



ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, 1914-15.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL beg to submit their Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1915.

In consequence of the European War, five Sessional Meetings instead of six have been held.

The Annual Summer Excursion took place on Monday, July 13th, 1914, to Shrewsbury. The members on arrival proceeded to the Museum, where Mr. H. E. Forrest (the Hon. Secretary of the Carodoc and Severn Valley Field Club, who kindly acted as leader) explained the various features of the building, and pointed out from a map submitted the peculiar position the town occupied, and also the position of the Town Walls. Various other objects of interest were seen, including an old picture of what is known as the "Quarry," before any excavation had taken place. Leaving the Museum the members proceeded to the Castle Grounds, and thence to St. Mary's Church with its interesting old glass. Luncheon was taken at the George Hotel. In the afternoon various old houses were visited, among them Lawyer Jones', the Drapers' Hall, Butchers' Row, and several other places of interest. Mr. Forrest then shewed the Members the old Mint and Sally Port leading to the narrow causeway over the Marsh. An opportunity was taken by some of the members of visiting the Abbey Church, whilst others visited the Quarry and

other interesting places before returning to Chester after a very enjoyable day.

The following representatives of the Society have been elected upon the Chester Public Library Committee:—The Lord Bishop of Chester, Mr. Frank Simpson, F.S.A., and Mr. C. H. Minshull.

Volume XX. of the Society's Journal was issued during the year.

The following have been appointed to represent the Society upon the Grosvenor Museum Management Committee:—Professor J. C. Bridge, M.A., D.Mus., F.S.A., Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., Mr. Frank Simpson, F.S.A., Mr. H. B. Dutton, Mr. G. W. Haswell, and Mr. W. W. Tasker.

The Council desire to express warm thanks to the donors of various objects of interest during the year.

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts is annexed, shewing a debit balance of £19 1s. 6d. to be carried forward to next year.

During the year the Society received a further contribution (£232 3s. 1d.) from the Mrs. Jane Churton Bequest to the Governing Body. Of this sum £200 has been invested in a suitable Trustee Security, and the balance credited to the year's working account.

Under Rule 4, the following members of the Council retire, but they are eligible for re-election:—Rev. H. Grantham, Mr. G. W. Haswell, Mr. P. H. Lawson, and Rev. R. A. Thomas, M.A. There is also a vacancy on the Council through the death of Mr. James Williams.

The Hon. Auditor, Mr. W. W. Tasker, retires, and is eligible for re-election. There is also a vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Alfred Ayrton.

It is with the deepest regret that the Council have to report the death of the late Archdeacon Barber, M.A., F.S.A., a Vice-President of the Society. They wish to place on record their great appreciation of the untiring

efforts at all times rendered by him in every sphere of the Society's work.

They also regret to record the death of Mr. James Hall, whose valued services as honorary librarian to the Society are greatly missed ; and of Mr. James Williams, a valued member of the Council for many years.

Mr. Horace F. Davies has been elected hon. librarian in the place of the late Mr. Hall.

Volume XXI. of the Society's proceedings is in the press, and will shortly be issued to Members.

The Council appeal to Members to use their influence, particularly during the period of the distressing War, to enable the Society to carry on its useful work.

The recommendation made by the Members in Annual Meeting with regard to the finances of the Society has been considered by the Council, and a special committee was appointed to deal with it. The committee has made its report, and its proposals have been adopted by the Council.



THE CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March, 1915.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
1914.	1915.	1914.	1915.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
101 6 6	To Subscriptions	40 0 0	By Grosvenor Museum Management Committee
11 3 8	Dividend on London and North-Western Railway Stock £297	17 3 5	Printing, Postages, Stationery, Advertising, and Insurance
0 2 6	Sale of Family Lecture Ticket	3 12 5	Subscriptions to kindred Societies
5 0 0	Donations	3 6 2	Purchase of Antiquarian objects and Books
—	Sale of Journals	60 10 0	Printing & Publishing Vol. XX. of Journal
—	Mrs. Jane Churton Bequest, further contribution	15 15 0	Secretary
117 12 8		6 17 2	Miscellaneous Expenses
29 11 6	Balance, over expended	—	Invested in East Indian Railway £200
£147 4 2		£147 4 2	4½ per cent. Debenture Stock
		£349 3 1	
			Balance, brought down
			Add Deficit from last Account
			Deficit, forward to 1915-16
			£19 1 6

MAY 11TH, 1915—Audited with the Vouchers, and found correct.
W. W. TASKER.

Vol. XXI., in the press, is not included in these Accounts.