

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS 1910-11

EXCURSION TO BASINGWERK AND MOSTYN

ON Tuesday, October 10th, the long-projected visit to Mostyn Hall was paid on the kind invitation of Lord Mostyn. Forty-three members of the Society were able to avail themselves of the opportunity, and, needless to say, thoroughly enjoyed the Excursion.

Leaving Chester at 11-40, the party alighted at Holywell, where brakes were in readiness for them, and conveyed them first of all to Basingwerk Abbey. Driving along the lower road, the ruins were approached by a public footpath which traverses them, and certainly does not tend to their preservation; in fact, since the last visit of the Society, in 1901, considerable portions of the fabric seem to have fallen. On that occasion we had the advantage of having short Papers read by Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., and the late Mr. Hodgkinson.

Whilst regretting the absence of the former, the beautifully illustrated paper of the latter (see Journal, New Series, Volume XI.) was read by the Rev. F. Sanders, and brought out for the information of those present some of the historical and architectural features of the Abbey. Even in its dilapidated condition, interesting examples of the work of the 13th and 15th centuries are left for our admiration.

The chapter-house attracted much attention, with its two semi-circular arches on the one side, and the traces

which are left of its dignified groining, sacrificed, apparently, at a later date to make room for an upper chamber, which may have been a library. The position and extent of the dormitories, lighted by splayed single-lancets, could be clearly made out. Of the Church itself, the remains are but scanty, but it is supposed that it was ninety-eight feet in length, and forty-eight in width; and Mr. Hodkinson was of opinion that the choir must have been short, and so could not have furnished the roof for the nave of the Church of St Mary's-on-the-Hill, Chester. The refectory is, no doubt, the finest part of the Abbey, though it is difficult of access, and overgrown with nettles and brambles. The reader's pulpit, with its beautifully moulded and shafted single-lancet windows, naturally excited admiration, and called to mind the one in the refectory at Chester Cathedral.

In a half-timbered building, which was probably the great barn of the Abbey, was formerly preserved the gravestone of one who had chosen to be buried beneath or near the Monastery long after its dissolution. The stone has been removed to the refectory, and we give the inscription:

JESUS



MARIA.

HERE LYETH YE BODY OF GEORGE PETRE
LATE OF GREENFIELD IN FLINT
SHIRE ESQ SON TO W. LORD PETRE
BARON OF INGLESTONE IN ESSEX AND
MARRIED ANNE RELICT OF JOHN
MOSTON ESQ BEING DAUGHTER
OF HENRY FOXE ESQ WHO FOR YE RO-
MAN CATHOLIQUE FAITH AND LOYAL
TY TO HIS MAJ. LEFT HIS COUNTRY
AND SPENDING HIS TIME IN GREAT
EDIFICATION OF HIS NEIGHBOURS
DIED AT WEXFORD¹ 26 . SEP. A.D. 1647 AGED 34

¹ As in those days Parkgate was the Port for Ireland it would be comparatively easy to bring the body here.

Greenfield is a hamlet in the parish, and gave its name to a wharf on the Dee; whilst Greenfield Hall is in the vicinity. Inglestone, now called Ingatestone, is six miles north-east of Chelmsford. John Moston, of Talacre, was the father of Edward Moston, who was created a baronet in 1670, and was the direct ancestor of Sir Piers Mostyn, of Talacre Hall, the present owner of Basingwerk.

Regret was expressed that a perfect and complete plan of the whole Abbey was not available, though a plan of the ruins was produced. The inspection of the Abbey gave great pleasure, both to those who had visited it before and to those who saw it, under ideal conditions of sunshine, for the first time, and made all regret that greater care is not taken for the preservation of the ruins, so that they may not fall into further decay.

Rejoining the carriages, the party was driven to Mostyn. On the way a halt was made outside the small Lletty Hotel, and attention was directed to the curious figure carved on stone over the door. The following account of it, from "The Mostyn Parish Magazine," we venture to reproduce here :

"I have no doubt most of the readers of this Magazine have been wondering what may be the history of the curious figure over the door of the Lletty Hotel. *Pennant* has the following remarks on the subject: 'Above the door (of Lletty Gonest) is a very singular sculpture, cut in bas-relief in stone, and let into the wall. One part is a strange chimerical figure of a monster, with four legs and the head of an owl, fixing his claws in the side of a human head. The face is averted and expressing much agony; the eyelids are drawn up, the eyes the same, the mouth half-opened, and the teeth closely fixed together; the face is young, but has a pair of whiskers, and is far from being ill-cut. It has the character of one of *Le Bruns's* passions, article "Pain." It evidently never was designed for this

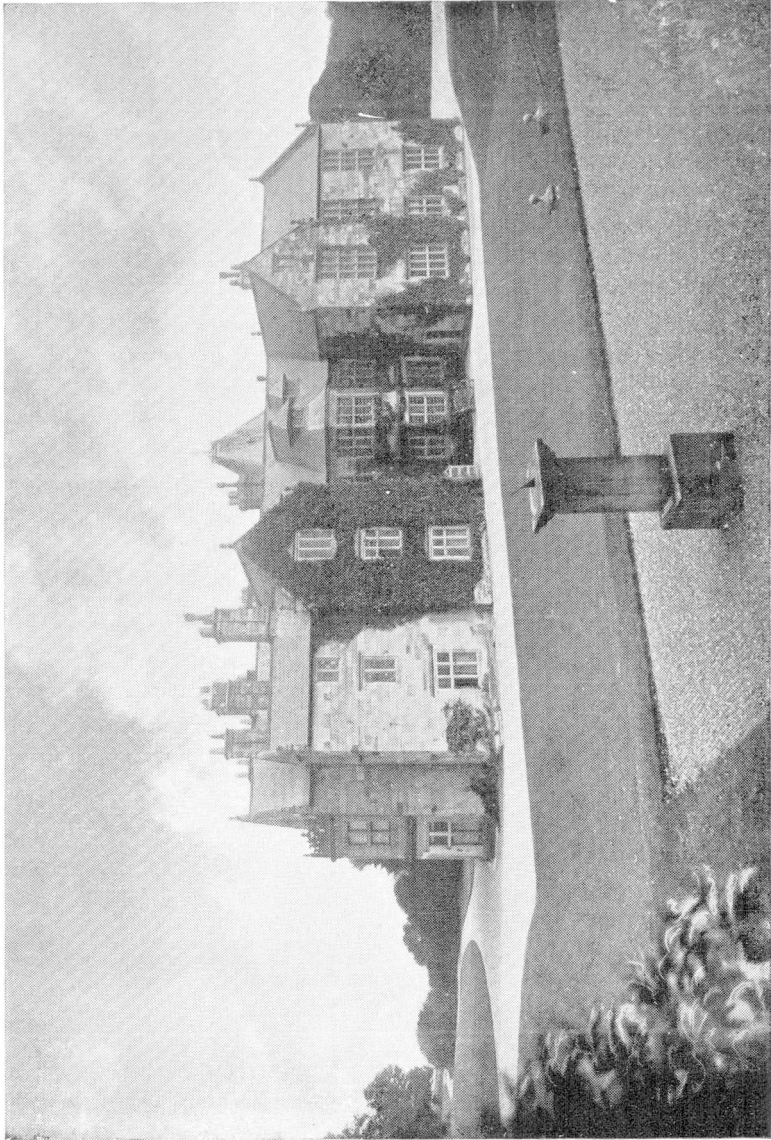
place, but seems originally to have been one of those fanciful Gothic sculptures belonging to some ancient Church.'

