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1.—That the Society shall be called the RECORD SOCIETY, and shall have for its object the transcribing and publishing of Original Documents relating to the Counties of Lancaster and Chester.

2.—That the affairs of the Society shall be governed by a Council consisting of a President and twelve Members, the former of whom shall be *annually* elected by the Council.

3.—That three Members of the Council shall form a quorum.

4.—That the subscription of Members of the Society shall be £1 1s. per annum, which shall entitle them to the publications for the year; but any Member whose subscription shall be two years in arrear shall thereupon be removed from the Society, and shall not be re-admitted until all arrears have been paid. The number of Members is limited to 350.

5.—That the subscriptions shall be due in advance on the 30th of June in each year, and that no work shall be issued to any Member whose subscription is in arrear.

6.—That an Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of October, of which due notice shall be sent to all the Members. At this meeting a Report of the work of the Society, with a Statement of the Income and Expenditure, shall be presented. These shall be annually published, together with a List of Members and the Rules of the Society.

7.—That so long as the funds of the Society permit, two volumes at least shall be issued to the Members in each year.

8.—That no copies of the publications of the Society shall be sold to non-members, except at an increased price to be fixed by the Council.

9.—That no payment shall be made to any person for editing any work for the Society, but that the Editor of each volume shall be entitled to twenty copies of the work so edited by him.

10.—That the Treasurer's Accounts shall be audited by two Members of the Society, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

11.—No alteration shall be made in any of the above Rules except at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any proposed alterations must be sent to the Hon. Secretary a month before such General Meeting.

12.—That a Meeting of the Council of the Society shall be called by the Hon. Secretary at least once in every three months.

The Annual Subscription of £1 1s., entitling the Members to all the Volumes issued for that year, may be paid to the Hon. Treasurer, or to the credit of the Society at their Bankers, the Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Company, Limited, at any of their branches.

Report for the Year 1901-1902.

*Read at the Annual Meeting held in the Audit Room of the
Chetham Hospital, Manchester, October 31st, 1902.*

SINCE the last Annual Meeting, held on the 1st November, 1901, three volumes have been issued to the Members. These are volumes 43, 44, and 45. Volume 43 is a fourth volume of Miscellanies, and includes, (1) A list of the Freeholders in Cheshire, 1578; (2) The Ordination Register of the Diocese of Chester, 1542-1558, and (3) A List of Wills, etc., now preserved at the Diocesan Registry, Chester, 1621-1700. It has been edited by the Hon. Secretary, and makes the second volume issued to Members for the year 1900-1901. Volumes 44 and 45 are the Indexes to the Wills at the Probate Registry at Chester for the periods 1781-1790, and 1791-1800, and have also been edited by the Hon. Secretary. The Council consider it a matter for congratulation that these Indexes are now printed down to the latest date to which it is permitted to do so, and they believe that this Society is the only Society which so far has succeeded in accomplishing such a work.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at a Council Meeting held in last November, a circular was issued to the Members during the past year asking for an expression of opinion as to the class of documents it was considered desirable to print. The response to the circular was very satisfactory, showing that a wide interest is taken by the Members in the work of the Society. By far the largest number of votes were given in favour of printing the final years of the Indexes to Wills at the Probate Registry, and, as will be seen from the foregoing, this wish has been since complied with. Next in order of choice came the Marriage Licenses at Chester, but the Council regret to state that so far they have not been able to arrange for their publication, though they hope before long to overcome the difficulties in the way. Among other documents which evidently interested a large

circle of readers were the Inquisitions Post Mortem, and the Chartulary of St. Werburgh's Abbey, and, as will be seen below, the Council have made arrangements in accordance with this expression of opinion.

