

PROCEEDINGS.

NINETEENTH SESSION, 1866-67.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Free Public Library, 18th October, 1866.

THOMAS DAWSON Esq., M.R.C.S., IN THE CHAIR.

The SECRETARY read the following

REPORT.

IN retiring from their offices, the Council have to report that during the past Session nineteen ordinary meetings were held, at which twenty-two papers were read. Two of the meetings were of a miscellaneous character, one having been held, by special invitation of the proprietor, at Mr. Mayer's Museum, when the members and their friends shewed, by a numerous attendance, their appreciation of that gentleman's kindness.

The present numerical strength of the Society is shewn by the following Table, viz. :—

| | Life. | Resident. | Non-Resident. | Lady Assoc'ees. | Total. | Honorary Members. | Gross Total. |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------------|
| Session XVII | 48 | 180 | 145 | 2 | 375 | 23 | 398 |
| " XVIII—Died } or Resigned | .. | 19 | 5 | .. | 24 | .. | 24 |
| | 48 | 161 | 140 | 2 | 351 | 23 | 374 |
| New Members | 2 | 9 | 1 | .. | 12 | .. | 12 |
| Totals | 50 | 170 | 141 | 2 | 363 | 23 | 386 |

The Council regret to state that the diminution shewn above appears to be only a continuation of the same tendency during the past two or three years; and they think it desirable to call attention to the fact, in the hope that the members generally will be induced to take measures, each within his own sphere, for remedying this evil.

In regard to intercourse with other Societies, by the interchange of publications and the consequent increase in the collection of books &c., the Council are able to report satisfactorily; but the want of accommodation, referred to in last year's Report, continues; and they have to remit to the succeeding Council the completion of more effectual arrangements on this point, which for some time past have been under consideration.

To add to the efficiency of the three Sectional Committees, a member of each has been appointed its Chairman; and, in the hope of ensuring the more regular publication of the Annual Volumes, the same gentlemen have been placed on the Printing Committee; by these means the Council expect that, as each Chairman has accepted the responsibility of seeing that the business of his section does not fall into arrear, a fuller supply of papers and objects of interest for exhibition may be secured, and the printed record of the Society's Transactions will be in the hands of members at an earlier period than heretofore.

Agreeably to the Laws, the names of a Vice-President and six members of Council, who are believed to be willing to serve if elected, are submitted in the Balloting Lists.

It was moved by E. F. EVANS Esq., seconded by J. A. FORREST 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 W. HENRY GRIMMER Esq., seconded by THOMAS BRAKELL 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 year.

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

At a Special General Meeting of the Society, held at the Royal Institution, Liverpool, on the 1st July, 1867, HENRY DAWSON Esq. in the Chair, the following Statement of Accounts for the year ending 18th October, 1866, was read:—

THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE in Account with

Dr.

WILLIAM BURKE, Treasurer.

Cr.

| L. THE VOLUMES:— | | £ s. d. | By Balance from last Account, Ses- sion XVII..... | | £ s. d. |
|--|------------------|---------|--|----------|------------------|
| Printing and Binding Vol. VI, N.S. | 99 15 0 | | „ Receipts in Session XVIII, viz:— | | 13 12 5 |
| Illustrations to ditto | 22 14 0 | | Arrears | 36 4 6 | |
| Delivery of ditto | 6 0 0 | | Entrance Fees Session XVIII.. | 4 4 0 | |
| Balance delivery Vol. V, N.S. | 0 5 2 | | Annual Subscriptions, ditto | 169 11 6 | |
| | <u>128 14 2</u> | | Ditto in advance, Session XIX.. | 3 3 0 | |
| II. SESSIONAL EXPENSES:— | | | Compositions for Life Member- ship | 5 5 0 | |
| Printing and delivering | | | Balance of Special Account | 11 8 0 | |
| Circulars &c. | 18 3 6 | | Books and book covers sold | 3 19 6 | |
| Stationery | 0 7 6 | | Diploma | 0 1 0 | |
| Insurance..... | 1 8 0 | | | | |
| Postages | 6 11 3 | | | | |
| Refreshments at Meetings | 10 1 0 | | | | |
| Advertisements, Messages, Parcels & Miscellaneous | 6 11 0 | | | | |
| Commission to Collector.. | 5 3 11 | | | | |
| Assistant Secretary | 50 0 0 | | | | |
| | <u>98 6 2</u> | | | | |
| III. PERMANENT INVESTMENTS:— | | | | | |
| Gore's Directory | 0 9 6 | | | | |
| Binding Books for Library | 6 15 0 | | | | |
| Repairs &c. to cases for objects in Museum | 1 16 2 | | | | |
| | <u>9 0 8</u> | | | | |
| IV. SPECIAL EXPENSES:— | | | | | |
| Reports of Meetings, Session XVII | 8 8 0 | | | | |
| Balance carried down | 1 19 11 | | | | |
| | <u>£246 8 11</u> | | | | <u>£246 8 11</u> |

By Balance brought down £1 19 11

Liverpool, 26th June, 1867.

E. & O. E.

Examined and found correct,

(Signed) WILLIAM BURKE, Treasurer.

(Signed) PETER R. M'QUIE, Auditor.

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

That the Treasurer's Statement of Account for Session XVIII—1865-66—now read, be passed, and printed and circulated with the Proceedings of the Society.