"The Lletty Gonest was built in 1699 by 'one Smith from Worcester,' who, according to the tradition, after faithfully discharging all the debts in connection with the building and completely supplying it with all requisites, suddenly disappeared, and was never more heard of. It is supposed that his honesty in so honourably paying all debts before his mysterious departure gave its name to the hotel—Lletty Gonest—*The Honest Dwelling*.

"Two or three years after it was built, the house became noted for a conflict which took place there between some Custom House officers and a large number of colliers over a trifle (?) of sixty pipes of smuggled port wine. The result was that the officers were tied hand and foot, and the wine carried away. However, many of the colliers were observed to wear rings; and the pit clothes covered fine linen. In fact, numbers of them were the gentry of Flint and the neighbouring counties, who were interested in the wine, and who mixed with the colliers to direct their movements. Both the offenders and the wine remained undiscovered in spite of threats and promises of reward."

On arriving at the entrance gates at Mostyn, the carriages were dismissed, and a walk of a quarter of an hour through the beautifully wooded park, bright with autumn tints and traversed by deer, brought the party to the Hall, where they were warmly welcomed by Lord and Lady Mostyn and their son.

The external features of the mansion were first explained. On the south is a detached line of buildings, which is apparently the oldest portion, and may have been the side of a quadrangle. As some of its windows have an ecclesiastical appearance various conjectures as



Mostyn Hall, West Front

(From block kindly lent by Proprietors of "Ilandudno Advertiser.")

to its origin have been advanced. It is, however, most probably the remains of the building erected by William Moston in 1570.

The present Hall is at some little distance away, and on a lower level; and it was flanked on the north side by an old brick building, which was demolished by the present owner. The edifice was recased some years ago, so that it looks more modern than it really is. Whilst the original structure is said to be of the time of Henry VI., the south front was rebuilt in the reign of Charles I., and has a very attractive appearance with its large bay windows, with their characteristic mullions.

The party now divided into two sections, and, whilst Lady Mostyn and her son acted as guides to the beautiful gardens, his Lordship conducted his guests round the house. The entrance or banqueting hall is a large room panelled in oak, with a high-pitched roof and a minstrels' gallery at one end, and an open fire-place with stone chimney-piece, bearing the arms of the Mostyn family. The walls above the panelling are studded with ancient armour and guns, and the room is furnished in a characteristic way with old chairs, settees, and tables. The upper end is raised a step, showing where the high-table was. On it was the original table, which was covered with many curiosities, amongst which was an old wooden bowl, supposed to have been used as a font, which had been dug up at Dinas Mawddwy, and which bore a Welsh inscription—ATHRYWYN—which had never been very clearly explained. The word is said to mean happiness or tranquility. Above, on the wall, was a relic of an old Jacobite ("Under the Rose") club, being a round shield, on which were painted the arms of the supporters of the Stuart cause, and which hung over the table when the club held its meeting. Here, too, was displayed the Welsh flag, carried by Lord Mostyn at the Coronation of King George V., and given by the King to him, a

copy of it being placed in the Waterloo Gallery at Windsor Castle.

Leaving the hall, the drawing room was next inspected, the family portraits and other pictures (including some of racehorses by *Ward*) on the staircase being duly noted. The drawing room, erected in the time of Charles I., is a charming apartment, and was seen to great advantage, as the sun was streaming through the windows, giving full effect to the coats-of-arms in stained glass of the same date. Here various objects of interest were pointed out, as, for instance, some beautiful old tapestry fire-screens, and a clock which only requires to be wound up once a year, a record being kept in a book of the date, and of the person who winds it up.

In the library were many treasures. There are over 5,000 volumes, and 400 manuscripts, some of almost priceless value. The contents, in fact, of three libraries (including that of Gloddaeth) are stored here. In cases, which had been filled with selected articles in preparation for the visit, were placed for inspection many objects of interest. There were Roman remains; Stuart relics, comprising a handkerchief stained with the very blood of Charles I, and a copy of his death-warrant; a silver harp (purely British), in possession of the family since 1568, and given as a prize or used as a badge at the Royal Eisteddfodau in Wales, the commission to hold which was also exhibited; a golden torque dug up at Harlech in 1692, and formerly worn by princes of Wales; and a silver oar which was the mark of the jurisdiction of High Admiral, which anciently was a privilege of the family. Some valuable illuminated manuscripts were also on view, and an original of "The Annals of S. Werburgh," which Bishop Stubbs translated and edited; and also an old history of the 16th century, written in Welsh. Much interest was excited by a first folio edition of *Shakespeare*,

and a second edition of *Isaac Walton* (1655). In the room was also to be seen a handsome stand to contain a picture, which was a present from the Queen of Roumania ("Carmen Sylva"), as a memento of her visit to the Hall.

Leaving the library, with many of its treasures unexplored, and going to the oldest part of the house, "The King's Window" was shown. When Henry, Earl of Richmond, was secretly contriving to overthrow the House of York, he was for a time concealed here, the Welsh being generally favourable to his cause. Richard III., suspecting his visit to Mostyn, dispatched a party to apprehend him; but, informed of their approach, Henry had barely time to escape through this window; and, after hiding in the grounds, eluded his pursuers. The then Lord of Mostyn, Richard ap Howel, joined Henry at the battle of Bosworth Field, and after the victory received from the King, in token of gratitude for his preservation, the belt and sword which he wore on that memorable day. As these relics were not shown, they are probably no longer in existence.

The party then assembled in the dining room, a fine apartment underneath the drawing room, its panelled walls being lined with interesting pictures, family portraits and others, which were carefully pointed out by Lord Mostyn. The old plaster ceiling of this room and of the drawing room were much admired. Here an ample tea was provided for the numerous guests, who were assiduously waited upon by their noble hosts.

The Archdeacon of Chester in a short speech offered to Lord and Lady Mostyn the cordial thanks of the Society for their kindly reception, and said that the visit had given them infinite pleasure. They had been favoured with most beautiful weather, and the expedition had proved to be as instructive and delightful as any they had ever made.

