

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1958

DURING the year 41 new members have been elected, three more than last year. The total membership is now 361, 16 more than last year. The membership is made up as follows:— Honorary 2, Life 8, Ordinary 220, Family 10, Libraries 107, Affiliated Societies 14.

New members elected during the year were as follows:—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Member</i>	<i>Proposer</i>
Jan. 16.	D. G. John, Esq.	J. J. Bagley
"	Miss C. B. Mountfield	Miss E. B. Saxton
"	R. Whittington-Egan, Esq.	H. A. Taylor
"	G. Wilkinson, Esq.	T. Williams
"	W. Wilson, Esq.	J. J. Bagley
"	University of London Library	H. A. Taylor
Feb. 20.	A. D. Mair, Esq.	J. Blackburn
Mar. 20.	Alston Hall Residential College	J. J. Bagley
"	S. Parkes, Esq.	J. J. Bagley
"	College of Further Education, St. Annes	J. J. Bagley
"	Mrs. Violet Clifton	J. J. Bagley
"	Dr. J. J. Glynn	J. J. Bagley
"	Miss E. Trickett, B.A.	W. Wilson
"	F. Gallimore, Esq., B.A.	Miss J. Beck
"	R. Lawton, Esq., M.A.	Miss J. Beck
April 17.	Miss E. L. Lonsdale, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
Sept. 18.	G. Hampson, Esq., M.A., F.L.A.	H. A. Taylor
"	B. G. Awty, Esq., B.A.	J. J. Bagley
"	Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Parker	Miss J. Beck
"	Sheffield University	The Council
"	Bury Public Library	The Council
"	D. J. West, Esq.	Miss J. Beck
"	Mr. and Mrs. W. Brigg	J. J. Bagley
"	Mrs. R. S. Bates	O. Ashmore
"	Blackpool Central Library	The Council
"	Newton-le-Willows U.D.C.	The Council
"	Miss A. E. Matthews	J. R. Harris
"	Miss M. N. Rimmer	J. R. Harris
Oct. 16.	New South Wales Public Library	The Council
"	A. W. H. Pearsall, Esq.	J. J. Bagley
Nov. 20.	University of Birmingham Library	The Council
"	Duke University, Durham, N. Carolina	The Council
"	Rawtenstall Public Library	The Council
"	Macclesfield Public Library	The Council
"	M. Stanley Staton, Esq., B.A.	G. Youd
"	Mrs. E. M. Davies, B.A. *	G. Youd
"	Ronald H. Fell, Esq.	J. F. Smith
"	Miss Florence M. Johnstone	S. A. Harris
"	W. L. Banks, Esq.	J. J. Bagley
Dec. 4.	Wilfred M. Spencer, Esq., F.L.A.	Miss J. Beck

Meetings during the year and papers read were, as follows:—		<i>Present (Approx.)</i>
Jan. 16.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and a Local History Quiz. (All members of the English Church History Society were invited to attend this meeting).	40
Feb. 20.	"The Rental and Accounts of Sir Richard Shireburn, 1571-6," by Rev. W. F. Rea, S.J. (Joint Meeting with the Crosby, Formby and Southport Historical Societies).	55
Mar. 20.	"The Macclesfield Grammar School Private Act of Parliament, 1774," by G. E. Wilson, B.A., M.Ed. (All members of the Bromborough and Hoylake Historical Societies were invited to attend this meeting).	25
April 17.	"The Household Inventories of the Lancashire Gentry," by O. Ashmore, M.A. (All members of the Pilling and Prescott Historical Societies were invited to attend this meeting).	30
Sept. 18.	"The Lancashire Common Fields," by G. Youd, B.A. (All members of the Fylde and Lonsdale Historical Societies were invited to attend this meeting).	40
Oct. 16.	"The Warrington Academy Bicentenary," by G. A. Carter, F.L.A. This meeting was open to the public.	35
Nov. 20.	"The Memorandum Book kept by Ambrose Barcroft of Noyna from 1689-93 and by his son Thomas until 1773," by W. M. Spencer, F.L.A.	25
Dec. 4.	"The South-West Lancashire Election of 1868," by P. Searby, B.A. (Joint meeting with the Ormskirk and Widnes Historical Societies). This meeting was also open to members of all affiliated Societies.	20

