



ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1932.

THE Council begs leave to submit its Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

Meetings were held on the following dates :—

19th January—Annual Conversazione.

26th January—V. E. Nash-Williams, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.—

“The Roman Legionary Fortress at Caerleon in Monmouthshire.”

16th February—W. J. Varley, Esq., B.A.—

“Early Man in the Cheshire Plain.”

23rd February—Rev. J. Hay Colligan, M.A.—

“The English Border in the 17th Century.”

15th March—Annual Meeting.

21st June—Rev. Canon R. A. Thomas, O.B.E., M.A., F.S.A.—

“Amphitheatres and Theatres in Ancient Times.”

18th October—Rev. H. H. Symonds, M.A.—

“The Roman Himself.”

15th November—John Swarbrick, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.

“The Preservation of Ancient Buildings.”

13th December—E. W. Lovegrove, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.—

“Chester Cathedral—the Norman Church.”

During the year the Society has lost by death or resignation twenty-two members, and gained nine—a nett loss of thirteen—which leaves the membership to date at 170.

No change has occurred in the list of officers.

Messrs. H. T. Dutton, C. H. Minshull and F. Simpson were re-nominated to serve as representatives of the Society of the Chester Public Library Committee.

The Reports (if any) of the Hon. Curator and Hon. Treasurer will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting on March 28th.

Under Rule 4 the following members of the Council retire and are eligible for re-election :—Messrs. F. H. Crossley, C. W. Baty, F. Simpson and C. J. Vincent.

The Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Alfred Ayrton and Walter Conway, F.C.A., also retire and are eligible for re-election.

The year was made memorable by the decision to launch a national appeal for funds to save the site of the Amphitheatre. Later, an Amphitheatre Appeal Fund Committee of six members was appointed with powers of co-optation. In July the Amphitheatre Bureau was opened under Mr. E. R. Owen's direction and dealt with 5,000 interested visitors. Approximately £5,000 has been promised or subscribed to date and the site itself made secure for the time being. Volume XXIX of the Journal, published during the year, contains the Reports on the Roman Amphitheatre and the S.E. Corner of the Fortress, by Profs. Newstead and Droop, and an article by Mr. Varley on Early Man in the Cheshire Plain. Vol. XXX, part 1, containing Mr. Petch's Report on the Excavations at Heronbridge is in the press and will be issued shortly.

Prof. Newstead carried out an exploration of the Corporation's new housing site at Saltney and discovered evidences of extensive occupation in Roman times and of a submerged forest in the pre-historic era.



THE CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHITECTURAL, ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1932.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions—			
1932 (Ordinary)	74	4	6
" (Special)	0	10	6
Arrears	6	6	0
In advance	1	1	0
" Dividend and Interest—	82	2	0
£297 London, Midland & Scottish Railway Consolidated 4% Guar- anteed Stock	8	15	3
£100 East Indian Railway 4½% Debenture Stock, 1935-55	3	7	6
Chester Corporation for Lectures	12	2	9
" Sale of Books and Journals	25	0	0
"	14	10	7
	£133	15	4

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank on 31st December, 1931	37	5	4
Credit balance on year	45	19	1
"	£83	4	5

NORW.—Credit £14 5s. 10d. from Chester Corporation on account part admission fees to Museum received too late for inclusion in year's accounts.

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

W. H. EVANS,
Hon. Treasurer.

WALTER CONWAY,
ALFRED G. AYRTON, } Hon. Auditors.

PAYMENTS.

By Fire Insurance	0	10	0
" One Year's Rent to 31st December, 1932	40	0	0
" Subscriptions to Kindred Societies	4	3	0
" Printing and Stationery	4	10	0
" Postages	3	3	6
" Lectures	27	1	4
" Lecturer's Expenses	2	7	2
" Gratuities	2	4	6
" Books	0	13	0
" Prints	3	3	9
" Credit Balance on year	45	19	1
"	£133	15	4

By Balance at Bank on 31st December, 1932	83	4	5
Balance as shown in Passbook	498	4	5
Cheque for Rent outstanding	10	0	0
"	£83	4	5

NORW.—Outstanding account for printing due to G. R. Griffith Ltd. for £37 10s. 9d.

Audited 20th March, 1933.