Lord Mostyn, in reply, said he and Lady Mostyn had the greatest pleasure in receiving the members of the Society, and he was amply repaid for the trouble he had taken by the intelligent interest which had evidently been shown by all in what he had been able to point out to them.

The party then walked down to Mostyn station, and returned to Chester, having first had a cordial shake of the hands from their kind hosts.

We may add that Lord Mostyn, in conversation, alluded to the fact that in the Civil War the owner of the property had shown his loyalty by raising 1,500 men for the King's service, and that as a consequence the mansion was subsequently attacked by Cromwell's army, and much injury done to it. In "Memorials of Old Cheshire," the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield includes him amongst *Cheshire Worthies*, and though he was not a Cheshire man he came to the aid of Chester at that time. We give the paragraph from Mr. Ditchfield's paper: "Sir Roger Mostyn, of Mostyn, Baronet, was a gallant soldier, who raised 1,500 men for the King's service, captured Hawarden Castle, was Governor of Flint Castle, which he maintained until the death of the King's cause. His house of Mostyn was plundered, and he was imprisoned in Conway Castle; at the Restoration, a baronetcy was the reward of his services." If Sir Roger was not, literally, a *Cheshire Worthy*, he was worthy to be remembered gratefully by Chester and Cheshire.

E. B.

EXCURSION TO VALE ROYAL

On Wednesday, October 18th, a charming excursion was made by twenty-four members of the Society in paying a visit to this interesting spot, the site of the celebrated Abbey, where excavations have recently taken place. The visit was suggested by Mr. J. H. Cooke, of Winsford, who

is a member of the Society, and who is just bringing out an historical novel (limited to 300 copies), entitled "Ida; or the Mystery of the Nun's Grave at Vale Royal, in Cheshire." Mr. Cooke made arrangements with the tenant of Lord Delamere's mansion (Mr. Dempster), and secured from him a cordial and hospitable welcome for the party.

The journey was made by train to Cuddington, and thence by char-a-bancs to Vale Royal. It was a regular S. Luke's summer day, and the autumn tints were rich in the extreme. As we passed through Delamere Forest the golden hues of the bracken, and the birches were most striking, whilst here and there were trees clothed with ruddy leaves, and others with various shades of brown; so that, in the brilliant sunshine, the effect was most glorious. In fact, the constant exclamation from almost every lip was, "How beautiful!" In the drive from Cuddington, Sandiway Church, a chapel of ease in the parish of Weaverham, was passed. It was built a few years ago from the designs of the late Mr. John Douglas, and he also contributed largely to the funds needed for its erection, as he was a native of the place. The country between Cuddington Station and Vale Royal is richly wooded. At the entrance to the park is Whitegate Church, and near to it a small mere. The park is studded with beautiful trees, and there is a fine avenue of beeches.

On arrival at the Hall, we were warmly received by Mr. and Mrs. Dempster, with whom were Mr. Cooke and Mr. Pendleton, the architect (from Manchester), who has had charge of the excavations. Under their able guidance, these were at once visited and explained. At different spots, openings had been made in the ground, and by these means an accurate estimate of the extent of the Church of the Abbey, situated on the north side of the mansion, was obtained. In several places the moulding of buttresses or walls were left uncovered some

three or four feet below the surface of the lawn, the bank leading down to the stones having been carefully turfed over.

The size and position of the piers of the nave, and of the central tower, were carefully marked with stones; whilst the area of the north transept, with its three chapels, was clearly defined. The extreme east end of the Church had not been explored. It has been marked for many years by a clump of trees, in which have been collected a few of the carved stones that have been found, surmounted by a stone cross with sculptured head-piece; and it is styled "The Nun's Grave."

Mr. Pendleton, in his description, said that the Church must have been at least 420 feet long, and that it may have extended still further eastwards, supposing there was a Lady Chapel; but no excavations had as yet been made in that direction. The nave had consisted of nine bays, and must have been very stately; though, of course, they had no information as to its height, as no views (or plans) of the Abbey had come to light. The north transept was large, and had contained three chapels; and some interesting details of the plinth of the outer walls were to be seen. Eastward of this, they had come across the cemetery, as several skeletons with the heads facing the east had been found. Amongst these remains there was nothing special, such as burial chalices, or anything of that kind.

On a table on the lawn were displayed plans of the Cistercian Abbeys of Kirkstall and Fountains (the latter a most perfect one), and also of the work which had been done at Vale Royal. Careful drawings of ornamental details were also exhibited, and near at hand were cases containing tiles and other articles which had been unearthed, amongst them being some bones of the animals which had formed the food of "the Monks of Old." A

list of the Abbots was also on the table, and some excellent reproductions of the stained glass, still preserved in the house, which has reference to the history of the Abbey, as also of a page of the copy of the Abbey Ledger in the British Museum.

This page of the Ledger is most interesting, for it relates to the laying of the foundation stone by King Edward I. At the top is an entry dated 1273, relating to Dernhall, followed by others dated 1277, and the important one declaring that the King placed the first stone in a new position; and giving an account of the proceedings with the names of some who were there. In the margin the names are repeated, and amongst them we find Edward the King, Eleanor the Queen, Anianus Bishop of St. Asaph, Burnett Bishop of Bath and Wells, Gilbert de Clare Earl of Gloucester, Warren Earl of Surrey, and many others. An entry at the side gives Kings dale as another name for Vale Royal.

The Archdeacon, in expressing a warm appreciation of Mr. Pendleton's services, gave the following information. The Abbey, of the Cistercian Order, was founded by Edward I., in accordance with a vow made when in danger of shipwreck. Some monks were brought from Dore, in Herefordshire, and settled first at Dernhall; and then a few years afterwards a temporary building was placed here for them, and the foundation stone of the Abbey was laid in 1277 by the King, Queen Eleanor also being present.

In 1330, the Abbey was dedicated with great ceremony, though even then the building was not finished, and the monks were brought from Dernhall and settled here. In the building £32,000, equivalent to half-a-million of money according to present-day value, was expended. The King bestowed great privileges upon the Abbot, including the right of advowry or protection of criminals,

and power of life and death in the manors of Dernhall, Over, and Weaverham. The Abbot claimed the right of punishing by "pillory, theu, and tumbrel." At the Dissolution, the revenue of the Abbey was valued in the King's Books at £518 19s. 8d., wrongly given in *Dugdale* as £118 19s. 8d. It may be interesting to note that the value of S. Werburgh's Abbey was £1,003 5s. 11d.; of Combermere £225 9s. 7d.; and of Basingwerk £150 7s. 3d. The last two were also of the Cistercian Order.

