



ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1940.

THE Council has the honour to submit its annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

Membership.

The Council regrets to record the deaths of three members, Mr. R. Stewart-Brown, M.A., F.S.A., Mr. John Dodd, and Mr. H. F. Davies, all of whom at one time served on the Council. Mr. Stewart-Brown's authoritative works are mainly to be found in privately printed volumes and contributions to learned Societies, the Cheshire Sheaf and the English Historical Review. He is represented in New Series, vols. XX, XXII and XXX of our Journal, and compiled the subject indexes to the Old Series i to iii, and New Series i to xviii. Mr. Davies served as Hon. Librarian during the last war.

Three resignations were received, and Dean Bennett, who retired to Somerset some years ago, was elected an Honorary member. Fourteen members whose subscriptions were over three years in arrears were excluded.

	Annual	Life	Hon.	Ex-Officio	Assoc.	Libraries
31 December, 1939 ...	127	4	5	3	1	21
Joined during 1940 ...	6	—	1	—	—	—
Resig. & Deaths ...	20	—	—	—	—	—
31 December, 1940 ...	113	4	6	3	1	21
Total Membership, 1st January, 1940 -						161
„ „ 31st December, 1940 -						148

Meetings of the Council and Officers.

During the year one Meeting of the Council in conjunction with the Amphitheatre Committee and one meeting of the Library Sub-Committee have been held.

The Officers of the Society were re-elected.

Miss Paige-Cox, Mr. W. Cullimore and Mr. W. J. Williams were re-elected for a further term of three years, and Mr. A. H. Gilgrass and Mr. A. St. G. Walsh were elected to the Council to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Mr. H. T. Dutton and Mr. C. J. Vincent. Mrs. A. Anderson, Messrs. J. H. E. Bennett, E. Peter Jones and T. Keith-Hill retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.

Mr. F. Simpson and Prof. R. Newstead were nominated to serve as the Society's representatives on the Library Committee of the City Council.

Lectures.

During the year four lectures were delivered, the first under the auspices of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies and in conjunction with the Chester Natural Science Society :—

Mr. I. A. Richmond, M.A., F.S.A.,—“ Hadrian's Wall”,
Mr. J. P. Morley—“ Hanging ”.

Mr. C. W. Baty, M.A.—“ Mediæval Painted Glass in
Cheshire and North Wales ”.

Mr. F. H. Crossley, F.S.A.—“ Cheshire Church Building
in the late 15th and early 16th centuries ”.

The Council wishes to express its indebtedness to Mr. C. W. Baty for permission to hold meetings at his house and to Alderman E. Peter Jones for the use of the Epidiascope.

Journal.

Part 2 of Volume XXXIV, containing Mr. F. H. Crossley's fully illustrated Paper “Cheshire Church Building in the late 15th and early 16th centuries”, was issued during the year. “Notes on Roman Chester”, by Mr. C. E. Stevens, Oxford, and Mr. Crossley's “Cheshire Churches in the 17th and 18th centuries” are available for publication.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,
9th September, 1941.

I have to report that during the past twelve months the Society's Library has made some progress, and is beginning now to emerge from a state bordering on neglect and entering one where, I trust, good order and proper use will arouse in members a just pride in, and a proper enthusiasm for this valuable asset of the Society.

At the beginning of my period of office the register showed an average annual issue of 24 volumes for the period 1936 to 1940, and that there were fifty-six books on loan very much overdue, having in fact been issued one to seventeen years previous to that date. I am glad to report that fifty of these volumes have now been returned, leaving six still outstanding—and I have still hopes that some of these remaining absentee volumes will yet find their way back to their rightful places on the Library's shelves.

Eighty-nine volumes have been borrowed during the year August, 1940, to July, 1941, and all have been duly returned. Many references were also made to works on the library premises, both by members and a few stray visitors.

During the year I have spent many happy and, I hope, useful hours in the compilation of a Register of the Book Stock in the classification of the books and in their re-cataloguing in order to provide a complete and detailed Dictionary Catalogue. So far 813 volumes have received attention, and this is the majority of the octavo volumes of local interest, apart from the sets of periodicals. The work is far from achieving completion, but enough has been done to serve a very useful purpose, and I look forward to the day when the return of peace will allow me to finish the work.

In July, as an emergency measure, I took advantage of an offer of housing the more valuable manuscripts and rare books from the Society's Library in a strong room at the Town Hall where they are now stored in packing cases and are not available to members.

