

PROCEEDINGS,
TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, 1869-70.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, October 18th, 1869.

JOSEPH MAYER, F.S.A., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the Annual Excursion having been read and signed, the SECRETARY read the following

REPORT.

The Council beg to report that the Society, during the past Session, has steadily continued to carry out the objects for which it was instituted, and during that period Papers of great interest have been read, most of which will appear in the forthcoming volume of Transactions.

The characteristic feature of this Society is known to most but not all of its members: it is, that by one of its fundamental Laws, a Volume, of greater or less extent, must be placed in the hands of each member annually, giving an account of the Society's labours and condition. The consciousness, therefore, that the best papers will be placed in their hands in a printed form, makes the personal attendance of the members less necessary; but the Council incline to think that it is still desirable that much additional light should be thrown upon objects exhibited, and more lively interest be given to the discussions by a larger attendance at the meetings of the Society.

The Council have revised the list of Members, and struck out the names of those who have allowed their Subscriptions to fall into arrear; if, therefore, the list of Members happens to be smaller than usual, it must be remembered that it shews the real strength of the Society, without the encumbrance of the names of those who have ceased to feel an interest in its operations.

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet for Session XX will be laid before the Society this evening, and it is satisfactory to know that a fair balance remains in hand after defraying all charges.

Mr. Joseph Mayer, who has so ably filled the office of President for the past three years, has intimated his desire to retire, and has expressed a hope that the Rev. Dr. Hume might be elected in his place. The Council would willingly retain Mr. Mayer in his present office if he would permit it; and feel sure that they are only expressing the general feeling in acknowledging the Society's indebtedness to him during his term of office, and for the zeal and interest he has always manifested in its welfare.

In concurring with Mr. Mayer's suggestion as to the election of his successor, the Council would observe that the Rev. Dr. Hume was also one of the founders of the Society, that for sixteen years he was its Honorary Secretary, and scarcely a Session has passed without his contributing one or more papers, most of which have been published in the Transactions.

The Council regard with much satisfaction the approaching visit of the British Association to Liverpool, and take this opportunity of thanking Dr. Hume for his advocacy of the claims of this town at the Exeter meeting, which contributed in no small degree to this locality being chosen.

It will be the duty of the New Council to make arrangements for a fitting recognition of the distinguished Society which will shortly honour us by its presence; and remembering the action taken by their predecessors in former years, the retiring Council look forward with a firm conviction that the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire will not fail in shewing that warmth of hospitality which will convince our visitors of the earnest sympathy which we, as a Society having kindred objects, have with their important and distinguished body.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

The passing of the Treasurer's Accounts was postponed till the next Meeting, the Auditors not having had time to complete their examination.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Mayer for his services as President during the year.

The election of Officers and new Members of the Council was then proceeded with, and the result, as shown on page iv, announced from the chair.

November 4th, 1869.

Rev. Dr. HUME, President, in the Chair.

The following objects were exhibited:—

A fossilized footmark of the infant Labyrinthodon, found some time since in Mr. Brocklebank's great quarry, Upper Bebington.

By the President, in illustration of his paper.

The report of the International Congress of Prehistoric Archaeology, and a work on *Flints*, by A. P. Madsen of Copenhagen.

The President delivered his INAUGURAL ADDRESS.*

On the motion of Mr. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Benas, it was resolved that the Address be printed and circulated amongst the Members.

* Transactions, page 1.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

- Ante-Nicene Christian Library—comprising the writings of Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, Methodius, Alexander of Lycopolis, Peter of Alexandria, Cyprian, Novatian, Miuncius, Felix, &c. ; presented by R. A. Macfie, Esq., M.P.
- Archæologia ; or Miscellaneous Tracts relating to Antiquity. Vol. xlii, 1869.
- Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland. Proceedings, including the Winchester, Norwich, York, Lincoln, and Oxford volumes.
- Architectural Societies of Lincoln, York, Sheffield, Northampton, Bedford, Worcester, and Leicester. Reports and papers.
- Architectural and Archæological Society of Liverpool. Proceedings. Dec., 1869.
- Birkenhead Free Public Library. Thirteenth Annual Report.
- Birmingham Free Reference Library. Catalogue.
- Boston Natural History Society. Memoirs, vol. i, part 4 ; Occasional Papers, vol. iv ; and Proceedings, vol. xii (signatures.)
- Boston Smithsonian Institute. Report for 1867.
- Buckinghamshire, Records and Notes the Antiquities of.
- Bulletins de la Societè des Antiquaires de l'Ouest. 1869.
- Cambridge Philosophical Society. Vol. xi, parts 2, 3, and 4.
- Christiania, University of. Transactions and papers, including a republication, in the Danish language, of an Ancient History of Thomas a'Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Church Congress held at Liverpool, October, 1869. Report ; from the Editor, the Rev. Dr. Hume.
- Curiosities Numismatiques. Extrait de la Revue de la Numismatique Belge : from C. Roach Smith, Esq.
- Cornwall Polytechnic Society. Proceedings.
- Geological Society. Proceedings.
- Geological Society of Ireland. Proceedings.
- Geological and Polytechnic Society of the West Riding of Yorkshire. Proceedings, 1869.
- Historical and Archæological Society of Genoa. Memoirs and Transactions.
- Ireland, Journal of the Archæological Association of. Nos. 4, 5, and 6, vol. 1.
- Geological Society of. Quarterly Journal and List. November, 1869.
- Lady's and Gentleman's Diary, and Poetical and Mathematical Almanac ; from T. T. Wilkinson, F.R.A.S.
- L'Eglise de Germigny et Celle de Beaulieu, sous Loch ; from C. Roach Smith, Esq.
- Liverpool Institute. Forty-fifth Annual Report.
- Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society. Vols. iii, iv, v, and vi.
- National Association for the Promotion of Social Science (Bristol meeting.) Proceedings, 1869.

- Northumberland and Durham Natural History Society. Transactions.
- Records of the Priory of the Isle of May.
- Roman Coins found on Salisbury Plain, an account of; from C. Roach Smith, Esq.
- Royal Asiatic Society. Proceedings, vol. iv, part 2.
- Royal Dublin Society. Proceedings.
- Royal Institution of Cornwall. Proceedings.
- Royal Kilkenny and South-east of Ireland Archæological Society. Proceedings.
- Royal Society of Edinburgh. Proceedings, 1868-69.
- Royal Society of Edinburgh. Transactions, vol. xxv.
- Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen. Proceedings and papers.
- Royal Society. Proceedings, part 117, vol. xviii.
- Royal Society. Proceedings, parts 111-114, 115, vol. xviii.
- Royal Society. Proceedings.
- Scientific Opinion. No. 64, vol. iii.
- Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Vol. vii, part 1.
- Society of Arts. Journal.
- Society of Arts. Journal, Nos. 891, 892, 893, 895, 896, 897, 898, 900, 903, 906, 908.
- Society of Antiquaries, London. Proceedings, vol. iv.
- Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Proceedings, vol. viii, part 1.
- Societè Royal des Antiquaries du Nord. Memoires.
- Statistical Society. Journal, 1869.
- Statistical Society. Proceedings.
- Statistical Society of London. Journal, part 4. December, 1869.
- Suffolk Institute. Proceedings.