Mr. Cooke added a few words, and then the party visited the gardens, which were much admired. According to Mr. Cooke, the central garden is on the site of the ancient cloister. In the hollow was "Our Lady's Wood," and here are several pieces of statuary, and a raised mound, on which no doubt originally stood a "Calvary" or Crucifix some 30 or 40 feet high, having probably a *Sepulchre* underneath. From this mound a beautiful view of a garden laid out in Italian style, and leading down to the River Weaver, was obtained.

Returning to the house, its many interesting features were inspected. In the drawing-room were to be seen the ancient panels of stained glass above alluded to. One represents Prince Edward in the ship returning from the Crusades, and making his vow when in danger of shipwreck; and the other, the solemn dedication of the Abbey in 1330. Naturally these relics excited much attention. There were many other treasures to be seen had time permitted. Two rooms, however, were visited, where specimens of the big game shot by Lord Delamere were displayed. On floor and ceiling were many skins of tigers and other beasts, whilst the walls were decorated with heads, and horns, and other trophies of his Lordship's sport. In one of the rooms, the head and trunk of an enormous elephant was affixed to the wall, between the windows, one of which had to be taken out entirely to

admit it. The room was a lofty one, otherwise the wall could not have contained such a decoration, and the strain to support it must be considerable. In the other, besides many other evidences of Lord Delamere's skill with the rifle, was a case let into the wall, and glazed with plate-glass, containing two magnificent specimens of lions, which had been stuffed and set up in the most natural manner by Ward of London. These two rooms formed a perfect Museum of natural history, and the cost of acquiring it must have been prodigious.

Assembling in the dining-room, the large party was hospitably entertained at tea, when Mr. and Mrs. Dempster were assiduous in attending to their wants. At its conclusion, the Archdeacon, in the name of the company, tendered a hearty vote of thanks to their host and hostess for their kind reception; and, on behalf of the Society, expressed warm appreciation of Mr. Dempster's public spirit in prosecuting the excavations, and of the intelligent conduct of them under the able direction of the Architect, Mr. Basil Pendleton. Mr. Dempster, in acknowledgment, said that it had given them the greatest possible pleasure to receive the party, and it was a gratification to them to know that their visit had proved so enjoyable, and had been favoured with such splendid weather.

Some of the party were shown the Royal bed-chamber, which was slept in by King James I. In it are the following inscriptions referring to events connected with the Abbey and House: (i.) "King Edwarde in fulfilment of a vowe to the B. V. Mary for preserving him from shipwrecke layed August 2nd 1277 the first stone of this Abbaye, which he caused to be named Valle Royale." (ii.) "Queen Eleanor layed two stones of this Abbaye of Valle Royale, one for herselfe, and one for her son Alphonso August ye 12th 1277, in the presence of King

Edwarde & his nobles." (iii.) "King Henry VII. & his Queen, and the King's mother visited Vaille Roiale Abbaye, and were all hospitably and dutifully entertained here July 27th 1495" (iv.) "King James was royally received by the Lady Mary Cholmondeley at Vale Royal, August 1st, 1617, and held his Court here for four days during which time he slept in this Chamber."

After a hearty leave-taking from Mr. and Mrs. Dempster, the party drove back to Cuddington and returned to Chester, all being thoroughly delighted with the afternoon's Excursion.

E. B.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, 22nd August, 1910, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair, accounts amounting to £11 10s. 2d. were passed for payment, and the following Officers of the Society were elected for the ensuing year, viz.:—Hon. Treasurer: Mr. F. Skipwith, J.P.; Hon. Curator: Professor Robert Newstead, M.Sc., &c.; Hon. Librarian: Mr. James Hall; Hon. Editorial Secretary: Rev. F. Sanders, M.A., F.S.A.; General Secretary: Mr. Walter Conway.

At the request of the Hon. Secretary of the Earthworks Committee of the Congress of Archæological Societies, it was decided to circulate among the Members of the Society copies of the Annual Report of the Earthworks Committee.

In response to a request from the Committee of the Welsh National Eisteddfod, the loan of certain objects of interest for exhibition at the Eisteddfod at Colwyn Bay, in September 1910, was granted.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Lord Mostyn, intimating with regret that, owing

to absence from home, he would be unable to invite the Members of this Society to Mostyn Hall this year as he had hoped to do, but that he hoped to be able to do so next year. For the Summer Excursion, it was decided to visit Birkenhead Priory, St. Andrew's Church, and the Mayer Museum at Bebington, and Mr. G. W. Haswell and the Secretary were requested to make the necessary arrangements.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Friday, 7th October, 1910, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair, the Hon. Curator reported that the objects which had been lent to the Welsh National Eisteddfod Committee for exhibition, had been safely returned to the Museum. It was

Resolved:—"That the Lord Bishop of Chester, Mr. F. W. Longbottom, and Mr. F. Simpson be again nominated to represent the Society upon the Chester Public Library Committee for the ensuing year; and that the thanks of the Council be extended to them for their services during the past year."

It was reported that a visit had been made by Members of the Society on the 15th September, 1910, to Birkenhead Priory, and the Church of St. Andrew, and Mayer Museum at Bebington; and a vote of thanks was accorded the Mayor of Birkenhead, Mr. John Hargreaves, of Rock Ferry, and Mr. W. H. Barlow, of Birkenhead, for their kindness in assisting in the arrangements for the visit.

The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. J. E. Mayers, expressing the hope that, during the extensive works and building operations which are being carried out upon the premises of the new Arcade in Bridge Street, the Roman pavement, which was discovered during the excavations, will be preserved intact.

The arrangements for the ensuing Session were discussed, and it was reported that the following gentlemen were willing to read Papers, viz.:—The Archdeacon of Chester: "Parkgate: an old Cheshire Port"; Mr. James Hall: "The Royal Charters and Grants to the City of Chester"; Dr. J. C. Bridge: "The Organs and Organists of Chester Cathedral"; Rev. F. Sanders: "The Marian Bishops of Chester: George Cotes and Cuthbert Scot"; Mr. Frank Simpson: "The City Gilds or Companies of Chester."

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, 25th October, 1910, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair, a letter was received from the Bishop of Chester, expressing his willingness to represent the Society upon the Chester Public Library Committee. A letter was also received from Mr. J. E. Mayers, assuring the Council that the Roman remains found upon the site of Allen's Buildings, Bridge Street, are being carefully preserved during the building operations which are being carried out upon the premises of the new Arcade.

The payment of a cheque since the last Meeting for £30 for two quarters' call due to the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee, up to 30th September, 1910, was confirmed.

The Hon. Curator reported that Mr. A. E. Dutton, of Frodsham Street, Chester, had kindly lent to the Society, for exhibition in the collection, a carved and painted stone formerly built into the wall of a room in his premises.