Twelve volumes have been received from other Societies exchanging periodicals with our Society, and donations included two prints from Mrs. Pollitt, a photograph from Mr. Golder, and various items from Professor Newstead.

P. E. HAINES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEARS
1941—1944.

THE Council has the honour to submit the under-mentioned Report for the years ended 31st December, 1944.

Membership.

During the four years under review the Society has lost by death seven of its members: Messrs. G. A. Purslow, F. Simpson, F.S.A., M. Parry, R. H. G. Smallwood, Canon R. A. Thomas, O.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., Messrs. W. N. Hutchings, W. H. Evans. Canon Thomas, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Evans were actively associated with the Society for many years and appreciative notices of their service will be found in volume XXXV of the Journal. Eleven resignations were received, and nine members whose subscriptions were over three years in arrears were excluded.

The changes that have taken place are as follows:—

	Annual	Life	Hon.	Ex-Officio	Assoc.	Libraries
31 Dec., 1940 ...	113	4	6	3	1	21
Joined ...	14	—	—	—	1	1
Resig. & deaths	26	—	—	—	1	—
31 Dec., 1944...	101	4	6	3	1	22

Total Membership 1 Jan., 1941=148

Total Membership 1 Jan., 1945=137

Meetings of the Council and Officers.

During the period covered by this Report the Council has held three Meetings, and the Officers of the Society are now as follows:—

Professor Robert Newstead, F.R.S., Chairman and Hon. Curator.

J. H. Bayley, Assistant Hon. Treasurer.

Messrs. Walter Conway & Co. and A. Ayrton, Hon. Auditors.

P. E. Haines, F.L.A., Hon. Librarian.

P. H. Lawson, F.S.A., Hon. Editorial Secretary.

H. C. Wickham, Hon. Secretary.

Capt. R. Gilyard-Beer, F.S.A., Assistant Hon. Secretary.

The Council.

The following persons, namely Messrs. C. W. Baty, F. H. Crossley, A. St. G. Walsh and B. T. Williams, retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.

By the death of Mr. F. Simpson a vacancy occurred on the Library Committee of the City Council and Mr. P. H. Lawson was nominated to fill this vacancy.

Owing to war conditions no lectures or excursions have been held during the period of this Report.

Journal.

Vol. XXXV, part 1, containing Mr. Crossley's Post-Reformation Church Building in Cheshire, Mr. Leach's Pre-historic and Roman Surface Finds from Ashton, and Mr. Steven's Notes on Roman Chester, was published in 1942. Mr. Crossley's copiously illustrated paper on 14th Century Steeple Building in Cheshire and neighbouring districts is about to be issued as part 2.

The Library.

The agreement with the City Council for the housing of the Library has been working very satisfactorily. Rules have been agreed for the loan of books to members of the Society and other persons and the Librarian's Report shews that the Library is being used to much greater extent. Since his Report of September, 1941—Mr. Haines is away on active service—the issue has increased to 288 per annum.

An additional "exchange" has been arranged with the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and sets of

the 4th series of their Proceedings and of "Archæologia Aeliana", 1925 to date, are on our shelves. Donations include county and city deeds from Mr. G. H. Crawford, Mr. Henry Potts and the offices of the late Mr. Henry Taylor and Mr. Sydney Sharpe.

British Council for Archaeology.

In view of the magnitude and complexity of the problems that will arise after the war this has been formed to promote and co-ordinate archæological research in all periods and to speak with authority to the general public and the government. Panels of Referees on the respective periods have been elected and experts on allied subjects are to be nominated. Great Britain has been divided into thirteen groups, the terrain of this Society falling within Group 2, Wales and Monmouth, and Group 5, Lancashire, Cheshire and Staffordshire. We have agreed to the six regional representatives provisionally nominated by the Cambrian Archæological Association as regards Group 2 and we are represented on Group 5 by our Chairman, Prof. Newstead and Ald. P. H. Lawson. National Societies and Universities with Schools of Archæology are also represented on the Council. Three meetings of Group 5 have already been held and it has been decided to prepare and forward schedules of areas of known archæological interest likely to be rebuilt or developed to the Regional Planning Officer of the Ministry of Works, to take steps to prevent the destruction of important areas in ignorance and to obtain the interest of Local Authorities, Landowners and Contractors. Meetings, publications and subscriptions to the Congress of Archæological Societies, which may be superseded by the British Council, being in abeyance, your Council has agreed to a first annual payment of £1 10s. 0d. to cover subscription to the British Council and Group Expenses.

