

PROCEEDINGS,

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION, 1881-82.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, February 9th, 1882.

E. W. M. HANCE, LL.B., IN THE CHAIR.

REPORT.

DURING the past Session, nine papers have been read before the Society, four of which are printed in this volume. All the papers, with one exception, were connected with the history of the two counties. Several New Members have been elected to the Society, and some of the older members have been removed by death and retirement.

The forthcoming volume promises to be larger in size, and to contain more local historical matter than its predecessor; and the Council confidently hope that the members will endeavour, during the next Session, to make the work of the Society known amongst those who are interested in the histories of Lancashire and Cheshire.

November 17th, 1881.

DR. F. J. BAILEY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Sir James A. Picton, F.S.A., exhibited several original documents and charters relating to the early history of Liverpool.

The following paper was read :—

“ON THE IRISH ESTATES IN GALWAY, FORMERLY POSSESSED
BY THE LIVERPOOL CORPORATION.” *By Sir James Allanson
Picton, F.S.A.*

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November 28th, 1881.

DR. F. J. BAILEY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following paper was read by the Honorary Secretary, in the absence of the author :—

“ON A MOCK CORPORATION HELD IN SEPHTON PARISH :
PART II.”* *By the Rev. Engelbert Horley, M.A.*

December 10th, 1881.

DR. F. J. BAILEY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A number of archæological objects were exhibited, in illustration of the paper of the evening, by Charles T. Gatty, F.S.A., Hon. Secretary.

Mr. T. N. Morton read some extracts from the Parish Registers of Wallasey, with Notes of the Collections made under the authority of “Briefs for losses by fire, shipwreck, pirates, being taken captive by the “Turks,” &c., for various places in England.

The following paper was read :—

“ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.” *By Charles T. Gatty, F.S.A., Hon. Secretary.*

January 4th, 1882.

E. W. M. HANCE, LL.B., IN THE CHAIR.

The following objects were exhibited :—

By E. Gordon Duff, Esq.

Documents relating to Dr. Martin Luther, written prior to 1560 ;
from the binding of an old book.

Two ancient parchments, viz., “The Exemplification of a Recovery made between Richard Atkinson, gent., demandant, William Walling, tenant, and Robert Hankinson, vouchee, for Mrs. Clayton, concerning lands in Freckleton and Kirkham. Dated 25th August, 8 Geo. II.

A Deposition taken before Herbert Ewing, Public Notary, at Dumfries, in 1588, with a quaint notary’s symbol in the margin

* Transactions, p. 25.

A three-legged bronze urn, probably mediæval, found in the River Isla, Forfarshire.

Mr. T. N. Morton then read some Collections respecting the Parish of Huyton,* by F. T. Turton, Esq., giving an account of its Church, very ancient Font, Oak Screen, and recumbent Marble Monument, with some Notices of the Harrington, Torbok, Wolfall, and Knowsley families.

January 21st, 1882.

DR. F. J. BAILEY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Rev. T. E. Gibson read a valuable paper on Early Notices of Liverpool, from Mr. Blundell's Diary 1702-1728,† containing interesting anecdotes of the More, Cleveland, Fenwick, Butler, Fazakerley, Rollins, Branker, Poole, and other families; curious glimpses of life and manners at the "Angel," "Bird-in-Hand," "Talbot," and "Woolpack" Inns; notices of the Early Potteries and Glass Houses of Liverpool, in the early part of last century; also of Plays acted, such as *The Gamester*, *The Earl of Essex*, and *The Yeoman*; and of an Auction of Books at the "Woolpack."

February 9th, 1882.

E. W. M. HANCE, LL.B., in the Chair.

The business of the Annual Meeting (which had been deferred), was transacted at this meeting, viz. :—

- Election of Officers. (See page iv.)
- Receiving the Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
- Reading the Annual Report. (See page 145.)

The following paper was read :—

NOTES ON THE PARISH OF SEPHTON : PART I. *By the Rev. Engelbert Horley, M.A.*

February 18th, 1882.

J. G. JACOB, Esq., in the Chair.

The following paper was read :—

NOTES ON THE PARISH OF SEPHTON : PART II. *By the Rev. Engelbert Horley, M.A.*

* Transactions, p. 67. † *Ibid.*, p. 1.

In a conversation which followed the reading of the paper, the Rev. J. E. Odgers called attention to Toxteth Chapel, and requested information thereupon from the members of the Society.

March 4th, 1882.

REV. J. E. ODGERS in the Chair.

J. Eglington Bailey, F.S.A., exhibited an ancient black-letter volume, entitled "Caxton Chronicles," printed by William Caxton, and bearing his well-known colophon.

The following paper was read :—

THE PHILOBIBLON OF RICHARD OF BURY, FORMERLY CHAMBERLAIN OF CHESTER, ALSO RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S ON THE HILL, IN CHESTER, AND AFTERWARDS BISHOP OF DURHAM. *By J. Eglington Bailey, F.S.A.*

At the conclusion of the paper, Mr. Bailey exhibited impressions of the Bishop's seals.

March 17th, 1882.

J. H. GENN, Esq., in the Chair.

Col. Turner exhibited a photograph of a curious ancient Wooden Bucket, with gold hoops, found near Carnarvon, having an inscription on one of the hoops, not yet deciphered.

The following paper was read :—

NOTES ON RICHARD MATHER, FIRST MINISTER OF TOXTETH CHAPEL, AND SOME OF HIS SUCCESSORS. *By the Rev. J. E. Odgers.*