The new scheme for the transfer of the Museum Buildings to the Town Council was discussed, and it was

Resolved:—"That, having had the principles of the new scheme for the transfer of the Grosvenor

Museum to the Town Council explained to them by Mr. Jolliffe and Mr. Dodd, the Council of the Chester and North Wales Archæological and Historic Society express their approval of the same, and desire to intimate this to the Town Clerk."

The Secretary was instructed to forward this Resolution to Mr. Jolliffe.

It was arranged that, for the November Sessional Meeting, Mr. James Hall should give his Paper upon "The Royal Charters and Grants to the City of Chester," and that invitations be sent to the Mayor, Sheriff, Aldermen, Councillors, and Officials of the City.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on 15th November, 1910, Mr. H. B. Dutton in the Chair, a letter was received from Mr. Henry Jolliffe, acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution passed by this Council at the October Council Meeting, with reference to the new scheme for the transfer of the Museum Buildings, and intimating that he would forward it to the Town Clerk.

The Secretary reported that the Mayor of Chester had granted the loan of the lantern slides of the City Charters, prepared by the late Dr. Stolterfoth, to illustrate Mr. James Hall's Paper upon the City Charters at the November Sessional Meeting, and the Secretary was requested to convey to the Mayor the thanks of the Council.

A letter was received from Mr. J. H. Cooke, of Winsford, calling attention to the number of lectures arranged for the Session which relate only to the City of Chester, and suggesting that more papers relating to localities outside Chester be arranged for. The Secretary was requested to reply to Mr. Cooke that it is entirely a coincidence that many of the Papers which have been

offered for this Session relate to Chester; and intimating that the Council would be glad to accept a Paper from him, in conjunction with Professor Bosanquet (whose Paper is a short one), at the January Sessional Meeting. It was reported that Professor Bosanquet would be able to give his Paper upon "A Roman Urn from Wroxeter, in the Chester Museum, and other pottery of the 1st century, A.D." on the 17th January, 1911.

One resignation of membership was received.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1910, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair, a letter was received from Mr. J. H. Cooke, of Winsford, intimating that he would not be able to read a Paper before the Society at the January Sessional Meeting, but that he would endeavour to do so at some future time.

The Chairman reported the death of Dr. T. N. Brushfield, of Budleigh Salterton, Exeter, who was for many years a prominent and active Member of the Society; and he proposed, the Rev. Canon Cooper Scott seconded, and it was

Resolved:—"That the Council of the Chester and North Wales Archæological Society, at their first Meeting since the death of Dr. Brushfield, desire to put on record their deep sense of the loss they have sustained by the removal of so old and valued a Member of the Society, and their high appreciation of his services in the past, and their warm sympathy with his family in their bereavement."

The Secretary was requested to write to the Town Clerk of Birkenhead, asking for the loan of the blocks of the illustrations of the Guide Book to Birkenhead Priory, for the purpose of illustrating the account of the visit of this Society to the Priory in September last.

A suggestion was received from Mr. Thomas Edwards, a Member of the Society, suggesting that this Society should exchange volumes with the Cymmrodorion Society, London, and it was decided to obtain specimen copies of their publications.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, 17th January, 1911, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair, a cheque for £15 in favour of the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee, for one quarter's call due 31st December, 1910, was passed for payment; and the Secretary reported the publication and issue to the Members of Volume XVII. of the proceedings of the Society.

One new member was elected.

The Secretary reported the receipt of an old framed drawing of the Water Tower, Chester, with letter from the late Dr. T. N. Brushfield to the Society, from the Executors of the late Dr. Brushfield.

The question of the exchange of volumes with the Cymmrodorion Society was referred to the Hon. Librarian, Mr. James Hall, for consideration.

A letter was received from Mr. Henry Jolliffe, suggesting that the Resolution passed by the Council of this Society on 25th October, 1910, with reference to the new scheme for the transfer of the Museum Buildings, would be more correctly stated as follows:—

“That, having had the principles of the new scheme for the transfer of the Grosvenor Museum to the Town Council (which were explained by Mr. Jolliffe to the Management Committee) explained to them by Mr. Dodd, the Council of the Chester and North Wales Archæological and Historic Society express their approval of the same, and desire to intimate this to the Town Clerk.”

An application on behalf of Mr. William Shone, F.G.S., was received from Mr. G. R. Griffith, for the loan of the block "Palæolithic Stone Axe" (Fig. 8, Part I., Vol. XVI. of the Society's Journal), for use in his forthcoming work "Prehistoric Man in Cheshire," and the loan was granted upon the usual conditions for safety and return.

A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Cooke, of Winsford, a Member of the Society, asking if the Society would join to the extent of £10 in defraying the cost (£30) of translating and making a copy of the "Ledger of the Cistercian Monastery at Vale Royal," which is now in the British Museum, being *Harleian MS.*, No. 2064. a copy of the Ledger, when completed, to be given to this Society for printing in its Journal. The Secretary was requested to refer the letter to the Hon. Editorial Secretary.

The Sub-Committee appointed, with one from the Natural Science Society, to consider the details relating to the scheme for the transfer of the Museum Buildings to the Chester Corporation, reported and submitted details of an amended scheme relating to the transfer which had been submitted to them in conference, and details relating to the general management under the scheme were approved and authorized to be forwarded to Mr. Jolliffe as representing the Museum Authorities.

Mr. Walter Conway, Mr. G. W. Haswell, and Mr. F. Simpson, were nominated to represent this Society as Lessees under the proposed Lease from the Chester Corporation upon the transfer of the Museum Buildings to that body.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, 21st February, 1911, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair the Secretary reported the death of Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A.; and the following Resolution was passed, the

Secretary being requested to forward it to the members of his family, viz. :—

“ That the Council of the Chester and North Wales Archæological and Historic Society, at this its first meeting after the death of Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A., one of its Vice-Presidents, wishes to record their deep sense of the loss they have sustained, their high appreciation of his services and generous gifts to the Society, and their sympathy with his surviving brother and sister.”

One new member was elected.

The Hon. Editorial Secretary recommended that Mr. J. H. Cooke's proposal that this Society contribute £10 towards the cost of translating and making copies of the “Ledger of the Cistercian Monastery at Vale Royal,” be agreed to, upon the conditions that the Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society will print the Ledger and provide this Society with twelve copies of the reprint, and that the other two-thirds of the cost is obtained.

Upon the recommendation of the Hon. Librarian, it was decided to exchange publications with the Cymmrodorion Society, London.

The General Secretary was requested to write to the Clerk to the Museum Management Committee to the effect that, understanding that there is a certain portion of the Churton Bequest still unallotted, the Council of this Society would be glad to receive a share of it for the funds of the Society if it is to be divided.

