, and others in the neighbourhood, to take steps to preserve the ruins.

It was reported that Mr. R. H. Wood, F.S.A., had presented to the Society a copy of *Leicester's* "Antiquities," and a copy of *King's* "Vale Royal," for the Library. It was also reported that the grant of the Troutbeck Chapel, dated 14th March, 1690, had been presented to Old St. Mary's Church (on the Hill), by vote of the Vestry of St. Mary's-without-the-Walls.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 23rd May, 1905, the Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, a copy of a letter, which Sir Horatio Lloyd had received (on behalf of the Trustees of the Grosvenor Museum), from the Board of Education, referring to a Conference, which had taken place at the Town Hall, Chester, with regard to the proposed transfer of the Museum Buildings to the Local Education Authority, and enquiring whether the Trustees assent to the proposed transfer, and whether they have any observations to make upon the matter; and it was

Resolved :—“That the letter be left over for this Society’s consideration, until the Members of the Council have had an opportunity of seeing a report of the Conference referred to, of which they are not, at present, officially cognizant. It was also decided to forward this resolution to the Board of Education, and to request the Board to furnish them with copies of the report of the Conference.”

It was arranged that the Annual Summer Excursion should take place on the 14th June, 1905, visiting Holt, Farndon, Shocklach, and Grafton Hall. It was

Resolved :—“That Rule 4 be altered so as to read that four Members of the Council shall retire yearly (by rotation) instead of six, as at present.”

A financial statement of the New Library Fund, shewing a deficit of £10 os. 5d., was received from Mr. G. P. Miln, who stated that the Joint Library Committee suggested that the deficit should be borne in equal proportions by the Archæological Society and the Natural Science Society. This was agreed to. It was

Resolved :—“That the Rules of the Society be revised and brought up-to-date; and a Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, was formed to consider what revision (if any) is necessary, and to report to the Council, viz. : The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, Dr. J. C. Bridge, Mr. A. W. Butt, and Mr. H. B. Dutton.”

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

THE Council beg to submit to the Members their Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1905.

During the Session five Meetings have been held, and the following Papers read, viz. :—

18th October, 1904—The Archdeacon of Chester.

“Chester Cathedral: the Jacobean Work”; illustrated by Lantern Slides.

15th November, 1904—The Archdeacon of Chester.

“The Churchwardens’ Accounts of St. Martin’s, Chester, from 1683-1816.”

Mr. Robert Newstead, A.L.S., F.E.S.

“A descriptive account of Roman and other objects recovered from various sites in Chester and District, 1901-1904.”

17th January, 1905—Mr. William Fergusson Irvine.

“Church Discipline in the City of Chester during the decade following the Restoration.”

21st February, 1905—Mr. F. W. Longbottom, F.R.A.S.

“A few notes on the Coins in the Meols Collection, presented to the Society by T. S. Gleadowe, Esq.”

Mr. Robert Newstead, A.L.S., F.E.S.

“A descriptive account of some early Relics in the Meols collection of Antiquities”; illustrated by Lantern Slides.

14th March, 1905—Mr. W. E. B. Whittaker.

“The Glynnes of Hawarden”; illustrated by a unique series of Lantern Photographs of the original portraits of the Glynne Family, now in the collection at Hawarden Castle.

On the 22nd June, 1904, a visit was made to St. John's Church and Ruins, the Members being conducted by the Rev. Canon Cooper Scott.

A visit was also made to the Cathedral, on the 19th October, 1904, when the Members, under the guidance of the Archdeacon of Chester, inspected those parts which were described in his Lecture of the 18th October.

The Annual Summer Excursion took place on Wednesday, the 6th July, 1904, to Cholmondeley, where the Members were conducted over the Castle and Gardens, by kind permission of the Marquis of Cholmondeley, who also provided Luncheon; the party then drove to Malpas, and were conducted over the Church by the Rev. The Hon. A. R. Parker, and afterwards were entertained to Tea by Mrs. Sandbach, of Cherry Hill.

The Council have elected Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., and Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., to be Vice-Presidents.

During the year Volume X. (New Series) of the Society's Journal was issued to the Members.

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the year is submitted, showing a deficit of £21 6s. 6d. to be carried forward, irrespective of the cost of Volume XI., which is in the Press.

The following gentlemen have been elected to represent the Society upon the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee, viz.:—Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Dr. J. C. Bridge, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, Mr. Edward Hodgkinson, Mr. Henry Taylor, and Mr. W. W. Tasker.

Under Rule 4, the following Members of the Council retire, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Dr. J. C. Bridge, Mr. W. E. Brown, Mr. F. W. Longbottom, Mr. C. H. Minshull, and Mr. Robert Newstead.

There are seven other vacancies in the Council, and Mr. A. W. Butt, Mr. H. B. Dutton, Mr. G. W. Haswell, and Mr. F. Simpson have been nominated for election.

