

PROCEEDINGS,

TWENTIETH SESSION, 1867-68.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

*Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, 18th October, 1867.*

PETER R. M'QUIE, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

The SECRETARY read the following

### REPORT.

DURING the last year, eighteen ordinary Meetings have been held, three of which have been of a miscellaneous character, when the friends of Members, including ladies, were present. The plan of conducting the business of the Society by Committees of the various Sections having been found inconvenient, it has been thought desirable, while preserving intact the objects for which the Society was established, to make such changes in its constitution as it is hoped will tend to its more successful working. Early in the Session, the Council appointed a Committee to consider whether it would be desirable to alter the laws, with a view to the abolition of the Sectional divisions; also, whether the Meetings should be held fortnightly instead of thrice a month; and further, whether the Society's place of meeting could be changed with advantage. This Committee, after due consideration, recommended that the existing laws be repealed, and a new code adopted in their stead, which should effect the following changes in the constitution of the Society, viz. :—

- 1.—Abolition of the Sectional Divisions.
- 2.—Re-arrangement of Meetings.
- 3.—Reduction of the number of the Members of the Council.
- 4.—Provision for the appointment of Associates.
- 5.—Provision for the appointment of Local Secretaries.

It was also recommended that the Society's place of meeting should be changed from the Free Library to the Royal Institution, Colquitt Street.

The proposed changes were submitted to the Members for approval at a Special General Meeting, held July 1st, 1867, when they were unanimously adopted. In accordance with this resolution, the new code of Laws has been printed, and will be included in the current volume of the Proceedings. The Library and other property of the Society has been removed to the Royal Institution, where the future Meetings of the Society will be held.

During the year, the Society has lost the valuable services of Mr. Genn, as Assistant Secretary. He had been the stipendiary Secretary of the Society for about ten years, and by his zeal and ability contributed in no small degree to its success. Mr. Genn's services were acknowledged by a special resolution of the Council, recording their sense of the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office, and recommending his election as a Life Member, without payment of fees, which proposal has been adopted. Mr. Chas. Dyall succeeds Mr. Genn as Assistant Secretary. Changes have also taken place in the Honorary Officers of the Society. Mr. Waterhouse has resigned his position as Honorary Secretary, and Mr. David Buxton, at the request of the Council, has undertaken the duties of that office, Mr. Waterhouse succeeding him as Honorary Librarian. A further change will have to be made at the present Meeting. Mr. Burke, after seven years of assiduous attention to the interests of the Society in the office of Treasurer, feels bound by the state of his health to discontinue his services, though his colleagues hope to enjoy the benefit of his experience and advice as a Member of the Council.

The Balance Sheet exhibits a satisfactory result, and the Annual Volume is now ready for distribution among the Members.

The Society may be congratulated upon the fact that, during the past year, the noble collection of objects of antiquity which belonged to Mr. Joseph Mayer, President of this Society, has become, by his free gift, the property of the public. In a community like this, it could hardly fail that so much disinterestedness and public spirit should meet with suitable acknowledgment. Many such acknowledgments, in which the Members of the Historic Society have taken their part, have already been made; but the Council think that special allusion by them in the Report of the Society is peculiarly appropriate and due, on account of the character of the collection itself, as illustrating their own pursuits and purposes, and because of the intimate connection of the donor with this Society, as one of its founders, and from the first one of its chief officers, and now its President. This sentiment, they feel assured, will be heartily approved by the Society.

It was moved by Mr. HENRY DAWSON, seconded by Mr. SANSOM, and resolved unanimously:—

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

On the motion of Mr. BRAKELL, seconded by Mr. GREENWOOD, it was resolved:—

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

Mr. BURKE, Treasurer, read the following Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 18th October, 1867:—

THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE in Account with

| Dr.                                                                                    | WILLIAM BURKE, Treasurer. | Cr.                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>I. THE VOLUMES:—</b>                                                                |                           |                                                        |
| Balce. delivery Vol. VI, N.S.                                                          | 0 3 2                     |                                                        |
| Delivery, Vol. VII., N.S. . . . .                                                      | 5 0 0                     |                                                        |
| Printing and Binding ditto                                                             | 74 6 7                    |                                                        |
| Illustrating ditto . . . . .                                                           | 12 9 0                    |                                                        |
|                                                                                        | 91 18 9                   |                                                        |
| <b>II. SESSIONAL EXPENSES:—</b>                                                        |                           |                                                        |
| Printing and delivering                                                                |                           |                                                        |
| Circulars &c. . . . .                                                                  | 15 13 6                   |                                                        |
| Stationery . . . . .                                                                   | 1 12 0                    |                                                        |
| Postage Stamps . . . . .                                                               | 5 12 1                    |                                                        |
| Refreshments at Meetings                                                               | 11 2 0                    |                                                        |
| Advertisements, Messages,<br>Parcels & Miscellaneous                                   | 5 4 11                    |                                                        |
| Insurance of Stock . . . . .                                                           | 1 8 0                     |                                                        |
| Commission to Collector. . . . .                                                       | 4 9 3                     |                                                        |
| Assistant Secretaries . . . . .                                                        | 37 10 0                   |                                                        |
|                                                                                        | 82 11 9                   |                                                        |
| <b>III. PERMANENT CHARGES:—</b>                                                        |                           |                                                        |
| Repairing and fitting cases<br>in Museum . . . . .                                     | 8 10 2                    |                                                        |
|                                                                                        | 8 10 2                    |                                                        |
| <b>IV. SPECIAL EXPENSES:—</b>                                                          |                           |                                                        |
| Removal of Books and Fur-<br>niture from Free Library<br>to Royal Institution. . . . . | 1 1 0                     |                                                        |
|                                                                                        | 1 1 0                     |                                                        |
| Balance carried down . . . . .                                                         | 56 14 8                   |                                                        |
|                                                                                        | £240 16 4                 |                                                        |
|                                                                                        |                           | Oct. 18, 1867.                                         |
|                                                                                        |                           | By Balance from Session XVIII, £ s. d.                 |
|                                                                                        |                           | 1865-66 . . . . . 1 19 11                              |
|                                                                                        |                           | „ Receipts in Session XIX, viz.:—                      |
|                                                                                        |                           | Arrears . . . . . 34 2 6                               |
|                                                                                        |                           | Entrance Fees . . . . . 3 3 0                          |
|                                                                                        |                           | Annual Subscriptions, Ses. XIX 155 18 6                |
|                                                                                        |                           | Ditto in advance, Session XX. . 1 1 0                  |
|                                                                                        |                           | Compositions for Life Member-<br>ship . . . . . 21 0 0 |
|                                                                                        |                           | Balance of Special Account .. 18 6 3                   |
|                                                                                        |                           | Books and book covers sold .. 5 5 2                    |
|                                                                                        |                           | £240 16 4                                              |
|                                                                                        |                           | By Balance brought down . . . . . £56 14 8             |

Liverpool, 18th October, 1867.

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Examined,

(Signed) WILLIAM BURKE, Treasurer.

(Signed) PETER R. M'QUIE, }  
E. F. EVANS, } Auditors.

It was moved by Mr. SANSOM, seconded by Mr. EVANS, and resolved unanimously:—

That the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for Session XIX, 1866-67, now read, be passed, and printed and circulated with the Proceedings, and that the best thanks of the Society be given to Mr. William Burke for his valuable services as Treasurer during the last seven years.

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