

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

Founded June 20, 1848.

LAWS

Passed January 31, 1929.

1. The Society shall be called the HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ; and its objects shall be the collection, arrangement, preservation, and publication of information relating to the general history of the two counties. Subjects of a controversial character, in religion or politics, shall be inadmissible.

2. The Society shall consist of Honorary Members, Ordinary Members, Student Members, and Libraries. The annual subscription due in advance on January 1, shall be for Ordinary Members 25s., Student Members 5s., and Libraries 21s. When two Ordinary Members belong to the same family, the second may pay 10s. 6d. annually and shall not be entitled to receive the volume of *Transactions*.

3. Honorary Members shall be eminent persons and shall be limited to 10. Associate Members shall be persons who have assisted or who are likely to assist in the work of the Society and shall be limited to 5. Student Members shall be students of Liverpool University. Honorary, Associate and Student Members shall be elected on the recommendation of the Council, and shall not be entitled to vote, nor to take part in the management of the Society, nor receive the Society's *Transactions*, except by special resolution of the Council.

4. Any member whose payments are not in arrear may become a Life Member by paying ten annual subscriptions in one sum. All such life compositions shall be invested by the Council on behalf of the Society.

5. Every candidate for admission as a Member of the Society shall be recommended by at least two Members, according to a prescribed form, which shall be read at a meeting of the Society. The members present shall thereupon proceed to vote, and the

candidate shall be deemed elected unless one-fourth of the members present vote against him.

6. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to receive the Society's publications; and if unpaid for two years he shall cease to be a member of the Society.

7. Any member whose payments are not in arrear may withdraw from the Society on conveying to the Secretary a written intimation to that effect on or before the first day of January in any year.

8. If there be any alleged cause (other than the non-payment of subscription) for the removal of any member, the same shall be submitted to the Council, who may at their discretion bring it before the Society at a subsequent general meeting; and if on a ballot the removal be agreed to, such member shall thereupon cease to belong to the Society. At this meeting there shall be twenty members at least present, and fourteen days' notice thereof shall be given to the said member.

9. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Council, consisting of a President, Vice-Presidents, and Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Editor, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Curator and twelve members.

10. The Council may meet at the discretion of the President Secretary, or on the requisition of three of its members.

11. The Council shall have power to make Bye-Laws, not inconsistent with the Laws of the Society.

12. Four of the elected members of the Council, not being Officers, shall retire each year by seniority of election, and shall be eligible for re-election. If in any year an ordinary member of the Council shall fail to attend at least one-fourth of the Council meetings held during such year, then such member shall be deemed to have retired therefrom at the end of such year and shall not be eligible for re-election during the ensuing twelve months.

13. The Officers of the Society shall be elected and the vacancies on the Council shall be filled up at the Annual General Meeting. The Council may fill any vacancies occurring during the year among its members.

14. A notice shall be sent to each member seven clear days before the Annual General Meeting, which notice shall contain:—

i. The names of the Members of Council retiring by rotation.

ii. The names of the Officers and Members of the Council proposed by the existing Council.

iii. The names of any other candidates for the Council, proposed and seconded by two members of the Society, which proposal must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary before January 1.

Should more candidates than are required be proposed, a ballot shall take place.

15. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January each year. At this Meeting the Report of the retiring Council and the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts shall be read, and the Officers, Council and two auditors elected.

16. The Hon. Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting at the requisition in writing of the President, any three Members of Council, or any ten members of the Society. Seven clear days' notice shall be given of such a meeting, which shall be held within one month after the date of the requisition, and the notice shall contain the purpose for which the Meeting is required and no business shall be entered upon at that Meeting or any adjournment thereof, of which such notice has not been given.

17. Every change in the Laws of the Society shall be made at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

18. No proposition which has been rejected at an Annual General or Special General Meeting shall be brought forward again in the Society during the same year.

19. The Council shall print annually a volume of *Transactions*, to one copy of which every member shall be entitled. The volume shall contain such papers or abstracts of papers as the Council shall select for publication together with the Proceedings at the Meetings, the Report of the Council, the Treasurer's Balance Sheet, and a list of the members.

20. The author of any paper which is printed, either entire or by abstract, in the Society's Annual Volume, shall be entitled to twenty-five copies of such paper or abstract, to be printed at the expense of the Society.

21. In all elections the votes shall be taken by ballot, unless the members present resolve, for special reason, to vote otherwise. The Chairman of every meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

22. The Library shall be available for the use of the Members, in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

23. All property of the Society shall be vested in the Council of the time being, on behalf of the subscribing members, and every member who shall withdraw or be removed from the Society, or shall from any cause whatever cease to be a member thereof,

shall thereupon absolutely forfeit all interest in the property of the Society.

24. The dissolution of the Society may be effected at any time by a resolution to that effect passed by a majority of three-fourths of the members voting at a Special General Meeting, at which not less than two-thirds of the Annual and Life Members of the Society shall be present. Upon such dissolution all the property of the Society shall, subject to the discharge of all outstanding liabilities, be presented to some public Institution or Institutions in either or both of the two counties of Lancaster and Chester.