

PROCEEDINGS,
THIRTY-NINTH SESSION, 1887.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held at the Royal Institution, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 20th of January, 1887; F. J. BAILEY, M.D., Vice-President, in the chair; when the

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was read and approved of, as follows:—

Little has happened in the Society's life during the past year to call for comment.

In August the British Archaeological Association held its Autumn meeting in Liverpool, when arrangements for the entertainment of the strangers, and their conveyance to and from objects of interest in the neighbourhood, were made by the officers of this and of the Liverpool Architectural Society. It is believed that a pleasant and instructive week was spent. In connection with this visit excavations were made at Burscough Priory, by permission of Lord Derby, a record of which will presently appear in our *Transactions*.

Recently the Society has been so fortunate as to obtain the loan of the most extensive and valuable collection of Charters, Deeds, and Muniments which has ever been seen in this city. It was formerly the property of the Moore family, who, during the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries, lived in the heart of Liverpool, and were intimately connected with the history of the place. These muniments, which have been kindly lent to the Society by their present owner, Capt. Stewart, of Alltirodyn, Llandwyssil, South Wales, are being transcribed and prepared for publication under the auspices of this Society and of the Corporation of Liverpool, who have allowed Mr. T. N. Morton, our Hon. Assistant Secretary, at present in their service, to undertake this work, for which he is so well qualified. "One copy of the Transcript is to remain the property of the Corporation."

During the past year seven Papers have been read before the Society, one of them by a new member, Mrs. Arthur Tempest, who has given an exhaustive account of the "Family of Masey of Rixton and Glazebrook," drawn from materials in the possession of her brother-in-law, Sir Henry Tempest, of Broughton Hall, near Skipton, baronet.

Sixteen new members have joined the Society, and seventeen have died or resigned since the last Annual Meeting. On the whole, considering the powerful rivalry of the kindred societies at Manchester and Chester, in numbers, at all events, this Society has held its own. Each Session, however, it becomes more difficult to get papers to be read before the Society, and the attendance of members at the meetings is still far from what could be desired.

In response to the circular as to sale of back numbers of *Transactions*, orders to the extent of some fourteen pounds have been received.

The Council regret to have to announce that Mr. Hance has resigned the post of Honorary Secretary to the Society, which he has filled since July,

1884, and they desire to place on record their high appreciation of his laborious and self-denying services to the Society. At the same time a general wish was expressed that Mr. Hance would reconsider his decision, and the acting President (Dr. Bailey) was requested to embody this desire in a letter to Mr. Hance, and acquaint the General Meeting with his decision.

LIST OF PAPERS READ.

1887.
 January 27th.—“Some Ormskirk Singularities.” James Dixon.
 February 10th.—“Windleshaw Abbey.” Rev. Austin Powell.
 February 24th.—“Foreign Quarterings in Lancashire Shields.” Rev. Andrew E. P. Gray, M.A., F.S.A.
 Mar. 10.—“Recent Roman Discoveries in Lancashire and Cheshire.” W. Thompson Watkin.
 March 24th.—“Ancient Precedents of the Town of Liverpool.” E. M. Hance, LL.B.
 November 3rd.—“The Masey Family of Rixton and Glazebrook” (Part I.) Mrs. Arthur Cecil Tempest.
 December 1st.—“The Domesday Records of the land between Ribble and “Mersey.” Rev. Andrew E. P. Gray, M.A., F.S.A.
 December 15th.—“The Masey Family of Rixton and Glazebrook” (Part II.) Mrs. Arthur Cecil Tempest.

NAMES OF MEMBERS ELECTED DURING THE YEAR 1887.

Jan. 20.	Wm. George Ainslie.	Mar. 24.	Wm. L. Hutton.
„ „	William Brown.	„ „	Rev. Edward Powell.
„ „	James Harrison.	Nov. 3.	Philip Thicknesse.
„ „	Sir Thomas Storey, Knt.	„ 17.	Albert Mead, B.A.
„ „	John Unwin.	„ „	W. C. Ashby Pritt.
Feb. 10.	Sir Henry Fox Bristowe, Q.C.	„ „	Rev. W. E. Torr, M.A.
„ „	Professor McKay, M.A.	Dec. 1.	Frank John Leslie.
„ „	Mrs. Arthur Cecil Tempest (Life).	„ 15.	Rev. J. Langfield Ward, M.A.

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In Account with the Hon. Treasurer, for the year 1887.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1886.....	21 17 4	Sessional Expenses—Rent, Printing, &c.....	48 15 5
Subscriptions—		Paid on account of vol. 35 (Index)..	3 3 0
For 1887.....	£62 9 6	Do. do. 36 (do.)..	2 2 0
For 1888, in advance..	1 1 0	Balance carried forward.....	75 18 8
Arrears.....	44 2 0		
	107 12 6		
Sale of <i>Transactions</i>	0 9 3		
	<u>£129 19 1</u>		<u>£129 19 1</u>