

PROCEEDINGS.

TENTH SESSION, 1857-58.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

St. George's Hall, 19th October, 1857.

J. T. DANSON, F.S.S., V.P., in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were regarded as read, and were confirmed.

The Honorary Secretary read the following

REPORT :

In resigning their offices at the close of the Ninth Session, the retiring Council have pleasure in reporting to the members, the uninterrupted progress and healthy condition of the Society. The routine duties are performed with greater ease and facility; the intellectual material is abundant; the numerical strength of the Society has increased; and the mutual intercourse of the members has been promoted.

At the close of the eighth Session, the number of members of all kinds, as shewn by the printed list, was 458; it is now 491. These consist of 47 life-members, 243 resident annual, 167 non-resident annual, 3 lady-associates, 3 ex-officio, and 28 honorary. Some of these retire voluntarily to-day; and a few it may be necessary to bring before the Society, for the operation of Law XII.

The Annual Volume has been later than usual in its issue; but it is now sent out to the members. It should be understood distinctly that it is forwarded to every one whose subscription for the ninth Session is paid, whether he is retiring or not, and that it is withheld from those members only whose payments are in arrear more than one Session.

During the Session, the Catalogue of the Collection was printed off, and the whole is now in perfect order. On every evening of meeting, the Society's Room will be open from Five till within a few minutes of Seven, and members who cannot attend may obtain books by a written application to the Assistant Secretary.

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet shews that the sum of £117 2s. 6d. has been received, and £442 7s. 7d. paid; but some considerable items were of a special and unusual kind. The working expenses do not exceed the estimated average, and there is a sum of £14 5s. 11d. in hand.

The practice has been continued, this Session, of throwing open to a larger number of Visitors, including Ladies, one of the Ordinary Meetings for miscellaneous purposes, and the results were again highly satisfactory.

In the month of November the members and their friends had an opportunity of inspecting together the various collections of Mr. Mayer, by the special invitation of that gentleman, and those who were present will long remember the agreeable and instructive evening which they spent.

In accordance with the directions of the Society, the Council made arrangements for receiving the Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland at Liverpool, during the week of its meeting at Chester. Their visit took place on Saturday the 25th of July, and they were met by the whole Society at a *Conversazione* in the Town Hall. The apartments and lights were granted by His Worship the Mayor, Vice-President *ex officio*.

The laying of the foundation stone of the Free Public Library and Museum, appeared to be a fitting occasion for a learned Society of the district to express its views on the subject. For this purpose the President and members attended at the Town Hall, and

presented an Address to William Brown, Esq. They had the further gratification of seeing that the announcement of their intention had induced other public bodies to follow their example.

The Annual Excursion during the past summer was to the Art Treasures' Exhibition at Manchester. A brief notice of the proceedings on that occasion, and of the other Special General Meetings, will be found in the Appendix to Volume IX.

The Council feel it their duty to put upon record, an expression of the very efficient manner in which Mr. Rundell has discharged the duties of Assistant Secretary. He has however found, that a continued attention to them would interfere with his convenience, and closes his labours this evening. In these circumstances the Council have appointed as his successor Mr. J. H. Genn.

The gentlemen who have been nominated to take the places of those who retire, have all shewn great interest in the business of the Society, and are ready to undertake such duties as you may confide to them.

It was then moved by P. R. M'QUIE, Esq., seconded by W. L. STROUD, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

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

The following Statement of Accounts by the Treasurer having been read,

It was moved by DAVID BUXTON, Esq., seconded by G. MANSFIELD BROWNE, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

That the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts be passed, and printed and circulated with the Proceedings of the Society.

THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, in Account with
THOMAS AVISON, Treasurer.

