

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1991

The Society's senior vice-president, Mr S. A. Harris, died in the course of the year, at the age of 99. An obituary and bibliography appeared in the last volume of *Transactions*.

Including new members, there were at the end the year 491 members of all categories, a slight but welcome net increase for the third year running. Twenty-two members did not pay, resigned, or died during the year. While the increase is encouraging, Council cannot be complacent about the level of membership.

Mr Brian Perret's paper on 'Some strategic and tactical aspects of the Luftwaffe attacks on Merseyside, 1940-41' concluded the A.G.M. on 21 February. We joined with the Institute of Irish Studies on 21 March to hear Professor Richard Bailey on 'Viking-age sculpture in the Irish Sea area'. On 18 April Dr James Secord lectured on 'Liverpool and the Victorian evolutionary debates, 1844-60'. The society's Sixth Form Lecture was given on 16 May by Mr Eric Taplin: 'From the labour unrest to the general strike: Liverpool labour 1911-1926'. Mrs Eunice Schofield spoke on 'The failure of a Liverpool merchant: Edward Hazell, inheritor of Dalemmain (1766-1825)' on 20 June. The first of three lectures on a maritime theme, as a precursor to the 1992 anniversary of Columbus, was given by Mr Tony Ryan on 19 September on 'The discovery of America: a tale of the unexpected', followed on 17 October by Dr R. C. Nash who spoke on 'Liverpool trade and shipping in the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries; Mr Tony Lane concluded the theme on 21 November with 'No respecters of rank: Liverpool merchant seamen, 1860-1960'. Council was particularly pleased that the thematic lectures drew large audiences and brought the society to the attention of many non-members.

Roger Hull  
Honorary Secretary

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1991

The library was again well used by members for both lending and reference purposes. Members are again asked to return books promptly so that they are available for others to use.

The following works were donated:

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| Frank Bamford                              | <i>Mansions and men of Dunham Massey: from Errant Earl to Red Dean</i> (1991)  |
| David Holding                              | <i>Murder in the heather, being an account of the Winter Hill murder of 1838</i> (1991)  |
| Edward Hubbard                             | <i>The work of John Douglas</i> (1991)   |
| David R. Mills and<br>Derek R. Mills (eds) | <i>Smithills documents, no. 1: transcript of 1766 deed with explanatory notes</i> (1990)   |
| Derek R. Mills (ed.)                       | <i>Smithills documents, no. 2: a collection of original documents relating to Smithills Hall from 28 February 1769 to 12 May 1800</i> (1991) |
| Dennis Mills and<br>Caroline Pearce        | <i>People and places in the Victorian census</i> (1989)  |
| Marie Mitchell                             | <i>A short history of Smithills Hall and its families</i> (1991)   |
| David J. Pope                              | <i>A history of the church, parish, and schools of St. Clement, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, 1841-1991</i> (1991)                                |
| Michael W. Royden                          | <i>Pioneers and perseverance: a history of the Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool, 1791-1991</i> (1991)                                   |
| Andrew White                               | <i>Lancaster: a pictorial history</i> (Chichester, 1990)   |
| Caroline M. Williams (ed.)                 | <i>Guide to the Cheshire Record Office (and Chester Diocesan Record Office)</i> (1991)   |

The following works were purchased:

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| Ruth Cowley                    | <i>Newsplan: report of the Newsplan project in the north western region</i> (1990) |
| J. B. Horne and<br>T. B. Maund | <i>Liverpool transport, V, 1957-1986</i> (1991)                                    |
| J. M. Robinson                 | <i>A guide to the country houses of the north west</i> (1991)                      |

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

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Janet Smith  
Honorary Joint Librarians