

Abstract of Proceedings

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1950.

The Council has the honour to submit its Report for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

OFFICERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Society held on the 4th April, 1950, the following Officers and members of the Council were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

Chairman:	The Ven. R. V. H. Burne, M.A.
Hon. Secretary:	Alderman H. C. Wickham
Hon. Editor:	Alderman P. H. Lawson, F.S.A.
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. W. B. G. Bown
Hon. Curator:	Mr. W. J. Williams, M.A.
Hon. Auditors:	Messrs. Walter Conway & Co.
Hon. Librarian:	Mr. E. P. Haines, F.L.A.
Hon. Assistant Secretary:	Miss M. J. Groombridge, B.A.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Miss A. F. E. Dyke
Mr. H. Robinson, M.A., D.P.A.
Mr. T. Keith Hill
Rev. M. H. Ridgway, B.A.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. E. H. Mason, F.L.A., Mr. G. B. Leach, F.S.A., and Mr. B. T. Williams, M.A., who retire by rotation are eligible for re-election.

During the year the Society lost two prominent Officers, Mr. E. P. Haines, Honorary Librarian, who worked so indefatigably in reorganizing the library, and Mr. W. B. G. Bown, Honorary Treasurer.

The Council appointed Mr. D. H. Plimsoll, Honorary Treasurer for the remainder of the year and left the position of the Honorary Librarian to be filled at the next Annual Meeting.

The following lectures and outings were organised during the year:—

LECTURES:

January	10th	Miss M. J. Groombridge, B.A., on "The City Archives."
February	7th	Mr. Graham Webster, F.S.A., on "The Excavations in Linenhall Street."
March	7th	Miss M. V. Taylor, M.A., F.S.A., on "The Controversy over the Roman Stones and North Wall."
April	4th	Annual Meeting followed by a lecture by Mr. J. W. Clarke on "The Gentlemen Bellringers of St. John's,"
October	3rd	Mr. J. W. Brailsford, M.A., F.S.A., on "The Mildenhall Silver,"
November	7th	The Ven. R. V. H. Burne, M.A., on "Chester Cathedral in the Reigns of James I and Charles I."
December	4th	Rev. M. H. Ridgway, B.A., on "The Architectural History of Bunbury Church."

The attendance at Lectures throughout the year has been encouraging and on one or two occasions a "full house" was reported.

OUTINGS:

May	20th	Gawsworth Church and Rectory.
June	10th	Conway.
July	15th	Llangollen and Valle Crucis Abbey.
August	19th	Bickerton.
September	16th	Mostyn Hall, by kind permission of Lord Mostyn who described his treasures.

EXCAVATIONS.

During the year the Society organised excavations in the Linenhall Street area, under the guidance of Mr. G. Webster, but unfortunately this had to be postponed before much work could be done owing to lack of labour. One or two unusual features were, however, found.

A hoard of Saxon coins was found in Castle Esplanade and as a result of the energetic work undertaken by Mr. Webster over 570 coins were recovered together with a portion of the jar in which they were contained. It is hoped that a number of these coins, which have been sent up to the British Museum, will be eventually deposited in the Grosvenor Museum.

Since the end of the year Mr. Webster has given a lecture on work carried out during the year under review.

GENERAL.

During the year the Council of the Society have met on three occasions and various sub-committees have met on a number of occasions. Decisions upon certain amendments to the form and printing of the Society's Journal have been made and a large number of matters have been discussed and instructions given to the Hon. Secretary.

Negotiations are in progress with the Ministry of Works with a view to commencing work on the excavation of the Roman Amphitheatre.

The Society's Library has been handed over to the Chester Corporation and the arrangements entered into with the Corporation are working satisfactorily.

MEMBERSHIP.

The present membership of the Society is as follows:

Membership in 1949	Joined During Year	Resigned or died	Libraries and Societies	Ex Officio Members	Assoc. Members	Total
259	22	15	27	7	3	226

It will be seen that although the increased subscription has come into force the Membership of the Society has continued to grow.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1951.

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OFFICERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Society held on the 3rd April, 1951, the following Officers and Members of the Council were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:—

Chairman:	The Ven. R. V. H. Burne, M.A.
Hon. Secretary:	Alderman H. C. Wickham
Hon. Editor:	Alderman P. H. Lawson, F.S.A.
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. D. H. Plimsoil
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Hon. Assistant Secretary:	Miss M. J. Groombridge, B.A.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. J. W. Clarke
 Mr. F. Taylor
 Mr. G. B. Leach, F.S.A.
 Mr. B. T. Williams, M.A.

Rev. J. R. Beresford, T.D., M.A., Mr. A. H. Gillgrass, F.L.A., Miss M. Paige Cox and Mr. C. Greenwood, M.I.C.E., who retire by rotation are eligible for re-election with the exception of Mr. Beresford who has resigned on leaving the city.

In addition to Mr. Beresford the Society has lost by resignation, Miss Groombridge, on her appointment as County Archivist for Cornwall. Our best thanks and good wishes are extended to them.