The British Council and M.O.W. (Ancient Monuments Division) have already been supplied with particulars of development areas in the City on the site of the Roman

Fortress which call for exploration before development takes place and the Executive Committee of the British Council is alive to the importance and urgency of this work.

Lancashire and Cheshire Field-name Survey.

This organisation has been formed under the direction of Dr. Wainwright, with Mr. F. A. Bailey, as Chairman and Treasurer, and Mr. R. Sharpe France, F.R.Hist. Soc., as Organizer. For the time being the Historic Society has undertaken to publish results. Your Council has decided to co-operate and invites members willing to assist in the collection of material relating to Cheshire to communicate with Mr. J. H. E. Bennett, F.S.A., Hillside, Circular Drive, Heswall.

General Work.

Although war conditions have prevented the Society carrying out its normal functions, various members have given considerable time to conducting members of H.M. Forces and our Allies over the City and explaining to them the various points of historic and architectural interest, and the thanks of the Society are tendered to those who have given up their time to this useful and patriotic work. Many enquiries of local historical and antiquarian interest have been dealt with by the Chairman and the Hon. Editorial Secretary.



CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHITECTURAL, ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY

Statement of Income and Expenditure for years 1940-44 inclusive

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Subscriptions	308 17 4	By Fire Insurance	2 10 0
Dividends:—		Rent	5 0 0
£297 L.M.S. Rly. 4% Guaranteed	31 0 11	Subscriptions—Kindred Societies	27 0 0
£100 3½% War Stock	17 10 0	Printing and Stationery	166 16 9
Sale of Literature	7 9 2	Postages	8 9 6
Transfer from Excavations Account towards printing Report of Princess Street dig	25 0 0	Publications	6 6
Income Tax reclaimed	38 5 8	Gratuities	8 0 0
Transfer from Roman Amphitheatre Fund towards printing Report of Excavations	50 0 0	Registration of Death—Walter Conway	2 6
Refund Congress Arch. Society Subscription	1 0 0	Bank Interest	1 4 0
		Travelling Expenses	11 1
		Legal Charges	1 1 0
		Wreath—Sundries	15 0
Less Deficit brought forward from 1939	479 3 1		
	73 0 3	Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1944	221 16 4
			184 6 6
			£406 2 10

Each individual year's accounts have been audited by the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Walter Conway and Company and Mr. Alfred G. Ayrton.

**CHESTER AND NORTH WALES ARCHITECTURAL, ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SOCIETY
ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE AND ST. JOHN'S HOUSE ACCOUNTS**

Statement of Income and Expenditure from 1952 to 31st January, 1945

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
INCOME.				EXPENDITURE			
To Donations	4736	12	11	By Postages and Receipt Stamps	...	...	...
" Collecting Boxes	38	5	2	" Printing, Stationery and Advertising	...	...	29 5 1
" Amphitheatre Bureau	225	12	9	" Photographic Prints	...	...	69 6 6
" Bank Interest	195	17	3	" Entertainment Tax	...	...	5 13 6
" Rent—St. John's House	2328	0	11	" Sundry Accounts	...	...	7 10 0
" Chester Corporation Grant	5	0	0	" Bureau Expenses	...	...	28 18 11
" Postage Money	...	8	1	" Excavations Committee	...	...	9 4 9
" Interest from Investments:—	132	4	11	" Purchase of St. John's House, plus Solicitors' Charges	...	...	78 5 11
£1000 3% Defence Bonds	...	...	...	" Disbursements and Apportionments—St. John's House	...	...	4089 6 9
£750 3% War Stock 1955/59	...	52	6 4	" Excavations at St. John's House	...	...	22 13 0
£400 3% Savings Bonds	...	40	16 0	" Fire Insurance	...	...	17 13 8
" Income Tax reclaimed	...	27	5 7	" Purchase:—	...	...	57 12 0
				£1000 3% Defence Bonds	...	...	1000 0 0
				£750 3% War Stock	...	...	753 17 0
				£400 3% Savings Bonds	...	...	400 0 0
				" War Damage	...	...	22 12 0
				" Transfer to General Account towards Printing Report	...	...	50 0 0
				" Deficiency Tax 3% War Stock	16 11
				" Total Balance in Bank	6642 18 0
					1139 11 11
					<u>£7782 9 11</u>

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