

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on January 19, 1883, at the Rooms of the Society.

The following Report of the Council was read :—

The history of our Society, so far, is a short but a prosperous one. Originating at the Conferences which were held a year ago it commenced an organised existence last February. In July, a general meeting, for the reading of papers and for discussion, was held, the proceedings of which, with some supplementary matter, were published as Part I. of the Society's Proceedings. In December last a second General Meeting was convened. The substance of the papers and reports then read, together with an account of some more recent experiments, will shortly be issued, as Part II. of the Proceedings.

The practical work of the Society has been carried on chiefly by means of the Committees. Four of these—the Thought-transference Committee, the Haunted House Committee, the Mesmeric Committee, and the Literary Committee—have held many meetings, and have collected a large body of evidence. The Reichenbach Committee has recently commenced active operations, with valuable results.

The Council are anxious to enlist the assistance of as many Members as possible throughout the country in the active work of the Society; and with this object are issuing a circular, containing hints and directions as to the best means by which such assistance may be rendered in the various branches of the research.

The Council have been greatly encouraged by the rapid growth of the Society during the first year of its existence, looking not merely at the number who have joined as Members and Associates, but at the distinction of some among them. The amount of correspondence also increases every month, and testifies to a very widespread interest in Psychical Research. The work already done by the Society, and the position it has attained, justify the Council in believing that an important place, long vacant in organised research, has been, and will continue to be, effectively filled by it.

The numbers of the Society at the close of the year 1882 were :—Members, 107; Associates, 38; Honorary Members, 5; total, 150.

The Council are greatly indebted to Dr. W. H. Stone for his liberality in the arrangements which they have made with him for the ease of the Society's Rooms, at 14, Dean's Yard, Westminster. They feel that this local establishment, together with the further facilities

for experiment which Dr. Stone is both able and willing to afford, will tend greatly to promote the objects of the Society.

The President of the Society (Mr. Henry Sidgwick) has generously presented it with a collection of about 150 volumes of psychical literature, which will form a valuable nucleus for a library. It need hardly be said that the Council will gratefully accept any further contributions of this kind.

A few alterations in the Rules and Constitution of the Society have commended themselves to the Council since last February. They now ask the Meeting to confirm these alterations according to the provisions of Rule 24.

A Statement of Receipts and Expenditure made up to the 31st of December, 1882, is herewith presented.

The thanks of the Society were voted to the Treasurer and Auditors.

The Council, on behalf of the Society, acknowledge with thanks the following presents, most of which have been received since the date of the Annual General Meeting :—

From Hensleigh Wedgwood, Esq.—A special donation of £50, “for the purposes of publication.”

From Henry Sidgwick, Esq.—A collection of about 150 volumes of Psychical Literature.

Also a large number of Books and Periodicals, including some volumes of considerable value, from the following ladies and gentlemen :—
Messrs. St. George Stock, J. Kegan Paul, F. W. H. Myers, C. C. Massey, Rev. W. Stainton Moses, Captain James, Dr. S. T. Speer, Dr. Ingleby, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Boole, and Mr. E. T. Bennett.

SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR, ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1882.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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			,, Literary Committee's Expenses	42 1 6	
			,, Library Subscription to C.A.S. ...	10 0 0	
			,, "LIGHT," for Report and Copies	11 4 0	
			,, Account Books	2 13 0	
			,, Hire of Rooms for Meetings ...	8 1 6	
			,, Treasurer's Postages	0 9 4	
			,, Advertising	1 7 6	
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[Jan. 19, 1883.]

Audited and found correct — MORELL TREGEALD, F.C.A., *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. R. BROWNE,

January 10th, 1883,