A letter was received from Professor Haverfield with regard to the proposed reprint of Volume VII. of the Journal (Catalogue of Stones), and the Secretary was requested to send him particulars of those blocks which are available for reprint, to obtain an estimate for the reprint from the Clarendon Press, Oxford; and also to

invite suggestions from Professor Haverfield with regard to the work.

It was reported that Mr. Frank Simpson would be able to give his paper upon "The City Gilds and Companies of Chester," at the March Sessional Meeting, and it was decided to invite the members of the City Guilds to be present.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, 21st March, 1911, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair, the Secretary reported the receipt of a donation to the funds of the Society of £1 1s. from the Rev. H. Grantham, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his kind gift.

A letter was received from Messrs. Boydell & Taylor, of Chester, intimating that the late Mr. T. S. Gleadowe had bequeathed to the Society the books mentioned therein, which have since been received by the Society.

A request was received from Mr. W. Bell Jones, of Hawarden, on behalf of the Rector of Hawarden, for the loan of the block of the Hawarden "Peculiar" Seal, to use as an illustration for a handbook on Hawarden Church, and the loan was granted upon the usual conditions for safety and return.

It was decided that a duplicate key be made of the cabinet containing Randle Holme's "Academy of Armory," for the greater convenience of members wishing to refer to it, the key to be left in the keeping of one of the Museum staff, who should be held responsible for the safety of the book.

It was decided to request the Museum Management Committee to make the recess leading out of the Library safe in case of fire.

At a Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1911, the Archdeacon of Chester in the Chair, Accounts amounting to £100 10s. 8d. were passed for payment. The Secretary submitted the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1911, which was approved subject to Audit; and the Annual General Meeting of Members was arranged to be held on Monday, 22nd May, 1911, at 5-15 p.m.

The following gentlemen were re-elected representatives of the Society upon the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee for the ensuing year, viz.:—The Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., F.S.A., Dr. J. C. Bridge, M.A., F.S.A., Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., Mr. Frank Simpson, Mr. H. B. Dutton, and Mr. G. W. Haswell.

Four resignations of membership were received.

Estimates for the re-printing of Vol. VII. of the Journal were received from the Clarendon Press, Oxford, and Mr. G. R. Griffith, Chester, and it was

Resolved:—"That the Catalogue of Roman Stones be revised by Professor Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A., and reprinted by Mr. G. R. Griffith."

It was reported that Dr. J. C. Bridge, M.A., F.S.A., would be able to give a Paper upon "The Organs and Organists of Chester Cathedral," in the early autumn.

It was decided to invite the members, by a paragraph in the notice calling the Annual Meeting, to submit suggestions as to the best means of increasing the usefulness of the Society.

Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society, held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, on Monday, 22nd May, 1911, at 5-15 p.m.—

Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Barber in the Chair, Mr. W. E. Brown, Mr. E. C. Brown, Mr. Horace Davies, Mr. H. B. Dutton, Mr. James Hall, Mr. G. W.

Haswell, Mr. F. W. Longbottom, Rev. Canon Scott, Mr. F. Simpson, Mr. W. W. Tasker, and Mr. Walter Conway (General Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Professor J. C. Bridge and Professor Robert Newstead.

The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 30th May, 1910, were read, affirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report of the Council, the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, and the Hon. Curator's Report were taken as read; and it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. H. B. Dutton, and

Resolved:—"That the Report of the Council, together with the Hon. Curator's Report, and the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, be received, approved, and adopted, with the addition to the Report of the Council of the following paragraph, viz.:—"The Council have to record, with regret, the loss of one of the Vice-Presidents, by the death of Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A. He was a warm supporter of the Society and a munificent contributor to its collections. The death of Dr. Brushfield, one of the original members of the Society, should also be mentioned here, though an obituary notice found a place in the last volume of our Journal. The Society owes a deep debt of gratitude to both these gentlemen.'"

It was proposed by Rev. Canon Scott, seconded by Mr. W. E. Brown, and

Resolved:—"That the retiring members of the Council, viz.: Rev. H. Grantham, Mr. James Hall, Mr. G. W. Haswell, and Mr. F. W. Longbottom, be re-elected members of the Council."

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. James Hall, and carried unanimously:

“That Professor J. C. Bridge, M.A., F.S.A., be elected a Vice-President of the Society.”

It was proposed by Mr. F. Simpson, seconded by Mr. H. B. Dutton, and

Resolved:—“That Mr. T. Alfred Williams, of 15, Cheyney Road, Chester, be elected a member of the Council in place of Professor Bridge.”

It was proposed by Mr. F. Simpson, seconded by Mr. H. F. Davies, and

Resolved:—“That Mr. W. W. Tasker and Mr. A. G. Ayrton be elected Honorary Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year.”

On the proposition of the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Lever, of Thornton Hough, Cheshire, was unanimously elected a member of the Society.

Various suggestions were made by members present, with the view of increasing the usefulness of the Society, and the Chairman undertook to communicate them to the Council for their consideration.

It was proposed by Mr. F. W. Longbottom, seconded by Mr. E. C. Brown, 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. W. E. Brown, seconded by Mr. E. C. Brown, and supported by Mr. W. W. Tasker, and unanimously

Resolved:—“That a vote of thanks be presented to the Chairman for presiding; and to the officers of the Society for their services during the past year.”

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, 1911.

Five Meetings have been held during the Session, when the following Papers were read, viz. :—

25th October, 1910—The Archdeacon of Chester.

“Parkgate: an old Cheshire Port.”

15th November, 1910—Mr. James Hall.

“The Royal Charters and Grants to the City of Chester.”

17th January, 1911—Professor R. C. Bosanquet.

“On a Roman Urn from Wroxeter, in the Chester Museum, and other pottery of the First Century, A.D.”

21st February, 1911—Rev. Francis Sanders, M.A., F.S.A.

“George Cotes, Bishop of Chester 1554-1555.”

21st March, 1911—Mr Frank Simpson.

“The City Gilds or Companies of Chester” (relating principally to that of the Barber-Surgeons’ Company).

Professor Bridge, M.A., Mus. Doc., was unable to give his Paper on “The Organ and Organists of Chester Cathedral,” but promises it for the next Session; and it is hoped that we may have it for the opening meeting in October.

The Council have to record, with regret, the loss of one of the Vice-Presidents, by the death of Mr. T. S. Gleadowe, M.A. He was a warm supporter of the Society and a munificent contributor to its collections. The death of Dr. Brushfield, one of the original members of the

Society, should also be mentioned here, though an obituary notice found a place in the last volume of our Journal. The Society owes a deep debt of gratitude to both these gentlemen.