THE HON. CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Among the specially interesting and valuable additions to the Archæological Museum, two collections are worthy of comment:—

(1) A large series of, chiefly, Roman remains, found during the excavations at Forest House, Foregate Street, presented by Councillor William Vernon. Among these were five Bone-Pins, which were found (together with two others of similar type) at a considerable depth from the surface, in what was, apparently, a deep artificial fosse or ditch; or, possibly, a natural hollow. The stratum of soil overlying these was of a decidedly blackish colour; and, on examination, was found to contain a large percentage of decayed vegetable matter. No Roman remains were found associated with these early relics; but the former were distinctly separated from the Bone-Pins by a considerable thickness (5ft. 6in.) of earth, in which no relics were found. The Roman remains consisted of a series of sixteen coins; a few fragments of glass vessels; bronze personal ornaments, including two fibulæ and a small box-like object about the size of a shilling, one side of which is perforated, and the other enamelled. There were also numerous portions of other objects in bronze; quite a large collection of broken pottery, among which were several interesting potters' marks and *graffiti*, and two cursive signatures; and there were also the remains of a very interesting hollow-ring vessel, in terra-cotta, resembling the so-called "jolly-boys" of mediæval times. As it is intended to describe and figure these relics in the Society's Journal, further comment is not necessary in this Report.

(2) A collection of coins formed by the late Mr. William Pritchard, and bequeathed by him to the Grosvenor Museum authorities, and passed on by them to this Society. Amongst the more notable pieces, we may mention the following:—

Penny, Ethelred II. "Crux" type; struck at Winchester.

Penny, Harold II. "Pax" type; struck at Lincoln.

Profile Penny of Stephen. Mintage doubtful.

Poitou Dernier, Richard I.

Groats, Henry III. First issue; father's portrait in profile; in choice condition. Rare M.M. Portcullis.

Groats, Charles I. and Charles II. Aberystwyth.

Sixpence, Elizabeth and Charles I.

Shillings, Edward VI., Commonwealth (rare date), William and Mary, Anne, George I., George II., George III., Charles II., and William IV.

Godless Florin, Victoria.

Half-Crowns, George II. and George III.

Crowns, Charles II., William III., Anne, George III.

Counter-struck Spanish Dollars, George III.

Jubilee Coins. A complete set of Jubilee money of Victoria; and also Brock's issue of 1893 (with the exception of the Double Florin).

ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

PREHISTORIC.

Six Bone-Pins—Forest House Excavations. *Donor*, Councillor W. Vernon.

One Bone-Pin—Forest House Excavations. *Donor*, Mr. Fennah.

Hone or Sharpener, perforated at one end—Found *in situ* in the upper stratum of the Submerged Forest at Great Meols. *Collected by the Curator 1905.

Stone Net-Sinker, perforated. Found *in situ* in the upper stratum of the Submerged Forest at Great Meols 1904. *Collected by the Curator.

Stone Axe-Hammer (imperfect)—Found at Terfyn, Prestatyn, North Wales. *Donor*, Mr. Bradley.

(?) *Worked-stone Implement* — Brickworks, Hoole, Chester. *Donor*, Mr. Gilbert T. Shaw.

Vertebra of Ox (*Bos longifrons?*)—Found *in situ* in upper stratum of Submerged Forest, Great Meols. *Collected by the Curator.

Stone Axe-Hammer (roughly worked) — Dinas Mawddwg, Merionethshire. *Donor*, Mr. John Brees.

Curiously-worked Stone (use doubtful)—Gwern Borter Farm, Llangelgnin, near Conway, Carnarvonshire. *Donor*, Mr. Conway.

* Mr. F. W. Longbottom kindly defrayed the expenses connected with this expedition.

ROMAN.

Large collection of fragments of various kinds of Pottery and Glass; various objects in Bronze; Coins, &c. Forest House Excavations, Foregate Street, Chester. *Donor*, Councillor William Vernon.

Terra-cotta Lamp—Found in Frodsham Street (Cow Lane), Chester. Purchased.

Collection of Pottery, Glass, &c.. found in excavations at Handbridge, Chester. Purchased.

Various objects in Bronze and fragments of Pottery. Found in excavations in various parts of Chester. Purchased.

VARIOUS PERIODS.

Penny of Edward I. *Donor*, Mr. F. W. Longbottom.

Plaster Casts of three Seals of Owen Glendwr. Prepared by the Curator from electrotype copies of the originals.

Plaster Cast of the Seal of the "Hawarden Peculiar and exempt Jurisdiction." Prepared by the Curator from the original silver matrix.

Military Jack-Boot, Cromwell Period, found shortly after the Siege of Chester; formerly in the possession of Edward Barlow, Esq., of Knutsford. *Donor*, Mr. Arthur E. Caldecutt.

