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RULES.

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 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 1900-1901.

*Read at the Council Meeting held in the Audit Room of the
Chetham Hospital, Manchester, November 1st, 1901.*

SINCE the last Annual Meeting, held on the 24th October, 1900, two volumes have been issued to the Members. These are volumes 41 and 42. Volume 41 was "Some Court Rolls of the Lordships, Wapentakes and Demesne Manors of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster, for the years 1828-4." The manuscript was kindly presented to the Society by Mr. Farrer, a member of the Council, who also edited the volume. As Mr. Axon's "Quarter Sessions Records," promised in our last Annual Report as No. 41, was not ready, this volume of Court Rolls was substituted and issued as the second volume for the year 1899-1900.

Volume 42 was the first part of the "Manchester Quarter Sessions Records," and was edited by Mr. Ernest Axon in collaboration with Mr. Charles Sutton. This has been issued as the first volume for the year 1900-1.

The second volume for the same year, at present in the press, is a fourth volume of Miscellanies, a portion of which has been in type for some years. It contains (a) A List of Freeholders for Cheshire, 1578. (b) The Ordination Book of the Diocese of Chester, 1542-1558. (c) Index to recently discovered Wills at the

Bishop's Registry, Chester, 1621-1700. The whole of items (a) and (b) are printed off and more than half of item (c), so that the Council hope to be able to issue this volume very shortly.

As to future work the Council have again to tender their very cordial thanks to Mr. Farrer, who has ungrudgingly placed his splendid store of transcripts at their disposal. Mr. Farrer has not only presented the Society with the transcripts for another volume of Lancashire Fines to follow on volume 89, but has also kindly agreed to edit it. An interesting work, which the Council hope to issue at an early date, is the first portion of the "Court Rolls of the Lordship of Halton," which are being transcribed by Miss Ethel Stokes, who has also kindly undertaken the work of editing.

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. 1608 to 1618. |
| 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. |
| | | VII. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part I. |
| 1882-83 | | VIII. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part II. |
| 1888-84. | { | IX. Preston Guild Rolls, 1897-1682. |
| | | 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. |

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| 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,
1658 to 1715.
XXII. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1721 to 1740. |
| 1890-91. | { | XXIII. Index to the Lancashire Wills proved at
Richmond, 1748 to 1792.
XXIV. The Royalist Composition Papers relating
to Lancashire. Vol. I. A and B. |
| 1891-92. | { | XXV. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1741 to 1760.
XXVI. The Royalist Composition Papers relating
to Lancashire. Vol. II. C to F. |
| 1892-98. | { | XXVII. Lancashire Lay Subsidies, Henry III. to
Edward I.
XXVIII. Plundered Minister's Accounts, Lancashire
and Cheshire. Part I. 1643-1654. |
| 1898-94. | { | XXIX. The Royalist Composition Papers relating
to Lancashire. Vol. III. G and H. |
| 1894-95. | { | XXX. A Collection of Lancashire and Cheshire
Wills.
XXXI. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire,
Vol. II. |
| 1895-96. | { | XXXII. Pleadings and Depositions in the Duchy
Court of Lancaster. Part I.
XXXIII. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire,
Vol. III. |
| 1896-97. | { | XXXIV. Plundered Ministers' Accounts, Lancashire
and Cheshire. Part II. 1654-1660.
XXXV. Pleadings and Depositions in the Duchy
Court of Lancaster. Part II. |
| 1897-98. | { | XXXVI. The Royalist Composition Papers relating
to Lancashire. Vol. IV. I. to O.
XXXVII. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1761 to 1780.
A to M. |

1898-99.	{	XXXVIII. Index to the Wills at Chester, 1761 to 1780. N to Z.
		XXXIX. Lancashire final Concords. Part I. 1196 to 1807.
1899-1900.	{	XL. Pleadings and Depositions in the Duchy Court of Lancaster. Part III.
		XLI. Lancashire Court Rolls, 1828 to 1824.
1900-01.	{	XLII. Manchester Quarter Sessions Records. Part I.
		XLIII. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire. Vol. IV. (<i>in the Press.</i>)

☞ 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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Dr.

Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
Balance (Bank-book) 30th June, 1900	...	208	10 1
Subscriptions paid, July to December, 1900	...	115	10 0
Subscriptions paid, January to June, 1901...	...	78	14 0
Books sold	...	26	14 7
Bank Interest	...	6	2 10

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	£	s.	d.
PRINTING—			
W. Pollard & Co., Vol. 41	...	57	8 6
W. Barton & Co., Reports, Notices, &c...	...	5	18 0
		63	6 6

STAMPS—

Mr. Mason, Rent of Stock-rooms, 26th Dec., 1899, to 25th Dec., 1900	...	8	10 0
" Taking care of Stock, 26th Dec., 1899 to 25th Dec., 1900	...	2	2 0
" Brown Paper, Twines, Carriage, Postages, &c.	...	3	11 11
Alliance Assurance Co., Fire Insurance of Stock	...	0	12 0
Overpaid subscription returned	...	1	1 0
Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, Incidentals	...	20	0 0
Cheque Book	...	0	5 0
Bank Commission	...	0	10 8
Balance (Bank-book) 30th June, 1901	...	825	12 10
		£425	11 6

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(Signed) WILLIAM E. GREGSON, }
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Auditors.

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

10th July, 1901.