The following lectures and outings were organised during the year:—

LECTURES:

January	9th	Mr. Graham Webster, F.S.A., A.M.I.C.E., on "Geochronology."
February	6th	Mr. Graham Webster, F.S.A., A.M.I.C.E., on "Chester Excavations, 1950."
March	6th	Mr. T. G. E. Powell, M.A., F.S.A., on "The Prehistory of the Cheshire and North Wales Area,"
April	3rd	Annual Meeting followed by an address by Major F. G. C. Rowe on "The County Records of Cheshire."
October	2nd	Professor J. C. M. Toynbee on "Romano-British Mosaic Pavements."
November	6th	Miss M. J. Groombridge, B.A., on "The City Gilds of Chester."
December	4th	Dr. W. A. Singleton on "Cheshire House Types."

OUTINGS:

May	19th	Adlington Hall, Prestbury and Mobberley
June	16th	Atcham, Wroxeter, Attingham Hall and Haughmond Abbey.
July	21st	Acton, Baddiley, Audlem and Wrenbury Churches.
August	18th	Oswestry Hill Fort, Whittington Church and Castle and Ellesmere Church.
September	15th	Frodsham Church, Halton Castle, Eddisbury and Oakmere.

EXCAVATIONS:

Owing to lack of labour the Society was unable to organize the exploration of the northern rampart of the Fortress, in the Deanery Field as expected, but Mr. Graham Webster carried out excavations in the Infirmary Field in the hope of finding a Roman Burial. He did not succeed in this but found a Roman building, the function of which has yet to be established.

GENERAL:

During the year the Council has had a large number of matters under consideration, foremost amongst them being the publication of the Journal in a new form, which appears to have met with general approval.

The Ministry of Works has been approached with a view to expediting the excavations on the site of the Roman Amphitheatre. Progress is being made with the proposal to transfer the site to them and it is hoped that this matter will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion in the current year.

The Society's negatives and lantern slides have been handed over to the Chester Corporation for care and attention prior to deposit at the Grosvenor Museum.

The Society's Library, which was handed over to the Corporation last year has been considerably repaired, over 600 volumes having been rebound.

MEMBERSHIP:

The present Membership of the Society is as follows:—

Membership in 1950	Joined During Year	Resigned or died	Libraries and Societies	Ex Officio Members	Associate Members	Total
226	16	15	35	7	5	267

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

1st January to 31st December, 1950

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Subscriptions 1950 ..	174	11	0	Rent for Room for Lectures ..	1	0	0
Subscriptions, in arrears	2	12	6	Subscriptions to Kindred Societies ..	7	8	0
Subscriptions, in advance	2	2	0	Fire Insurance, Library ..	10	0	0
Life Membership ..	14	14	0	Gratuity to Museum Attendant ..	10	0	0
			193 19 6	Printing and Stationery ..	179	6	3
Donation			10 8	Photographic Materials ..	13	4	6
Surplus from Outings ..			1 2 7	Expenses of Lecturers ..	3	17	10
Sales of Journal ..			13 1 10	Cheque Book ..	5	0	0
Council for British Archaeology Cen- tenary Publications Grant ..	50	0	0	Postages ..	5	10	3
Interest				Purchase of Cheshire Sheaf ..	2	2	0
£320 11 5 3% British Transport 1978/88	5	5	10	Charge <i>re</i> registration of War Stock ..	2	6	6
£100 3½% War Stock	3	10	0	Advertising ..	1	6	3
			8 15 10	Surplus for the year carried down	56	14	4
Income Tax reclaimed ..			4 6 6				
			<u>£271 16 11</u>				<u>£271 16 11</u>
Balance 31/12/49 ..	123	11	7	Balance at Bank 31/12/50 ..	180	5	11
Add Surplus for the year brought down ..	56	14	4				
Balance 31/12/50	<u>£180</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£180</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>

We have examined the above Statement of Receipts and Expenditure with the Books, Vouchers and Bank Statements and find it to be correctly recorded.

(Signed) WALTER CONWAY & CO.,

Chartered Accountants,

Old Bank Buildings, Chester,

Hon. Auditors

Chester, March 27th, 1951.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
1st January to 31st December, 1951

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions, 1951 ..	180	6 0	Rent for Room for Lectures ..	1	0 0
Subscriptions, in arrears ..	10	10 0	Subscriptions to Kindred Societies ..	5	7 0
Subscriptions, in advance ..	1	1 0	Fire Insurance—Library ..	10	0 0
			Gratuity for Museum Attendant ..	10	0 0
Donation		191 17 0	Printing and Stationery ..	579	16 4
Grant from Council for British ..		1 1 0	Postages	6	9 8
Archaeology	180	0 0	Cheque Book	5	0 0
Sale of Journals	6	19 1	Expenses of Lecturers	1	15 0
Surplus from Outings	1	9 0	Excess Tax on £750. 3% War ..		
Transfer from Excavations account ..	50	0 0	Stock (17/4/51) St. John's House ..		
Interest			(credited 4/1/52)	5	8 0
£320 11s. 5d. 3% ..					
British Transport ..	5	3 5			
1978/88					
£100 3½% War Stock ..	3	10 0			
		8 13 5			
Deficit on the year c/d.		155 19 2			
		<u>£595 18 8</u>			<u>£595 18 8</u>
Balance as at 31/12/50	180	5 11			
Less deficit on year	155	19 2			
Balance as at 31/12/51 c/f.	£24	6 9			

Chester, 15th March, 1952.

We have examined the above Statement of Receipts and Expenditure with the Books, Vouchers and Bank Statements, and find it to be correctly recorded.

(Signed) WALTER CONWAY & CO.,
Old Bank Buildings, Chester.
Hon. Auditors.