

PROCEEDINGS,

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION, 1885.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held at the Royal Institution, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 22nd of January, 1885; F. J. BAILEY, M.D., Vice-President, in the chair; when the

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was read and approved of, as follows:—

The Council are glad to say that the favourable anticipations expressed in their last Report, as to the prospects of the approaching Session, have been amply justified. The number and character of the Papers read before the Society, and the importance of the communications received, will, they believe, be found to render the forthcoming volume unusually interesting and valuable.

The Council, however, much regret to remark that the attendance of members at the Meetings of the Society is far from satisfactory. In this respect they trust that, if only as a matter of courtesy to the readers of Papers, the members will second the efforts the Council are making towards restoring the Society to its former successful position.

During the past year the Society has sustained a very serious loss by the death of the Reverend Canon Hume, one of the last survivors of the original founders of the Society, to which, as Hon. Secretary for nearly the first half of its existence, and subsequently as President and Vice-President for many years, he rendered invaluable assistance, filling the chair with dignity and success, and contributing many valuable Papers to the Society's Transactions.

The Council have also to report the death of another of their number, the Rev. R. R. Moore, in whose place they have elected Mr. J. H. Genn. Mr. Geo. Grazebrook, F.S.A., has, with great regret, retired from the Council, but his place has not yet been filled up, pending the Society's decision upon the proposed alteration in the Rules.

And it was resolved—

- 1.—That Law XI. be amended, by omitting the words "They shall not be entitled to vote; but they shall receive the Society's publications free of expense," in lines 4 and 5; by substituting the words "Honorary and Associate Members" for the word "they," in line 9; and by inserting the words "except when Officers, or Members of the Council, of the Society" after the word "vote," in line 9.
- 2.—That Law XII. be amended, by inserting the words "a Librarian, a Curator," after the word "Treasurer," and by substituting the word "twelve" for the word "fifteen."

