

# PROCEEDINGS,

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, 1875-76.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

*Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, November 2nd, 1875.*

THE REV. CANON HUME, D.C.L., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The SECRETARY read the following

## REPORT.

The Session which has just closed has been in several respects an interesting one; and the retiring Council venture to hope, a profitable one for the Society. In the first instance, there has been an abundance of good papers; and if ever the intellectual matter fall short, it is more likely to be from a want of successful mining than from an absence of rich ore. Second, certain difficulties which had occurred have been cleared away, and the path of inquiry has been made more smooth. Thirdly, the ordinary business of the Society has been conducted with success.

The Library of the Society has now assumed large dimensions, and has become of considerable importance to the members, though most of them are unacquainted with it. A great effort has therefore been made to put it into complete order, and the work is now approaching a successful termination. The Council hope that it may be available to all the Members, in the course of the Session. The new Catalogue has now nearly passed through the press, and a copy of it will soon be in the hands of the various Members. Along with the list of books there will be given a list of the objects in the Society's collection, now deposited at the Town Museum.

The retirement of the Assistant-Secretary at the close of last Session, rendered the appointment of a successor necessary as soon as convenient. But the President and the Honorary Secretary generously undertook to divide the work between them for one Session; and they have performed it with at least the usual efficiency, though at considerable inconvenience to themselves. The Council have now nominated to this post, Mr. Arthur Wakefield, of the Liverpool Library; and though they propose to relieve him of about half the usual work, viz., the editing of the Annual Volume, they have confidence that the property will be well looked after, and especially that the Library will be kept in good condition.

The superabundant copies of the volumes for the last twenty-seven years have now become so numerous as to amount to nearly 2000; and the space which they occupy in store, is urgently wanted for other purposes. The Council therefore recommend that as soon as convenient, and as far as possible, they be arranged in sets,—say the first series by itself, and the second series in like manner,—and that these, as well as single volumes, be offered to the Members at such prices as will secure a sale. Many of them are of great interest and value, and are handsomely put up in cloth boards, lettered.

The Annual volume which was ready last Session before the Anniversary, the 18th of October, has been delayed this year by causes which were unavoidable, some of which have been noticed. But it is in hands and steadily progressing; and will be duly forwarded to every member entitled to receive it.

Mr. H. Ecroyd Smith, the Honorary Curator, has removed from Liverpool, and has therefore been forced to resign his office. The Society has more than once expressed its acknowledgments for his services in connexion with the subject of Archæology; and it is only fitting to notice in like manner the services which he has rendered for six years in connexion with this office. In the course of the Session, the Honorary Librarian also resigned his office, on the ground that it made too great demands on his time; and the Council have for the present left the office vacant, in the hope, that when the Library and stock are in thorough order, they may more easily find some well-qualified gentleman who will undertake the office.

All outstanding arrears of subscriptions have been called in; the most explicit information has been conveyed on the subject to the members; and now, all those whose names appear on the list are in loyal connexion with the Society. But it has been necessary to put the laws in force against a few; so that four have been silently erased from the roll, and eight have been formally expelled from the Society.

Death has been unusually busy with the members during the last year, in which several of those who were longest connected with the Society have passed away. Among these were two of the Members of Council, Mr. McQuie and Mr. Wilkinson of Burnley, both of whom had rendered good service to the Society. Mr. McQuie was for several years one of the Auditors; and Mr. Wilkinson,—a biographical account of whom will be read at one of our early meetings,—was a writer of great versatility and talent. The deaths in all have been twelve during two successive sessions; in addition to some who have been compelled to retire, especially from the pressure of age and infirmity. Among these is Mr. J. T. Towson, F.R.G.S., who has been for many years an able and earnest member of several of our local learned societies.

The President, whose services have now extended over six years, and who for the last three only yielded to the earnestly expressed wishes of the Council, has placed his resignation unreservedly in their hands, though promising assistance in any department in which his services can be made available. While thanking him for the interest which he has shown in the Society from its foundation, they have endeavoured to select a successor who is not unknown to the Society as an author, and from whom other literary and archæological contributions may be expected. He is prominently connected with the district which it is the



object of the Society to illustrate: and he will, they have no doubt, sustain the interest and maintain the honour of the Society.

The Balloting Slips for the Council and Officers have been made out in accordance with the Laws.

The Treasurer was not prepared at this meeting with a Balance Sheet; but he stated generally that about £100 had been received during the Session, while the gross arrears appeared to be between £60 and £70. (See page 194.)

It was moved by Mr. RICHARDS, seconded by the Rev. R. SALTHOUSE, F.R.G.S., and resolved,—That the Report now read be adopted, printed in the Proceedings, and circulated among the Members.

A Ballot having been taken for the Council and Officers, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected. See page iv.

November 11th, 1875.

REV. CANON HUME, D.C.L., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following objects were exhibited:—

By Miss ffarington.

Four interesting drawings, of some stained glass at Worden, said to have come from Lathom House. They represented respectively the following:—

1. Arms of Edward Stanley, third earl of Derby, K.G., *ob.* 1572. Over it is the date 1568. It contained sixteen quarterings, viz.:—(1) Stanley, (2) Lathom, (3) Strange, (4) Man, (5) Mohun, (6) Bassett, (7) Burrell, (8) Lacy, (9) Warren, (10) Woodville, (11) Montalt, (12) Strange, (13) Blount or Mountjoy, (14) Dymoke, (15) St. Pal, (16) Lisle.

The following descriptive note was written on the back:—

“ There is no *azure* in the bend of Stanley, and the field of Lathom is *argent* instead of *or*. No. 6 was most likely meant for Bassett, but the piles should have been *gules* and the canton on the dexter side.  
 “ 7 I am disposed to think was meant for Burnell, which properly should have been *argent* a lion rampant *sable*, crowned *or* within a *bordure argent*, but the *bordure* was sometimes omitted. The lion being crowned is against assigning the coat to Albini. 8 was probably meant for Lacy, and should have been *gules*, a *fess ermine* between three boars' heads coupé *or*. This is not Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, but another family. The Earl of Derby claimed the Baronies of Strange, Mohun, Bassett, Burnell, and Lacy. No. 9 is probably for Warenne, though it has *argent* for *azure*. 10 is Woodville, accounted for by the marriage of John, Lord Strange, with Jaquetta, daughter of Sir Richard Woodville, afterwards Earl Rivers. 11 is Montalt, but the lion should not have been guardant. [Montalt was borne by the Stanleys *officially*, as seneschals of Chester, in right of Hawarden Castle.—Wm. Langton, Esq.] 12 is a repetition of 3, viz., Strange. 13 was probably meant for Blount or Mountjoy. Mountjoy is properly *burly* *nebuly* of six *or* and *sable*, but it is sometimes wavy. 14 may probably have been for Dymock, which was sometimes *argent* a sword