For the current year the Council have again to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mr. William Farrer for kindly presenting a transcript of the Lancashire Fines for the reigns of Edward the Second and Edward the Third, and also for undertaking the work of editing. This volume, which is now only awaiting an index, will be issued shortly, and will form a continuation of volume 39 of the Society's publications. The volume of Assize Rolls which Colonel Parker was obliged to lay aside on being ordered to South Africa three years ago, is, the Council are glad to say, once more in progress, and Colonel Parker hopes to have it ready for issue early in the spring.

As to future work, the Council have further to thank Mr. William Farrer for the offer of transcripts of early Lancashire Post Mortem Inquisitions, which he has also kindly promised to edit. The complete transcript of the Chartulary of St. Werburgh's Abbey, which has been made by Mr. A. K. Boyd, is in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, and will be printed at an early date.

The Rolls of Freemen of the City of Chester were promised many years ago as a companion volume to the Preston Guild Rolls (Vol. 9), but unfortunately the original Rolls were mislaid for some years and no progress could be made. During the last year, however, they have been found, and the Council are glad to be able to state that Mr. J. H. E. Bennett, of Chester, has kindly undertaken the work of transcription and they are now nearly ready for the press.

The only Heralds' Visitation for Lancashire or Cheshire still unprinted (with the exception of the one for Cheshire, dated 1666 in the Heralds' College) is the Cheshire Visitation of 1613; it has been arranged to have this transcribed, and Mr. J. Paul Rylands has undertaken the work of editing.

The Council regret to have to report the death, during the year, of Mr. Alfred Patchett, for some time one of the Honorary Auditors of the Society.

A few sets of the Society's proceedings are still on hand. Members can obtain the price of sets or of single volumes by applying to the Honorary Secretary.

The following is a complete list of the Society's publications already printed up to the present time :

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| 1878-79. | { | I. Commonwealth Church Survey.
II. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1545 to 1620. |
| 1879-80. | { | III. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period.
Part I. 1603 to 1613. |
| 1880-81. | { | IV. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1621 to 1650.
V. The Register of Prestbury, co. Chester,
1560 to 1636. |
| 1881-82. | { | VI. Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates. 1600 to 1678 |
| 1882-83. | { | VII. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part I.
VIII. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part II. |
| 1883-84. | { | IX. Preston Guild Rolls, 1397-1682.
X. Index to the Lancashire Wills proved at
Richmond, 1457 to 1680. |
| 1884-85. | { | XI. Exchequer Depositions, 1558 to 1702.
XII. Miscellanies, Lancashire & Cheshire, Vol. I. |
| 1885-86. | { | XIII. Index to the Lancashire Wills proved at
Richmond, 1680 to 1748.
XIV. Annales Cestrienses. |
| 1886-87. | { | XV. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1660-1680.
XVI. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period.
Part II. 1614 to 1622. |
| 1887-88. | { | XVII. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period.
Part III. 1622 to 1625.
XVIII. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1681 to 1700. |
| 1888-89. | { | XIX. Civil War in Cheshire.
XX. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1701 to 1720. |
| 1889-90. | { | XXI. The Register of Leyland, co. Lancaster.
1653 to 1715.
XXII. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1721 to 1740. |
| 1890-91. | { | XXIII. Index to the Lancashire Wills proved at
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Edward I.
XXVIII. Plundered Minister's Accounts, Lancashire
and Cheshire. Part I. 1643-1654.
- 1893-94. { XXIX. The Royalist Composition Papers relating
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- 1894-95. { XXX. A Collection of Lancashire and Cheshire
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XXXI. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire,
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1196 to 1307.
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XLI. Lancashire Court Rolls, 1323-1324.
- 1900-01. { XLII. Manchester Quarter Sessions Records.
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Vol. IV.
- 1901-02. { XLIV. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1781-1790.
XLV. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1791-1800.

☞ The Council must again refer to Rule 5, under which no volume can be delivered to any Member whose Subscription is in arrear.

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 (Signed) WILLIAM E. GREGGSON,
Auditor.

26th July, 1902.

(Signed) J. PAUL RYLANDS,
Hon. Treasurer.