

PROCEEDINGS.
THIRTEENTH SESSION, 1860-61.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

57, Ranelagh Street, 15th October, 1860.

LIEUT.-GENERAL THE HONORABLE SIR EDWARD CUST, D.C.L. &c.,
PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The SECRETARY read the following

REPORT.

At the termination of the Twelfth Session the retiring Council have to report the continued success of the Society's labours in the varied departments of enquiry to which they are devoted, as the Annual Volume, now ready for distribution, will, they feel assured, satisfactorily prove.

During the Session, the Council, in continuation of the course adopted in the preceding year, recommended for removal from the roll of members the names of certain gentlemen whose subscriptions were in arrear; and, their suggestion having been acted on, the list may now be regarded as shewing, very closely, the effective strength of the Society—an important consideration in regulating the expenditure. The large arrears apparent in former Sessions have thus been in a great measure swept away, and the Council hope the collection of those outstanding, which are comparatively inconsiderable, will be accomplished with little difficulty.

Intercourse with kindred Societies has been increased, and the additions to the Library continue to be as numerous and valuable as heretofore. The Museum, however, has received but few contributions; a circumstance to which the Council advert with the hope of inducing members interested in Archæological subjects to contribute more liberally to the extension of the collection. The Society's room, at 57, Ranelagh Street, will be open every evening of meeting, from Five till a little before Seven, and members who cannot attend may obtain books by a written application to the Assistant Secretary.

The Annual Excursion was this year made to Shrewsbury and Wroxeter; and the usual Miscellaneous Meeting of the Society was held, by invitation of the proprietor, Joseph Mayer, Esq., Vice-President, at his Museum of Antiquities. A brief account of the proceedings on each of these occasions will be found in the Appendix to volume xii.

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet shews the receipts for the year to have been £303 19s. 4d., which sum, with the balance of £14 16s. 7d. from last year, shews a gross total of £318 15s. 11d. The entire payments are £306 1s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand amounting to £12 14s. 6d. There have been no considerable extra charges, and the accounts will shew that the expenditure has been governed by the actual resources.

The Council regret to state that, in consequence of his inability to attend the meetings, the Treasurer, Thomas Avison, Esq., has decided to resign his office, which has been held by him from the time the Society was founded. In these circumstances the Council have nominated, as Mr. Avison's successor, William Burke, Esq.

Agreeably to the Laws, the names of six gentlemen are submitted for appointment to the various Sections, in the place of those who retire from the Council.

It was moved by the Rev. THOMAS MOORE, A.M., seconded by JOHN G. JACOB, 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 having been read,

It was moved by PETER R. McQUIE, Esq., seconded by J. R. HUGHES, 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*

Dr.	THOMAS AVISON, Treasurer.		Cr.
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
THE VOLUMES:—			
Lithographing & printing for vol. ix.....	5	5 6	
Balance of printing for vol. xi.....	3	1 10	
Delivery of ditto.....	5	14 3	
Printing and binding vol. xii.....	119	19 4	
Lithographing for ditto ..	12	2 6	
	146	3 5	
SESSIONAL EXPENSES:—			
Printing Circulars, &c....	9	11 0	
Stationery.....	3	14 4	
Postage Stamps.....	8	4 7	
Insurance, £1; Rent, £34	25	0 0	
Rent, St. George's Hall ..	18	18 0	
Assistant Secretary.....	37	10 0	
Commission, making up lists, accounts &c.....	15	11 3	
Advertisements, delivery of circulars, messages, parcels &c.....	17	17 9	
Refreshments at meetings	13	6 6	
	149	13 5	
PERMANENT CHARGES:—			
Binding books for Library	2	12 7	
Illustrations of Roman London.....	2	2 0	
	4	14 7	
SPECIAL EXPENSES:—			
Framing Address to Wm. Brown, Esq., in 1857.....	5	10 0	
BALANCE in Treasurer's hands.....	12	14 6	
	£318	15 11	
			£ s. d.
By Balance from Session xi.....	14	16 7	
By Receipts in Session xii, viz.:			
Arrears.....	17	7 6	
Entrance Fees, Session xii.....	12	12 0	
Annual Subscriptions, ditto.....	252	10 6	
Ditto Session xiii.....	2	12 6	
Life Compositions.....	10	10 0	
Books sold.....	8	0 10	
Covers for volumes.....	0	6 0	
	£318	15 11	
Balance down.....	£12	14 6	

Examined by
 PETER R. McQUIE, } AUDITORS.
 SAM. GATH, }

(E. & O. E.)
 Liverpool, 13th October, 1860.
 THOMAS AVISON.