The Chester Historical Pageant in July made it difficult to arrange for the usual Excursion. Lord Mostyn had expressed his desire to receive the Society at Mostyn Hall, but an unexpected alteration of his Lordship's arrangements rendered this impossible, and he has now extended his invitation for the present year; and it is hoped that a convenient day may be arranged at the end of August or in the beginning of September.

On the 15th September last the Members of the Society visited Birkenhead Priory, and the Church of St. Andrew, and the Mayer Museum and Library at Bebington. They were welcomed at the Town Hall, Birkenhead, by the Mayor (Mr. A. H. Arkle), where many interesting objects were seen. The Priory was then inspected under the guidance of Mr. W. H. Barlow of Birkenhead, after which the party went to Bebington, and were conducted over the Church by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. T. N. Rainey) and Mr. John Hargreaves; and over the Mayer Museum and Library by the Librarian (Mr. John Harding).

The Council are arranging for the reprinting of the Catalogue of the Roman Stones, &c., in the Society's collection, with the addition to it of some account of the Samian Ware and other Roman remains. Professor Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A., has very kindly undertaken the work of revising and editing the volume, and it is hoped that it will be ready for publication very shortly.

The Council are glad to be able to announce that Mr. W. H. Lever purchased "the finds" on the site of the Masonic Hall in Hunter Street, and presented them to the Society; an example well worthy of imitation.

The following gentlemen have been elected to represent the Society upon the Chester Public Library Committee, viz. :—The Lord Bishop of Chester, Mr. F. W. Longbottom, and Mr. Frank Simpson.

The following representatives of the Society upon the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee were re-elected, viz. :—The Archdeacon of Chester, Dr. J. C. Bridge, Mr. Henry Taylor, Mr. Frank Simpson, Mr. H. B. Dutton, and Mr. G. W. Haswell.

Volume XVII. of the Society's Journal has been published during the year.

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts is annexed, which shews a credit balance to carry forward of £81 6s. 2d. The funds of the Society have again benefited this year under the Will of the late Mrs. Churton of Chester, by a further sum of £50, making £300 in all, which has been received; and the Council wish to record their grateful appreciation of this generous bequest, which has so materially strengthened the finances of the Society. The annual income of the Society, however, is still insufficient to meet the expenses incurred, and the Council, therefore, hope that the Members will do all they can to increase the membership. The cost of publishing a volume annually, especially one of the character of those issued by the Society, is necessarily considerable, and Members will find in the possession of it an adequate return for their subscription.

Under Rule 4, the following Members of the Council retire, but are eligible for re-election, viz. :—Rev. H. Grantham, Mr. James Hall, Mr. G. W. Haswell, and Mr. F. W. Longbottom. The Honorary Auditor, Mr. W. W. Tasker, also retires, and is eligible for re-election. Nominations for these vacancies should reach the Secretary not later than Monday, the 15th instant.

THE HON. CURATOR'S REPORT.

Though the additions to the Society's Museum are not numerous, they comprise several relics of great Archæological interest, as may be readily gathered from a perusal of the catalogue appended to this Report. Nearly all of the objects were comprised in the small but valuable collection bequeathed to the Society by the late Dr. H. Clarke, of Latham.

Your Hon. Curator has recovered several objects of antiquarian interest from several minor excavations in various parts of the City of Chester during the past year. These objects will, when fully described, be added to the Society's collections, and will, it is hoped, also form a subject for publication in the Journal.

The recent additions to the Museum have been properly displayed, and the additions to the Library catalogued by the Curator of the Museum, Mr. Alfred Newstead, to whom the Hon. Curator wishes to express, on behalf of the Society, his sincere and grateful thanks, as owing to absence abroad the Hon. Curator has, he regrets to say, been unable to devote much time to the Society's Museum and Library as in former years.

A catalogue of the additions to the Library is appended herewith.

ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM

Terra Cotta Hand Lamps (two), Roman, Wilderspool; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.

Portion of small Earthenware Vase (Roman), Wilderspool; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.

Portion of small Cinerary Urn (Neolithic), Wilderspool; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.

Spindle-whorl, Wilderspool: bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.

- Fragments of Roman Earthenware, Wilderspool; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.
- Ten fragments of Samian Ware, Wilderspool; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.
- Hand Grain Rubber, Latham, Lancashire (not local); bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.
- Calcined human bones, taken from Cinerary Urn, Macclesfield; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.
- Querns (two), incomplete, Macclesfield; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.
- Stone Hammers (Early Roman mining implements), Alderley Edge; bequeathed by the late Dr. H. Clarke.
- Roman Water Bottle, apparently made from the local boulder-clay (late 2nd or early 3rd century (?)), Boughton. *Donor*, Dr. T. S. Parry; *per* Mr. H. B. Dutton.
- Mediæval Floor Tile, Bridge Street, Chester. *Donor*, Mr. William Jones.
- Roman Roofing Tile, Bridge Street, Chester. *Donor*, Mr. William Jones.
- Pen-and-ink Drawing of the Water Tower, Chester, prior to the formation of the Chester and Holyhead Railway. *Donor*, The late Dr. T. N. Brushfield.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

- *"Archæologia Cambrensis," Vol. X., Parts 2-4 (1910), Vol. XI., Part 1 (1911).
- "Arms and Armour at Sandringham." The Indian Collection presented by the Princes, Chiefs, and Nobles of India to His late Majesty King Edward VII when Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his visit to India, 1875-1876; also some Asiatic, African and European Weapons and War Relics. London: *Presented by* Queen Alexandra, July, 1910.
- *Buckinghamshire, Records of, Vol. X., No. 1 (1910).
Castle, Development of the, in England and Wales—Historical Association.
Donor, The Secretary.
- *Cambridge Antiquarian Society—
Proceedings of, Nos. LV.-LVIII.
List of Members, 1910-1911.
- Charles (King), his Funeral, with his Anniversaries continued until 1659, Thomas Swadlin. *Donor*, Mr. F. R. Bolland.
- Chester Architectural, Archæological and Historic Society, N.S., Vol. XVII (1910).
- Chester Diocesan Gazette, 1886-1890, 1892-1910. *Donor*, Rev. F. Sanders.
- Chester, King's School, Report of the Cambridge Examiners and their Headmasters. &c., August 1st, 1878. *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester, Views in, Richard Roberts & Co., Publishers. *Donors* The Warrington Museum Committee.