In addition extra meetings were held on:—

Saturday, 26 April, at Prescott Grammar School when the Editor, J. J. Bagley, and the Honorary Secretary, H. A. Taylor, collaborated in giving an illustrated talk on "The Changing Face of South West Lancashire."	200
And at Preston on Saturday, 27 September, when Mr. M. M. Schofield gave a paper on "The Statutory Shipping Registers of British Merchant Ships—The North Lancashire Ports." Members of affiliated societies were invited to these meetings.	45

JOAN BECK,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1958

MANY requests for the purchase of TRANSACTIONS have been received during the year and more volumes have been sold than during any other year. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to fulfil all the requests received, particularly those from institutional members, as the Society does not possess a complete set of TRANSACTIONS for sale.

The Honorary Librarian was, however, fortunately able to obtain at a reasonable price a complete set of the Transactions of the Society from the relative of a deceased member, with the result that many gaps in the sets of members, both personal and institutional, have been completed.

Requests for copies of the TRANSACTIONS have been received from and supplied to:— The Goldsmiths' Library, London; the University of Sheffield; Ellesmere Port Public Library; the Duke University Library, North Carolina; the University of Hokkaido, Japan, and the New South Wales Public Library, Sydney, Australia. This last request, for a complete set is awaiting a few odd volumes before being despatched.

Thanks are due to the following for their donations to the Library :—

The Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire: *Facsimiles of Early Cheshire Charters*; selected and edited by Geoffrey Barraclough, 1957.

Francis Goodacre: "The Reconstruction of Parbold Beacon ("The Bottle")." Typescript. Folio pages 7.

The following were purchased, viz:

R. Whittington-Egan, *Liverpool Roundabout*, Illus. 1957.

William Turner, *The Warrington Academy, 1757-1786*; with an introduction by G. A. Carter and a bibliography. Ports. illus. 1957.

To the list of Societies which exchange Transactions with this Society must be added:

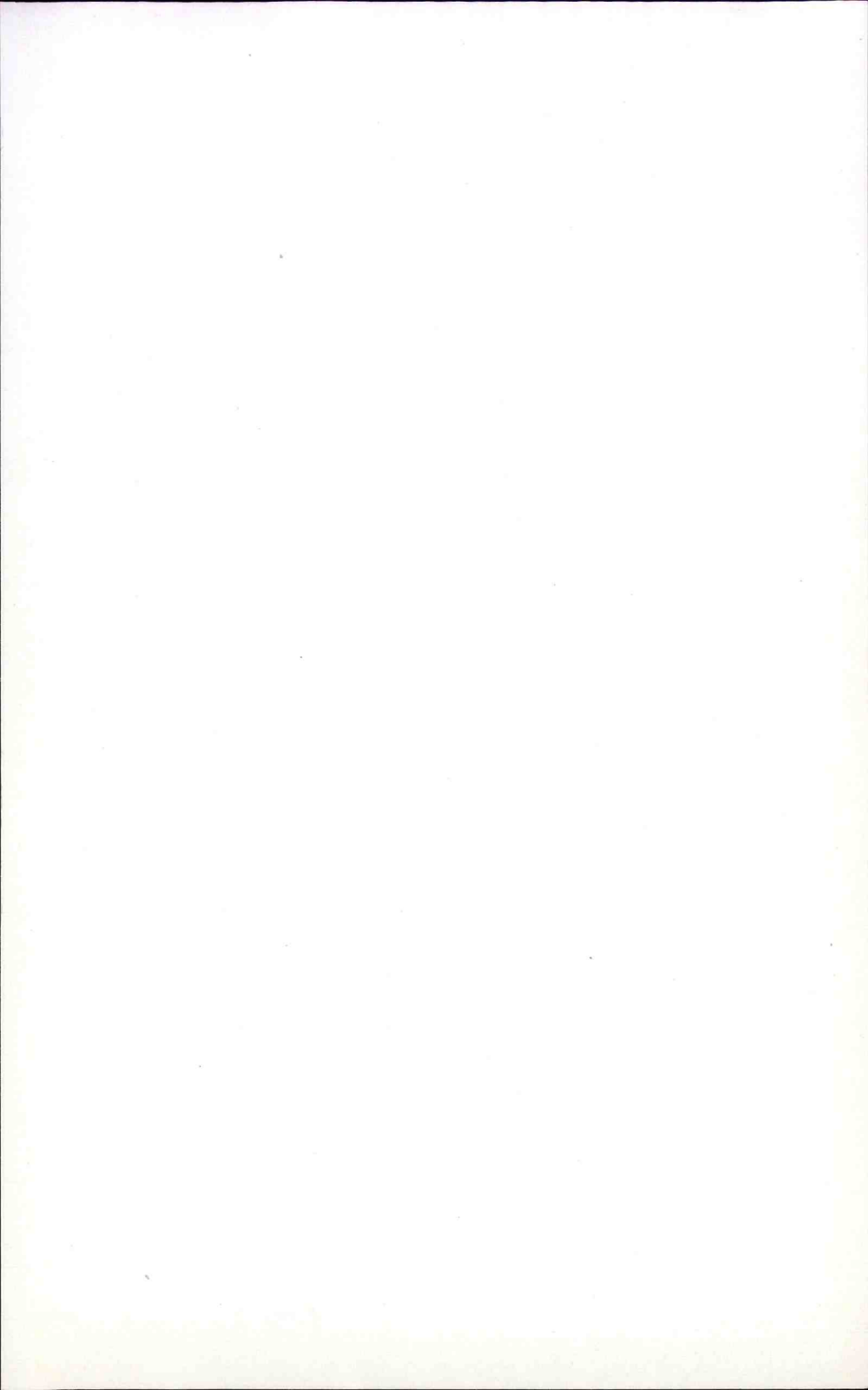
The Flintshire Historical Society.

