



ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, 1924.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council begs leave to submit its Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1924.

Sessional meetings have been held, at which the following papers were read:—

19th February—Mr. R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, M.C., D.Litt., F.S.A.—

“Segontium and the Roman Occupation of North Wales” (lantern slides).

4th March—Dr. Philip Nelson, F.S.A.—

“English Mediæval Alabaster Images and Panels, 1350-1530” (lantern slides).

11th March—Mr. F. H. Crossley, F.S.A., F.R.A.I.—

“The Architectural History of English Church Monuments from 1100 to 1550” (lantern slides).

18th March—Mr. F. H. Crossley, F.S.A., F.R.A.I.—

“Villages and Halls of Cheshire” (lantern slides).

30th September—Rev. Ellis Davies, M.A.—

“Some Flintshire Place-Names.”

21st October—Rev. W. F. John Timbrell, M.A.—

“The Romance of Three Tarpорley Panels” (lantern slides).

21st October—Mr. R. Hyde Linaker—

“The Annals of Halton Castle, with some notes on Norton Priory” (lantern slides)

18th November—Mr. Frank Simpson, F.S.A.—

“A few Chester Worthies” (lantern slides).

2nd December—Professor R. Newstead, F.R.S.—

“ Roman Archæological Finds, The Deanery Field, Chester ” (exhibits and lantern slides)

In addition,

6th March—Professor R. Newstead, F.R.S., reported at the Annual General Meeting, on the excavations (a) on the property of Col. Bonnalie; (b) in the Deanery Field; and (c) in Edgar Park.

Meetings of a social character were held as follows :—

22nd January—The Annual Conversazione, on which occasion Dr. J. C. Bridge, M.A., F.S.A., lectured on “ Some Cheshire Music ” with musical illustrations. Various exhibits of local Architectural, Archæological and Historic interest kindly lent by members were also on view.

2nd July—Annual Excursion by Chais-a-bancs to Tabley Old Hall and Chapel (by permission of C. Leicester Warren, Esq.) the Unitarian Chapel, Knutsford, and the churches of Lower Peover and Middlewich.

Dr. J. C. Bridge, F.S.A., Mr. C. H. Minshull and Mr. Frank Simpson, F.S.A., were re-elected to serve upon the Chester Public Library Committee.

The Council desire once more to place upon record their grateful sense of the public spirit of those who have presented various objects of interest to the Society's collection, notably Mrs. Paget's gift of the Roman Archæological Finds in the Deanery Field.

The Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts annexed shows a balance in hand of £53 0s. 5d., the funds having been depleted by the abnormal expenditure on the publication of Volume XXV. of the Journal (for 1923) : the late Canon Morris's “ Siege of Chester.” It should, however, be borne in mind that the volume is an exceptionally large one and that the cost to the Society is being reduced by disposal of the edition printed and bound for general circulation, of which 81 copies have already been sold.

Volume XXVI (for 1924) containing the Catalogue of Roman Potters marks for Chester, made by Mr. A. G. K.

Hayter, M.A., F.S.A., and a paper on "the Trade of Chester during the reigns of the three Edwards" by Mr. H. J. Hewitt, M.A., will be issued at an early date. In this connection the Council desire to express their indebtedness to Professor Newstead for valuable assistance in the printing of Mr. Hayter's work. The Editorial Committee have under consideration the selection of papers to be printed in Volume XXVII. (for 1925) and it is hoped that these will shortly be in the printer's hands.

The Reports (if any) of the Honorary Curator, the Honorary Librarian, the Honorary Editorial Secretary and the Honorary Secretary will be submitted to the Annual Meeting.

Under Rule 4, the following members of the Council retire:—Mr. J. H. E. Bennett, F.S.A., Mr. G. W. Haswell, F.S.A., Professor R. Newstead, F.R.S., and Mr. W. W. Tasker, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

Mr. Walter Conway and Mr. Alfred Ayrton as Honorary Auditors now retire. They are eligible for re-election.

In pursuance of the policy outlined in the last Annual Report the Council has actively endeavoured to ensure the preservation of deeds and MSS. of local historical importance, and it is gratifying to report further accessions of this nature to the Society's Library. Among these the most important is the collection of Combermere Deeds kindly presented by Lord Combermere, for the acquisition of which the Society is largely indebted to Messrs. Birch, Cullimore and Co.

Although not within the period covered by this Report the Council desire to thank Mr. T. Cann Hughes, F.S.A., for the generous gift of the Archæological and MS. collections of his late father, Mr. Thomas Hughes, F.S.A., a Founder, and for over thirty years Hon. Secretary of the Society, well known as one of Chester's greatest antiquaries.

The Council also propose further to encourage the study of local history by inviting University students engaged upon historical research within the Society's area to submit their papers to the Editorial Committee with a view to their

being read before the Society and published in the Journal.

During the summer months several conventions were held in Chester and the Society was able to offer useful service by the provision of guides for the purpose of conducting visitors round places and objects of historical and antiquarian interest in the city and neighbourhood.

In conclusion the Council earnestly appeal to members to further the interests of the Society in every way, by regular attendance at the meetings and by securing as many new members as possible. An announcement of the aims and objects of the Society has been printed for circulation, copies of which may be obtained from the Hon. Secretaries.



THE CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY.

Statement of Accounts from 1st January, 1924, to 31st December, 1924.

	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.			
To Balance in hand from last Account	159	10	11
" Subscriptions—Arrears	10	10	0
For 1924	94	12	3
" Dividends on London, Midland & Scottish Railway Consolidated 4% Guaranteed Stock £297	105	2	3
" Interest on East Indian Railway 4½% Debenture Stock, 1935-55 £100	9	4	0
" Chester Corporation (Admission Fees for Year ended 25th March, 1924)	3	9	10
" Chester Corporation for Lectures (<i>see Contra</i>)	19	0	10
" Sale of Tickets for Annual Excursion (<i>see Contra</i>)	25	0	0
" Sale of Journal	12	18	0
" Miscellaneous Receipts	0	12	9
"	0	16	9
	<u>£335</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
PAYMENTS.			
By Fire Insurance	£	s.	d.
" One Year's Rent to 25th Dec., 1924	0	10	0
" Subscriptions to Kindred Societies and Reports from same	40	0	0
" Printing, including the Journal, Stationery, and Postages	219	16	2
" Less received on Sale of "Siege of Chester"	37	5	6
" Purchase of Books	182	10	8
" Additional Cost of Cupboard to Store Old Deeds	4	13	9
" Advertising Lectures	3	10	0
" Mr. A. Newstead for Lectures (<i>see Contra</i>)	1	13	0
" Expenses of Annual Excursion (<i>see Contra</i>)	25	0	0
" Miscellaneous Expenses	12	18	0
" Balance in hand	5	4	0
	<u>£335</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>

We have examined the above Statement of Receipts and Payments with the Vouchers and find it to be correctly recorded.

W. E. BROWN,

Hon. Treasurer.

(Signed) WALTER CONWAY, F.C.A., } *Hon. Auditors.*
ALFRED AYRTON, }

29th APRIL, 1925.