

PROCEEDINGS.
FOURTEENTH SESSION, 1861-62.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Free Public Library, 18th October, 1861.

JOSEPH MAYER, F.S.A., &c., VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The SECRETARY read the following

REPORT.

The events of the past Session enable the Council, in retiring, to congratulate the members on the future prospects as well as the actual position of the Society. The papers contributed, most of which will shortly appear in the annual volume, were of equal interest with those of preceding years; and the removal of the Society's place of meeting, through the liberality of the Town Council, to an apartment in the Free Public Library, will effect a reduction in the annual expenses of about twenty pounds.

Twelve volumes of Transactions having already been issued, the Council decided to begin a new series with the volume now in the press, introducing such alterations with respect to type, &c., as appeared desirable. It will therefore be published as the first of a new series; those of the former being purchasable by members at reduced prices, which will be announced in the forthcoming volume.

As some diminution in the cost of producing the annual volumes may be expected in future, and the saving of rent-charge, already adverted to, may be regarded as permanent, the Council think this a favourable occasion on which to recommend the Society to alter Section V of the Laws, by omitting the words "who shall have an address "within the borough, or;" and to alter Section VII, by omitting the words "one guinea," and substituting the words "half-a-guinea." The first alteration will have the effect of entitling all members, residing beyond seven miles from the Exchange, to be enrolled as non-resident; by the second, the entrance-fee will be reduced to one-half its present amount. The Council believe that the Society will sustain no loss by these changes.

The usual intercourse with kindred Societies has been maintained, and the collection in the library extended accordingly; but the Council

have to repeat the expression of regret, made by their preecessors last year, at the decrease in the number of contributions to the museum. The library, at 57, Ranelagh Street, will be open every evening of meeting, from five till a quarter to seven, as heretofore.

The Excursion this year was made to Beeston Castle, Peckforton Castle and Bunbury Church; and a miscellaneous meeting was held in Mr. Mayer's Museum of Antiquities. A brief notice of both will be found in the appendix to the new volume.

Agreeably to the laws, the Council submit the names of seven gentlemen for election in place of those who retire from their respective offices.

It was moved by J. E. HODGKIN, Esq., seconded by E. F. EVANS, Esq., and resolved unanimously :—

That the Report now read be adopted, and printed and circulated with the Proceedings of the Society.

It was moved by THOS. REAY, Esq., seconded by DAVID BUXTON, F.R.S.L., and resolved unanimously :—

That the thanks of the Society be given to the Officers and and Sectional Members of the Council for their services during the past Session.

It was moved by P. R. McQUIE, Esq., seconded by A. CRAIG GIBSON, F.S.A., and resolved unanimously :—

That the thanks of the Society be given to Joseph Mayer, Esq., Vice-President, for the Illustrations for the annual volume presented by him; and for his reception of the members and their friends at his Museum of British and Foreign Antiquities on the 9th of May last.

It was moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by the Rev. A. HUME, D.C.L., Honorary Secretary, and resolved unanimously :—

That the thanks of this Society be given to the Town Council and their Library and Museum Committee, for their liberality and kindness in giving the Society a place of meeting in the Liverpool Free Public Library.

A ballot having been taken for the Officers and Sectional Members of Council, the result was announced from the chair. (See p. v.)

It was moved by P. R. McQUIE, Esq., seconded by THOMAS SANSOM, F.B.S.E., and resolved unanimously :—

That, for the purpose of receiving the Treasurer's Statement of Account, postponed in consequence of the printing of the Annual Volume not being yet completed, this meeting do now adjourn to the 7th of November next, at Seven p.m.

At the adjourned Annual General Meeting held in the Free Public Library on the 7th November, 1861, the volume being still incomplete, a further adjournment took place to the 21st, when the following Statement of Accounts for the year ending 18th October, 1861, was submitted by the Treasurer.