

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1989

The membership of the society at the end of 1989 was 477. The net increase of four members over last year means that there are 260 personal members, 187 institutional members, fifteen family members and fifteen affiliated societies. Council is concerned at declining attendance at meetings, and has formed a programme sub-committee charged to improve this aspect of the society's affairs.

After the 1989 AGM Mr. & Mrs Schofield spoke on eighteenth-century family life, "Let the drunken toad spit her venom". "Recent work on the Rows of Chester" was reviewed by Andrew Brown on 16 March. On 20 April Roger Dickinson spoke on "The Earls of Derby and the Isle of Man 1643-1651". Dr. Valerie Burton's paper "Liverpool's nineteenth-century Maritime History: sources and perspectives", was given on 18 May. "The problems of writing a social history of Lancashire", occupied Dr. John Walton on June 15. Dr. Joan Wilkinson talked on "A late eighteenth-century merchant family in Kirkham: the Langtons", on 21 September. The society heard about "The rise and fall of watch tool making in south-west Lancashire 1600-1910", from R. John Griffiths on 19 October, and the year ended with Sarah Pearson's lecture on "Rural houses of the Lancashire Pennines 1560-1760", on 16 November.

*Grace M. Wyatt*  
Honorary Secretary

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1989

The library was again well used by members for both lending and reference purposes.

The following works were donated:-

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| Gibson, Margaret, & Wright, Susan <i>eds.</i> | <i>Joseph Mayer of Liverpool, 1803-1886</i> , 1988.   |
| O'Brien, Dr. P.O.                             | <i>Warrington Academy, 1757-86. Its predecessors and successors</i> , 1988.                   |
| Philpott, Robert A.                           | <i>Historic Towns of the Merseyside Area. A survey of urban settlement to c. 1860</i> , 1988. |

The following works were purchased:-

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| Aughton, Peter            | <i>North Meols &amp; Southport</i> , 1988.  |
| Brack, Alan               | <i>The Wirral</i> , 1988.   |
| Greene, Patrick           | <i>Norton Priory. The archaeology of a medieval religious house</i> , 1989.                           |
| Horne, J.B. & Maund, T.B. | <i>Liverpool Transport,</i><br><i>Volume 3 1931-1939</i> , 1987;<br><i>Volume 4 1939-1957</i> , 1989. |

Exchange volumes were received from kindred societies and copies added to stock.

*Nevil Carrick*  
*Janet Smith*  
Honorary Joint Librarians

THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE  
STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1989

RECEIPTS	1989	PAYMENTS	1989
Balance at Bank, January 1st	£ 4,548.60	Transactions:	
		Vol. 137	£ 463.19
		Vol. 138	£ 95.73
Subscriptions:		Slave Trade Reprint	£ 1,236.58
Private	£ 2,556.34	Expenses:	
Institutions	£ 3,465.22	Hon. Secretary	£ 169.60
Interest:		Hon. Treasurer	£ 84.32
Income Bonds	£ 1,709.90	Hon. Librarian	£ 38.90
Exchequer Bond	£ 626.82	Hon. Editors	-
Reserve Account	£ 285.70	Hon. Pub. Secretary	£ 99.99
Donations:	£ 475.00	Stationery + Printing	£ 178.81
Sales:		Lectures:	£ 73.85
Transactions	£ 990.77	Subscriptions to Societies:	£ 114.00
Offprints	£ 182.14	Library:	£ 345.38
Slave Trade	£ 316.37	Refunds:	£ 196.50
Yates	£ 70.00	Sundries:	£ 97.50
Refunds:	£ 154.40	Bank Charges:	£ 91.44
		Transfer to Investments:	£ 6,000.00
		Bank Balance	
		31st December:	
		Current	£ 1,958.37
		Reserve	£ 4,137.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,381.26</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,381.26</b>

*H. McCallum*  
Honorary Auditor