



REPORT FOR 1888.

In again meeting the Members of the HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE the Council are glad to announce that during the year fifty-five new Members have joined the Society; a number without precedent, except in the very early years of its existence. During the same period seventeen Members have died or retired from the Society, which now consists of sixty-two Resident, one hundred Non-Resident, thirty-three Life, four Associate, and sixteen Honorary Members. But these numbers not being nearly adequate to carry on the work of the Society successfully, the Council hope that individual Members will do their utmost to induce others to join the Society, so as to increase its usefulness and augment its publications.

As a proof of the renewed activity of the Society, it is gratifying to the Council to be able to report the issue of three volumes of *Transactions* during the last twelve months. Volume xxxvi was issued in January, volume xxxvii (or New Series i) in August, and volume xxxviii (New Series ii) has just been despatched to Members.

In September a "new departure" was taken, and the first volume of the New Series, in a distinctive binding, was sent to all Members, whether Resident or not, whose subscriptions were not in arrears, irrespective of the date of their joining the Society; and this practice it is intended to continue.

The Society's Library has lately received much attention, and great efforts have been made by the Honorary Secretary to complete the many valuable sets of *Transactions* of similar Societies which it contains. Owing to the courteous liberality he met with, the Council are able to announce the addition of over a hundred volumes or parts of volumes to the Library. At the same time, an exchange of publications with kindred societies has been either established or renewed.

During the past year much labour has been expended on the Moore Charters alluded to in the last Report, about 350 out of 600 charters affecting land in and near Liverpool having been carefully transcribed by the Honorary Assistant Secretary, Mr. Morton. A rough list of documents written on paper contained in the collection is printed in the volume just issued.

The Council regret to announce the death, in March last, of their colleague Mr. W. Thompson Watkin, the distinguished author of valuable works on Roman Lancashire and Cheshire.

The President of the Society having been translated to the See of Oxford, has asked to be relieved of his duties, and the Council have much pleasure in informing the Members that his successor, Dr. Jayne, has consented to act as his successor.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1888.

Feb. 9.	T. Algernon Earle.	Nov. 15.	John C. Crane. (U.S.A.)
" 9.	Geo. Wm. Marshall, LL.D., F.S.A., "Rouge Croix" (Life).	" 15.	W. A. Carrington.
" 9.	Tertius Joynson.	" 15.	Walter A. Hayman.
" 9.	Frederick M. Radcliffe.	" 15.	Thomas H. Pearson (Life).
" 23.	Augustine Watts, M.A. (As- sociate).	" 15.	Lieut.-Colonel John Glas Sandeman (Life).
" 23.	Col. Sir Thos. Sowler, Knt.	" 15.	William Bispham. (U.S.A.)
" 23.	John Toulmin.	" 15.	Philip Sulley.
" 23.	Rev. Canon R. Tonge, M.A.,	" 15.	Peter Knowles.
" 23.	Colonel Thomas Brooke, F.S.A. (Life).	" 29.	Rupert Stanley Bremner.
Mar. 8.	Isaac A. Finney.	" 29.	Thomas R. Pennington.
" 8.	George T. Shaw (Associate).	" 29.	James Kidman, M.A.
" 22.	Athenæum Library, L'pool.	" 29.	William Gow, M.A.
" 22.	Free Public Library, Darwen.	" 29.	Charles Birchall.
" 22.	Bodleian Library, Oxford.	" 29.	John Clarke.
" 22.	Boston Athenæum, Boston, U.S.A.	" 29.	John Hughes.
" 22.	Free Public Lib., St. Helens.	" 29.	Wm. Fredk. Lawrence, M.P.
" 22.	Owen's College, Manchester.	" 29.	John Archibald Willox.
" 22.	Free Reference Library, King Street, Manchester.	" 29.	William Banks.
" 22.	Hardman Arthur Earle.	" 29.	Edward R. Russell.
" 22.	Rev. Charles Best Norcliffe, M.A.	" 29.	John Lovell.
Oct. 18.	Robert Day, F.S.A.	" 29.	James E. Worsley, F.S.A.
" 18.	J. H. Johnson.	" 29.	John Price Hargreaves, M.A.
" 18.	T. Harrison Myres.	" 29.	Charles E. Horsfall.
" 18.	James Fleming Mansergh.	" 29.	Edward Whitley, M.P.
" 18.	Liverpool Library (Lyceum).	Dec. 13.	Edwin Chadwick (Life).
Nov. 15.	Charles F. Finney.	" 13.	John Rylands.
		" 13.	Sir Albert William Woods, Knt., C.B., "Garter King of Arms."
		" 13.	R. Hovenden, F.S.A. (Life).
		" 13.	William Henry Weldon, "Windsor Herald" (Life).

PAPERS READ.

Jan. 26.	"The Moore Charters."	T. N. Morton.
Feb. 9.	"Rough Notes for a Paper on the Radcliffes of Radcliffe Tower, Earls of Sussex and Barons Fitzwalter."	R. D. Radcliffe.
" 23.	Ditto (Part II).	Ditto.
Mar. 8.	"Some Ancient Deeds relating to the Ormskirk District."	James Bromley.
" 22.	"Rochdale Mock Corporation."	J. P. Earwaker, F.S.A.
Oct. 18.	"Notes on Book-Plates (<i>ex-libris</i>), with special reference to Lancashire and Cheshire Examples."	J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.
Nov. 1.	"The Early History of the Church of Strathclyde, and the Apostle of Lancashire, S. Kentigern."	Rev. A. E. P. Gray, F.S.A.
" 15.	"An Attempt to Classify and Date the various Shapes found in Heraldic Shields, principally in England."	George Grazebrook, F.S.A.
" 29.	"Recent 'Finds' upon the Meols (Cheshire) Shore."	Charles Potter.
Dec. 13.	"Notes on some of the Antiquities of Garston, and an attempt to recover the Plans and History of the early Church of S. Michael from its recently discovered remains."	E. W. Cox.

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Summary of Accounts of Receipts and Payments for the year 1888.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1887.....	75	18	8	Sessional Expenses—			
„ Subscriptions received	128	12	6	Fire Insurance	£0	16	0
Viz.—For 1888.....	£75	1	6	T. Brakell—Printing, &c.	22	0	0
Arrears	48	6	0	E. Doling—Teas, &c.	6	13	4
In advance.....	5	5	0	Rent	10	10	0
„ Life Compositions	42	0	0	Secretary's Expenses	4	5	0
„ Sale of Society's Transactions	34	1	0	Treasurer's Expenses	1	9	0
				Vol. 86, Printing, &c.....	45	14	1
				Vol. 87, ditto	70	1	0
				Engravings	2	3	0
				Engraving Society's Badge	3	15	6
				Balance carried forward	85	18	7
	£280	12	2		£280	12	2

Audited and found correct,
 J. PAUL RYLANDS.

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 Honorary Treasurer.