

PROCEEDINGS.
ELEVENTH SESSION, 1858-59.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

St. George's Hall, 18th October, 1858.

MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON. SIR EDWARD CUST, PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The Secretary read the following

REPORT.

In recording the history of the Society during the Tenth year of its existence, the Council have the pleasure of announcing that its previous career of uninterrupted success has continued, and that it now numbers about 500 ordinary members. The accession of the late Photographic Society has contributed to this result; and the Council believe that, while thus increasing its numerical strength, the importance and usefulness of the Society as a scientific body will also be augmented by the consequent addition of a new subject of research.

The Council have to report the usual per centage of diminution by resignation and death. Amongst the vacancies arising from the latter cause they regret having to record the name of Mr. Dawson Turner, who had been an honorary member since the 6th of February, 1851.

The annual volume is now about to be issued. Its publication has again been delayed beyond the usual period; but this delay has principally arisen from the variety and extent of its contents, and the consequently increased labour involved in the printing. It will be found to contain a series of papers to which the Council refer with satisfaction, as indicating by their character and execution the resources of the Society in its various sections. The concluding paper, by Mr. George Scharf, jun., is profusely illustrated from woodcuts kindly lent for the purpose by their respective owners.

Hitherto the volume has been issued to the members on conditions which have been found injurious to the interests of the society; but at a special general meeting held on the 4th of March last, Law 16, which regulates its distribution, was altered so as to restrict the delivery to those only whose subscriptions for the current session are paid up. The law, as amended, will be found in the appendix to volume X.; which also contains a brief record of the Annual Excursion, and a notice of the proceedings at the meeting held in the Museum of British and Foreign Antiquities, on the kind invitation of the proprietor, Mr. Mayer.

During the last Session the number of articles added to the Museum has been comparatively small; but the additions to the Library have kept pace with the expansion of the Society in other respects, and the Council have the gratification of recording amongst the new contributions a series of publications of the Historic Society of Lower Saxony, and another of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, U.S.A. Owing principally to this increase, they have found it necessary to exchange the room formerly rented by the Society at 57, Ranelagh Street, for one more commodious in the same building, where the books, &c., are now arranged. The room will be open every evening of meeting from five till within a few minutes of seven, and members who cannot attend may obtain books by a written application to the Assistant Secretary.

The Treasurer's balance sheet shows the receipts for the year to have been £377 1s., which sum, added to the balance from last year, amounting to £14 5s. 11d., shows a gross total of £391 6s. 11d. to the credit of the Society. The entire payments amount

to £381 1s. 9d., leaving in hand a balance of £10 5s. 2d. There have been no extra charges of importance, except those arising from the increased cost of the volume, owing to its greater bulk and the number of illustrations. The arrears are large, but the Council have reason to hope that the labours of a Finance Committee, recently appointed, will have the effect of diminishing them.

Agreeably to the laws, the names of six gentlemen are submitted for appointment to the various sections, in lieu of those who retire from the Council.

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. HUME, seconded by P. R. M'QUIE, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

That the Report now read be adopted, and printed and circulated with the Proceedings of the Society.

The following Statement of Accounts by the Treasurer having been read,

It was moved by P. R. M'QUIE, Esq., seconded by JOSEPH MAXER, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

That the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts be passed, and printed and circulated with the Proceedings of the Society.

THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE *in Account with*
 Dr. THOMAS AVISON, *Treasurer.* Cr.

THE VOLUMES:—		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Vol. ix.—T. Brakell, deli-					Balance from last Account	14	5	11
very & postage	£7 13 7				Entrance fees	29	8	0
Do., binding	3 2 6				Annual Subscriptions	284	5	6
Sir T. Tobin, for					Arrears	48	6	0
plates	2 10 6				Life Memberships	10	10	0
		13	6	7	Books sold	4	9	6
Vol. x.—T. Brakell, print-					Extra book covers	0	2	0
ing and binding	159 15 10							
John Murray, for								
plates	10 10 0							
Cox and Wyman,								
lithographing	8 10 0							
Chaloner & Law-								
son, ditto	23 12 0							
		202	7	10				
		215	14	5				
SESSIONAL EXPENSES:—								
Assistant Secretary's salary	50 0 0							
Rent, taxes and gas	14 2 7							
Use of St. George's Hall								
and Royal Institution	15 11 0							
Tea, coffee and attendance								
at meetings	10 19 6							
H. Shimmin, bookbinding	10 12 1							
G. J. Poore, stationery	1 12 0							
Advertising, newspapers								
and insurance	6 4 8							
Commission, making up								
accounts &c.	16 10 4							
Messages, postages, parcels								
and miscellaneous	34 10 2							
		160	2	4				
Books purchased		5	5	0				
		381	1	9				
Balance in Treasurer's hands		10	5	2				
		£391	6	11				
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Examined by

PETER R. M'QUIE, } AUDITORS.
 SAMUEL GATH, }

(E. and O. E.)

Liverpool, 18th October, 1858.

THOMAS AVISON.

It was moved by T. COMBER, Esq., seconded by J. R. HUGHES, Esq., and resolved unanimously :—

That the thanks of the Society be given to the Officers and Sectional Members of the Council, for their services during the past session.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. HUME, seconded by D. BUXTON, Esq., and resolved unanimously :—

That the thanks of the Society be given to the Lord Bishop of Chester, Meadows Frost, Esq., and the Members of the Chester Archaeological Society, for their kind and hospitable reception of the Members of the Society on the occasion of the late Annual Excursion; and to Joseph Mayer, Esq., for his reception of the Society at his Museum of British and Foreign Antiquities, on the 6th of April last.

It was moved by T. SANSOM, Esq., seconded by W. BURKE, Esq., and resolved unanimously :—

That the thanks of the Society be given to the donors of illustrations for the annual volume.

A ballot having been taken for the Officers and Sectional Members of Council, the result was announced from the chair. (See page vi.)

Thanks were conveyed by acclamation to the President, for his services during the evening, on the motion of D. BUXTON, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. HUME.

4th November, 1858. ARCHEOLOGICAL SECTION.

WM. BROWN, Esq., M.P., V.P., in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were duly elected members of the Society :—

Colin A. Drysdale, 73, Falkner Street.
Edward Francis Evans, Church Road, Stanley.

The following donations were presented :—

From the Society of Antiquaries, London. *Archæologia; or, Miscellaneous Tracts* relating to Antiquity, vol. xxxvii, part 2. Proceedings, No. 47. List of Members, 1858.

From C. Roach Smith, F.S.A. Notice Biographique Sur A. Hermand. Freeman's Llandaff Cathedral.

By Exchange. (Mr. Herdman.) Ancient Liverpool, (N. S.,) parts xi and xii.

From the Rev. Dr. Hume. Four Maps of Liverpool, coloured to represent its Moral and Social aspect, the districts of pauperism, crime, &c.,—its Ecclesiastical and Municipal districts, and its progress in extent and population from 1650 to 1725, 1765, 1801, 1811, 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851 respectively.*

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By A. Craig Gibson, Esq. A collection of Mason's Marks, from Furness Abbey, by Jos. Fletcher and J. Dees.

By Mr. W. Henderson. A copy of the Carlisle Journal, dated 26th December, 1812; remarkable for the number of highway robberies recorded as occurring in one week.

* See Proceedings, vol. x, p. 354.