

PROCEEDINGS,
EIGHTEENTH SESSION, 1865-66.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

*Free Public Library, Liverpool, 18th October, 1865,*

REV. A. HUME, D.C.L., V.P., IN THE CHAIR.

The SECRETARY read the following

REPORT.

Owing to exceptional circumstances, the labours of the Society during the past Session have occupied a longer period than usual, but the business transacted has been of the average character. Eighteen meetings were held, between November 1864 and July 1865, at which twenty Papers were read; seventeen of these will be printed among the Transactions in the forthcoming volume; a condensed report of two others will be found in the Proceedings, and, for special reasons, the remaining Paper will be printed in the Transactions for the approaching Session.

Volume V, New Series, is in course of printing. As there is no reason to anticipate unusual delay in the work, it is expected to be ready for delivery before the close of the current year; and steps have already been taken with regard to the ensuing volume which will probably enable the new Council to issue it within the next sessional year.

The Library continues to increase, principally by means of exchange with other Societies; but the accessions to the Museum during the past year have been few and inconsiderable. The routine business has been transacted as usual, the only extra expense incurred being for the services of a special reporter. Numerically the Society remains at about the same strength as for some time past.

On three special occasions the members have enjoyed the pleasure of social as well as intellectual intercourse with their friends. In the first instance, by invitation of Mr. Mayer, a large gathering was held in April last at his Museum of British and Foreign Antiquities; a similar meeting, in the large lecture-room of the Free Public Library, was held in July, on which occasion a service of plate, accompanied with an illuminated address, was presented as a testimonial to the Rev. Dr.

Hume on his retirement from the office of Honorary Secretary; and the Annual Excursion, made this year to Hawarden Castle, also in July, was numerously attended.

Agreeably to the Laws, the Council submit the names of gentlemen to fill the offices of a Vice-President and of Sectional Members of the new Council.

COMPARATIVE ACCOUNT OF THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF  
THE SOCIETY.

|                                    | Life. | Resident. | Non-Resident. | Lady Assoc'tes. | Total. | Honorary Members. | Gross Total. |
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| Session XVI .....                  | 54    | 182       | 148           | 2               | 386    | 23                | 409          |
| „ XVII — Died<br>or Resigned ..... | 6     | 16        | 6             | ..              | 28     | ..                | 28           |
|                                    | 48    | 166       | 142           | 2               | 358    | 23                | 381          |
| New Members .....                  | 0     | 14        | 3             | ..              | 17     | ..                | 17           |
| Totals .....                       | 48    | 180       | 145           | 2               | 375    | 23                | 398          |

It was moved by WILLIAM BURKE Esq., seconded by THOMAS SANSON Esq., F.B.S.E., and resolved unanimously:—

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

It was moved by WILLIAM H. GRIMMER Esq., seconded by THOMAS BRAKELI Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

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

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

That the thanks of the Society be given to Joseph Mayer Esq., for his reception of the members and their friends at his Museum of British and Foreign Antiquities on the 6th of April; and to Sir Stephen R. Glynne, Bart., for his kindness in throwing open the grounds and ancient Castle of Hawarden on the summer excursion of the members and their friends on the 28th of July last.

A ballot having been taken for the Officers and Sectional Members of the Council, the result was announced from the Chair. (See page iv.)

Thanks were voted by acclamation to the Chairman for his services during the evening, and the proceedings terminated.