- Lady's Gold Watch set with Pearls.* French; Early 18th century. *Donor*, Miss Elliott.
- Pair of Pattens (circa 1840).* As worn by a Chester Lady in her girlhood. *Donor*, Mr. H. B. Dutton.
- Lady's Parasol (circa 1850).* As used by a Chester Lady. *Donor*, Mr. H. B. Dutton.
- Leghorn Bonnet (circa 1820).* *Donor*, Mr. H. B. Dutton.
- Bronze Buckle (date doubtful).* *Donor*, The Curator.
- Drawing of the Badge of the 22nd or Cheshire Regiment, as used to illustrate the Journal, Vol. XI. *Donor*, Mr. A. Williams.

LIBRARY.

Since the publication of the last Report, all the Society's collections of Books and Manuscripts have been arranged and classified in the New Library. The Catalogue has been commenced, but much remains to be done before this will be available to the Members. The books, however, are now available for study during the hours, and under the conditions, set forth in the new rules recently established by the Joint Library Committee.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

- *Annals of Gonville and Caius College (Cambridge Antiquarian Society).
 "Antiquary," New Series, Vol. I., No. 3 (March 1905). Purchased.
- A Calendar of Ancient Charters preserved at Eaton Hall, Cheshire, with an introduction and observations on the Charters 1862). Purchased.
- *"Archæologia Cambrensis."
- *Antikvarisk Tidskrift för Sverige.
 Bishop Pearson; An article on, by the Venerable The Archdeacon (Treasury, Vol. III., No. 21, (1904). *Donor*, The Author.
- British Archæological Association, Journal of the. Old Series: Vol. I., Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 (1894). New Series: Vol. I., Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 (1895); Vol. II., Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 (1896); Vol. III., Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 (1897).
Donor, Mr. J. Gooddie Holmes, J.P.
- *Buckinghamshire, Records of.
- *Bonn, Germany, Journal of the Society of Antiquaries of Rheinlande (1904).
 Chester Museum of Archæology and Natural History, with Schools of Science and Art. Report and Proceedings in connection with the laying of the Foundation Stone, 3rd February, 1885. Reprinted from "Chester Chronicle," 1885. *Donor*, The Curator.

- Chester, *Journal of the Architectural, Archæological, and Historic Society* of, Vols. X. and XI., 1876 (double part). By Exchange. Mr. F. Simpson.
- Chester, 12 Pictorial Postcards of, by Leonard Patten. *Donor*, The Curator.
- Catalogue of the Royal National Eisteddfod Exhibition, Rhyl, 1904. *Donor*, The Curator.
- "Dog-Tongs in Welsh Churches," by E. A. Jones, "Country Life" (1904). *Donor*, Mr. F. W. Longbottom.
- *Essex, Transactions of Archæological Society.
- Earwaker, John Parsons, Catalogue of the Library of the late. *Donor*, The Hon. Editorial Secretary (Rev. F. Sanders).
- *Ireland, The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of.
"Index Library." Purchased.
- *Kongl. Vitterhets Historie och Antiquitets Akademiens Manadsblad.
- *London, Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of.
- *Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, "Lancashire Assize Rolls," Part I.
- *Liverpool, Proceedings of the Literary and Philosophical Society of.
- *Reports and Papers of the Archæological Societies of Lincoln, York, Northampton, Oakham, Bedford, Worcester, and Leicester.
- *Surrey Archæological Collections.
- *Scotland, Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of.
- *Shropshire Archæological and Natural History Society Transactions.
Set of 90 Sectional Maps of Spain, by Don Lomas Lopez. Published at Madrid 1733-1785. *Donor*, Mr. Warren Trevor.
- "Specimens of Ornamental Art," with explanatory text; illustrated by 80 plates by Lewis Gruner; text by Emil Braun (1850). *Donor*, Mrs. Giles.
- *Shropshire, Transactions of the Archæological and Natural History Society.
- *Somersetshire, Transactions of Archæological Society.
- *Sussex Archæological Collections.
- *Thoresby Society, Publications of the, Vols. I., II., III., IV., V., VII., IX., X., XII.
"Thomas Harrison—Regicide and Major-General," by C. H. Simpkinson, M.A. *Donor*, The Author.
- The Statutes of the General Infirmary at Chester (1799). Purchased.
- *Yorkshire Archæological Journal.

Marked * are by Exchange.

ROBT. NEWSTEAD, A.L.S., &C.,
Curator and Librarian.

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„ Bank Interest	0	5	1	„ Printing, Postages, and Stationery	15	18	8
	120	6	11	„ Subscriptions to Societies	1	7	0
Balance—Deficit carried forward	21	6	6	„ Secretary's Salary	15	15	0
	141	13	5	„ Binding Journals	1	7	6
	£141	13	5	„ Expenses on Vol. XI. of Journal	8	17	10
				„ Miscellaneous Expenses	2	12	5
				„ SPECIAL EXPENDITURE, VIZ. :—			
				Fitting up new Library	15	0	6
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