Dr.						Cr.
	THE VOLUMES:—	£	s.	d.		£ s. d.
	Printing part of vol. viii.	£1	16	0	Balance from last account	39 11 0
	Printing & binding vol. ix.	143	1	0	Receipts, Session ix:—	
	Lithographing,	22	13	6	Arrears	22 1 0
				167 10 6	Entrance fees, Session ix.	49 7 0
	SESSIONAL EXPENSES:—				Annual subscriptions, do.	251 9 0
	Printing circulars, pro-				Do. do. x.	4 14 6
	spectuses, &c.	10	11	6	Do. do. xl.	1 11 6
	Stationery	0	14	5	Life compositions	63 0 0
	Insurance, gas, rent and	18	19	11	Books sold	19 14 6
	taxes				Donation from C. W. Atkinson,	
	Accommodation at meet-	15	15	0	Esq.	5 5 0
	ings					
	Refreshments at meetings,	62	13	6		
	including conversazione	3	6	7		
	at Town Hall	50	0	0		
	Advertising meetings, &c.	20	15	4		
	Assistant Secretary	20	18	9		
	Commission, making up			203 15 0		
	accounts, &c.					
	Postages, parcels, and mis-					
	cellaneous					
	PERMANENT CHARGES:—					
	Printing circulars, &c.	16	5	0		
	Binding books for library.	6	16	10		
	Joiners' work at library	3	18	0		
	Envelopes	5	18	0		
	Umbrella stand	0	6	6		
	Mr. Eyes, for maps, &c.,	5	7	6		
	purchased			38 11 10		
	SPECIAL EXPENSES:			32 10 3		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands			14 5 11		
		£456	13	6		£456 13 6

Examined by

PETER R. M'QUIE, } Auditors.
SAMUEL GATH, }

(E.E.)

Liverpool, 19th October, 1857.

THOMAS AVISON.

It was moved by A. J. MOTT, Esq., seconded by THOMAS DAWSON, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

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

It was moved by P. MACINTYRE, M.D., seconded by JOSEPH BOULT, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

That the thanks of the Society be given to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and to all others who contributed to the illustration of the volume.

It was moved by the Rev. THOMAS MOORE, M.A., seconded by the Rev. A. HUME, D.C.L., and resolved unanimously:—

That the best thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Mayer, for the reception which he gave to the members and their friends at his Museum in November last; also to the Worshipful the Mayor of Liverpool, for his ready assistance in the *Conversazione* of the 25th of July.

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

Thanks were then conveyed by acclamation to the chairman, for his services during the evening, on the motion of Dr. HUME, seconded by WILLIAM BURKE, Esq.

5th November, 1857. ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION.

J. T. DANSON, F.S.S., V.P., in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

- From the Society. Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, vol. ii, part i, 4to.
- From the Society. Bulletin de la Société Archéologique de l'Orléanais, No. 25.
- From the Society. Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny and South East of Ireland Archæological Society, (N.S.) vol. i, No. 8.
- From the Institute. The Archæological Journal, No. 53, March, 1857.
- From the Author. Collectanea Antiqua, by Charles Roach Smith, F.S.A., vol. v, part i.
- From the Author. "The Irish, who are they?" by B. Donbavand.
- From the Author. Two Lectures on the Lancashire Dialect, by the Rev. W. Gaskell, M.A.
- From the Author. Two Essays on Spinning and Weaving, with Incidental Notices of Allied Subjects; illustrative specimens; and a Poem, by the Rev. A. Hume, D.C.L.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

- By the Rev. Dr. Hume. (1) A triturating stone, used before hand-mills were employed, and still in use in Central America and South Africa. (2) The lower stone, or "ass" of a quern. (3) The upper stone, or "rider" of another. (4) A coloured lithograph, shewing two Highland women at work at the quern. Dr. Hume mentioned that these stones had been presented to him by Mr. Welsh of Dromore, in the north of Ireland, a gentleman who possesses a large collection of primitive stone implements.

The following Paper was then read:—

OUR MOTHER TONGUE IN OUR FATHER LAND,* by David Buxton, M.R.S.L.

* Transactions, p. 37.