

PROCEEDINGS,
THIRTIETH SESSION, 1877-78.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, October 25th, 1877.

REV. CANON HUME, D.C.L., VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the following Report was read:—

REPORT.

The Session which has just closed has been a highly interesting one; for, though its proceedings have not been brilliant, they have been interesting, and thoroughly in harmony with the objects of the Society.

During the eleven meetings, the attendances have been unusually good, and there has been an abundant supply of objects of interest, and of topics deserving attention. So many as thirteen papers were read, nine of which are printed in the Transactions; and one is given substantially in the Proceedings. Of the remainder, two were temporarily mislaid, and one is printed elsewhere. Of these, nine are more or less local in character, while some of them are in a marked degree illustrative of one or both counties.

During a previous Session, the printing of the volume fell into arrear; but this has been remedied, and volume xxviii was issued in March. That for the past Session is all in type; and will be ready for delivery, it is hoped, before many days. It contains some valuable memoirs, and several interesting illustrations; and it may be well to inform the Members, once again, that no one is entitled to receive it, whose subscription for that Session is in arrear.

In the course of the past Session, the situation of Assistant Secretary was filled up by the appointment of Mr. E. Londini, who is well known in connexion with the Athenæum Library. The Council requested him to direct his first attention to a thorough examination of the Library. This has been done; and by the assistance of the new printed Catalogue, the whole has been made thoroughly accessible to the Members. The Council will be glad to see it utilized to the utmost, not only by those who are engaged in specific inquiries, but by the Members in general.

The superabundant copies of the Society's Transactions are now very numerous; and the Council propose to make out a new and complete list of these, with a revised table of prices. They believe that many members would be glad to complete their respective sets; and the space which these saleable copies occupy could be turned to valuable account.

At the beginning of last Session, it was impossible for the Treasurer to present a Balance Sheet for Session 1875-76, as the printing of the

annual volume had not been completed, and of course the bills had not been sent in. There are, therefore, now two Balance Sheets submitted to the Members, viz., that for Session xxviii now printed in the volume, and that for the past Session submitted this evening.

The former shews a Balance in hand of £35 16s. 4d., after the completion and issue of the volume for the year; that is to say, at the commencement of the Session now closed.

The latter shews at the present date, a Balance in hand of £38 19s. 8d.; but this is subject to a slight modification, as a few of the sums have been estimated, rather than finally stated.

The Session upon which the Society is entering will be the thirtieth of its existence; and the promise of presenting the members with an annual volume, has been faithfully kept during all that time. This is an evidence of what can be done even under unfavourable circumstances; for the support which the Society has received in intellectual labour and in funds, has varied within wide limits. Yet the Council feel great confidence that the present Session will also be a successful one.

The Balloting Lists have been made out in accordance with the Laws, and are now submitted to the Members.

The following Balance Sheet for Session xxix was then submitted by the Treasurer:—

SESSION XXIX, 1876-77.

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, *in Account with* JOHN G. JACOB, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Oct. 18—Balance in hand	34 9 6	VOLUME XXIX—	
Subscriptions—Arrears	44 12 6	Printing	£51 3 9
„ Session XXIX ..	58 4 6	Illustrations.....	11 13 0
Life Compositions	10 10 0		<u>62 16 9</u>
Books Sold	14 0 10	SESSIONAL EXPENSES—	
		Rent, Royal Institution	10 10 0
		Refreshments	6 9 8
		Miscellaneous Printing	13 1 6
		Sec.'s Miscellaneous Expenses ..	6 9 6
		Attendance	1 12 6
		Postages, &c., & Treasurer	1 14 0
		Royal Insurance Co.....	0 16 0
		Secretary's Salary	10 10 0
		Collector's Commission	1 1 0
		Assistant to Secretary	1 10 0
		Balance in hand.....	45 6 5
			<u>161 17 4</u>
E. and O. E.	<u>£161 17 4</u>		<u>£161 17 4</u>

Audited,
FRANCIS JAMES BAILLY.

J. G. JACOB.

It was moved by Mr. BENAS, seconded by Mr. GIBSON, and resolved,

That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read, be printed and circulated with the Proceedings.

A Ballot was then taken for the election of Council and Officers, the result of which is shewn on page iv.

It was moved by Mr. BRAKELL, seconded by Rev. Mr. MOORE, and resolved,

That the best thanks of the Society be given to the Officers and Council, for their services during the past year.

November 15th, 1877.

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

The following objects were exhibited :—

By Baron L. Benas, Esq.

Three new imperial silver coins for India, viz., a rupee, with its half and quarter. All bore on the front, around the bust, the inscription, "Victoria Empress."

By J. Harris Gibson, Esq.

A marriage certificate from Gretna Green, dated December 17th, 1780, delivered by a certain Joseph Brown, and witnessed by Lancelot Haggart; very incorrectly and peculiarly spelled.

By Thomas Gibson, sen., Esq.

Part of the material thrown out at Kent's Cavern, near Torquay, where many valuable discoveries have been made by Mr. Pengelly.

By the Rev. Canon Hume.

Six specimens of stone celts, to illustrate the process of manufacture; viz, two Irish, two Danish, and two from New Zealand.

The following paper was read :—

ON ROMAN RIBCHESTER,* by *W. Thompson Watkin, Esq.*

November 29th, 1877.

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

The following objects were exhibited :—

By W. T. Watkin, Esq.

1. A copper tobacco box of the time of Charles II, representing the murder of Sir Edmondsbury Godfrey.

* Transactions, p. 1.