- Chester Archaeological Society (Reprint from *Chester Courant*, Dec. 17th, 1873). *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester Rood-eye, Roman inscribed gravestone discovered during the progress of the sewerage works on the, June 12th, 1874, T. Hughes. *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester, The City against the Abbey, or disputes between the Corporation and the Cathedral Authorities of, Paper read before the Society (C.A.S) Dec. 14th, 1874, T. Hughes. *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester in its Early Youth, or the Colony of Deva, seen by the light of the Roman remains discovered there (1876), T. Hughes. *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester Archaeological, Architectural, and Historic Society, Journal of, 1863-1869, Parts IX. and XIII. *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester Art Loan Exhibition, Catalogue of (1875). *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester General Infirmary, Suggestions on the Policy of Renewing and Amending the Medical Constitution of (1832). *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester City Walls and Racecourse, Pictorial Plan with Handbook of, Pullan (1851). *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Chester Cathedral, Handbook to; short Chapters on its History, Architecture, and recent Restoration (1910), Edward Barber, Archdeacon of Chester and Canon of Cathedral. *Donors*, The Author and Messrs. Phillipson & Golder (Publishers).
- Cheshire, Topographical and Historical Account of; Rev. Daniel and Samuel Lysons, illustrated with 35 plates, London (1808). *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gladowe.
- Claytons of Crooke, Fulwood and Altington, in the County of Lancaster, Pedigree of, R. Stewart Brown. *Donor*, The Author.
- Commonwealth Probates, Edited by J. Matthews and G. F. Matthews, Vol. I., Part I, 1650-51 (1909).
- Derbyshire, Notes on the Churches of, J. Charles Cox, Vols. I-IV. (1875). *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gladowe.
- *East Riding Antiquarian Society. Vol. XVII. (1910).
- Ely, Sculptures in the Lady Chapel at, illustrated in 55 collotype plates, with descriptions and identifications; Montague Rhodes James, preface by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, London (1895). *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gladowe.
- Elsack, Roman Forts at, Thos. May. *Donor* The Author (1911).
- *Essex Archæological Society, Transactions of, Vol. XII., Part 1 (1911).
- " " Feet of Fines.
- " " General Index, Part 10, (1910).
- *Fornvännen, Meddelanden Frau, K. Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets Akademien (1909).

- Index Library—Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Vol. VI., (1620-1629).
 „ Lincoln Wills, Vol. I.-VIII.
 „ Huntingdon Wills, Vol. III.
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- Infantry, Review of a Battalion of, including the eighteen manœuvres, illustrated by a series of engraved diagrams, &c.; dedicated to His Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York, Field Marshal and Commander in Chief of the Forces of Great Britain, by His Royal Highness's most obedient and devoted servant, Robert Smirke, Junr. *Donor*, Mr. John Hewitt (1803).
- *Ireland, Royal Society of Antiquaries of, Parts, 2-4, Vol. XL. (1911).
- *Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, "Lancashire Fines," Part 4, Vol. LX. (1510-1558).
- *Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, "Cheshire Chamberlain Accounts," 1301-1360, Vol. LIX. (1910).
- *Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, "Chester Marriage Licenses," Vol IV., 1639-1644 (1911), Vol. LXI.
- *Lancashire and Cheshire, Transactions of the Historic Society of, Vol. LXI., N.S. 25.
- Lancashire and Cheshire Historic Society, Transactions of, O.S., Vols. I., III., XII, N.S. 1-5, 7-9. *Donor*, Mrs. Pitcairn Campbell.
- *Liverpool University, Annals of Archæological and Anthropology, Vols. III., Nos. 1-3, June (1910). No. 4 (1911).
- "Liverpool in 1680." Account of the Oil Painting, with notes on the Peter's Family of Platbridge and Liverpool, R. Stewart Brown (1908). *Donor*, The Author.
- Llandudno and District Field Club. Catalogue and Programme of Loan Exhibition, November 1910.
- London, Environs of, historical account of villages and hamlets within 12 miles of that capital, interspersed with biographical anecdotes. *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gleadowe.
- London, Environs of, Middlesex, Vols. II., III. (1795). *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gleadowe.
- London, Environs of; Herts, Essex and Kent, Vol. IV (1796). *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gleadowe.
- Magna Brittainia, being a concise Topographical account of the several counties of Great Britain; Rev. Daniel Lysons and Samuel Lysons, Vol. V., (1817), containing Derbyshire; London (1895). *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gleadowe.
- Maces, Corporate and other official insignia of Cheshire and adjoining district. Paper read before the Society (C.A.S.), March 4th, 1872, T. Hughes. *Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Memorials of Old Cheshire, Edited by the Ven. E. Barber and the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield (1910). *Donor*, The Archdeacon of Chester.
- *Montgomeryshire and its Borders, Collections Historical and Archæological relating to, Vols. XXXV.-XXXVI.

- Pottery (Roman) in the York Museum, Thos. May (1910). *Donor*, The Author.
- Poetry by T.H., "One and Twenty Years Ago," July 31st (1873). *Anon. Donors*, The Warrington Museum Committee.
- Ravenshaw of Ash, Richmond and Baddington; also of Renshaw, De Orca; with a few Raynshaw Wills, J. Ravenshaw. *Donor*, The Author.
- Rome, Papers of the British School at, Vol. V. (1910). *By Purchase*.
- "Roman Roads in Cheshire," Miss M. V. Taylor (1910). *Donor*, The Authoress.
- *Scotland, Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of, XLIV. (1909-10).
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- *Shropshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, Vol. X., Parts 2 and 3 (1910); 4th Series, Vol. I., Part 1, (1911).
- *Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, 3rd Series, Vol. XVI. (1911).
- *Sussex Archaeological Collections, Vol. LIII. (1910).
 Stockport Ancient and Modern, with more than 100 heliotypes and wood engravings, Vols. I., II. (1882-1892). *Donor*, The late Mr. T. S. Gleadowe.
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ROBERT NEWSTEAD, M.Sc., A.L.S., &c.,

Hon. Curator.

May 6th, 1911.

THE CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March, 1911.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.							
To Subscriptions	123	7	6				
„ Donations—Mrs. Churton's Bequest £50 0 0				51	1	0	
Rev. H. Grantham							
„ Dividend on London & North-Western Railway				11	3	8	
Stock.....							
„ Sale of Journals				3	0	0	
„ Sale of Family Lecture Tickets.....				0	5	0	
„ Admittance to Lectures				0	1	0	
Surplus brought forward from last Account				49	9	4	
					£238	7	6
PAYMENTS.							
By Grosvenor Museum Management Committee...				60	0	0	
„ Printing, Postages, and Stationery				23	2	0	
„ Subscriptions to kindred Societies				3	8	0	
„ Printing and Publishing Vol. XVII of Journal				51	0	3	
„ Secretary's Salary				15	15	0	25
„ Miscellaneous Expenses				3	16	1	52
					157	1	4
Balance to credit, carried forward					81	6	2
					£238	7	6

9TH MAY, 1911—Examined with the Vouchers and found correct,

W. W. TASKER,

HON. AUDITOR.