The Chester and North Wales Architectural, Archaeological and Historical Society.

The agreement with the Chester Society is the result of negotiations with its Honorary Librarian to complete the set of its publications already in the Society's library. Apparently the name of this Society was not on the Chester exchange list.

In October, Volume 109 of the TRANSACTIONS was circulated to members and eighty-seven copies were added to stock.

J. F. SMITH,
Honorary Librarian.



The Hon. Treasurer in Account with The Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1958

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

1958		£	s.	d.	1958	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	To Bank Balance	37	17	7	Dec. 31	By Cost of Transactions, Volume 109. Printing, Blocks, Packing and Postage	637	5 0
Dec. 31	Subscriptions	485	1 5			Off-prints	53	0 0
	" Sale of Off-prints	76	1 2			Rent of Rooms		17 14 0
	" Sale of Transactions	125	6 0			Postages— Hon. Editor and Index- ing Volume	7	0 0
	" Donations by Affiliated Societies	26	7 0			Hon. Treasurer	4	15 0
	" Grant by Council for British Archaeology	40	0 0			Hon. Secretaries	17	2 10
	" Profit on Excursion	6	17 4			Volumes and Books pur- chased		28 17 10
	" Interest on 3½% War Stock	15	0 0			Subscriptions— Lancashire Parish Register Society	1	11 6
	" Interest on 3% Savings Bonds	8	5 0			Chetham Society	1	10 0
	" Interest on Deposit Ac- count	30	2 4			Record Society	1	5 0
						English Place Name Society	1	5 0
						Council for British Archaeology	1	10 0
						Liverpool Nautical Society	1	0 0
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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	821	2	6	<i>Brought forward</i>	758	19	7
				By Printing and Stationery ..	22	15	3
				" Insurance of Library ..	1	13	0
				" Travelling Expenses and	1	15	0
				" Gratuity	4	0	0
				" Cheque Book	785	6	10
				" Cash in Hand	17	0	0
				" Cash at Bank	34	18	8
					35	15	8
	£821	2	6		£821	2	6

NOTE.—No accounts are outstanding.

Assets not shown in this Statement include Stock of TRANSACTIONS and the Library and the following Investments:
 £196 5s. 7d. 3½% War Stock, £500 3% Savings Bonds 1960-70.

(Signed) W. G. H. JONES, Hon. Treasurer.
 Liverpool, 5 January 1959.

Audited and found correct,
 (Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditors.
 STANLEY A. HARRIS, A.C.I.S. }
 Liverpool, 11 January 1959.