

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1990

The membership of the society at the end of 1990 was 485, a slight rise on last year; this number includes seventy-six overseas members, mostly institutions. We exchange publications with twenty-two other societies.

Mr R. W. Cowell, a field archaeologist at the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside, opened the lecture programme with a review of the last ten years' archaeology on Merseyside after the A.G.M. on 15 February. Miss Fiona Lewis explained her work 'Reconstituting eighteenth-century Liverpool parish registers' on 15 March. Dr Andy Davies's oral history study of women's leisure activities in cinemas, pubs, and betting in Manchester between 1900 and 1939 comprised the April lecture meeting. On 17 May Prof. Paul Hair reported on the Cheshire Parish Register Transcription Project. William Walker lectured on 'The decline of an estate in Lancashire: Duxbury 1756-1931' at the June meeting. After the summer break, David Richardson brought us up to date on 'Quantifying the slave trade', Dr Clyde Binfield lectured on Fairhaven's White Church at the October meeting, and the year concluded on 15 November with G. J. Wilson's analysis of contemporary discussion of agricultural improvement in Lancashire and Cheshire between 1600 and 1750.

Grace M. Wyatt
Honorary Secretary

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1990

Members again made good use of the library for both lending and reference purposes. An appeal for the return of books which had been on loan for a considerable time met with a good response, and members are asked to return books as soon as possible so that they can be available for use by others. Thirty-four volumes were rebound in the course of the year. Further rebinding will be carried out in the future so that the Society's valuable library is kept in good physical condition.

The following works were donated:—

- George, Susan I. *The origin and development of nineteenth century freehold building schemes, with particular reference to the private parks of South Liverpool* 1988
(Liverpool Polytechnic M.Phil. thesis)
- Margary, Harry (pub.) *The old series of Ordnance Survey maps of England and Wales. Scale one inch to one mile. Volume VII, North-Central England*
With an introductory essay by J.B. Harley & E.R. Oliver 1989
- Shotter, David *Roman Coins from North West England* 1990
- Shotter, David &
White, Andrew *Roman Fort & Town of Lancaster* 1990

The following works were purchased:—

- Alderman Press (pub.) *The Village Atlas. The Growth of Manchester, Lancashire and North Lancashire*
With an introduction by B. Bruff 1989
- Hindle, B.P. *Maps for Local History* 1988
- Owen, Hugh *The Lowther Family* 1989
- University of Liverpool
(pub.) *The University of Liverpool. A photographic record. Yesterday and Today* 1989

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

Neville Carrick
Janet Smith
Honorary Joint Librarians

THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990

RECEIPTS	1990	PAYMENTS	1990
Balance at Bank, 1 January	£ 6,095.47	Transactions:	
		Vol. 138	£ 5,201.87
		Vol. 139	£ 25.00
Subscriptions:		Expenses:	
Private	£ 2,446.90	Hon. Secretary	£ 206.58
Institutions	£ 3,041.38	Hon. Treasurer	£ 48.20
Interest:		Hon. Librarian	£ 10.47
Income Bonds	£ 1,958.46	Hon. Editors	£ 9.39
Exchequer Bond	£ 626.82	Hon. Pub. Secretary	—
Reserve Account	£ 820.87	Stationery and Printing	£ 234.24
Donations:	£ 625.00	Lectures:	£ 56.50
Sales:		Subscriptions to Societies:	£ 127.95
Transactions	£ 720.56	Library:	£ 359.95
Offprints	£ 235.86	Refunds:	£ 265.36
Slave Trade	£ 368.83	Sundries:	£ 14.00
Yates	£ 84.40	Bank Charges:	£ 142.40
		Transfer to Investments:	£ 2,000.00
		Bank Balance	
		31 December:	
		Current	£ 1,032.50
		Reserve	£ 7,290.14
Total	£17,024.55	Total	£17,024.55

H. McCallum
Honorary Auditor