

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1967

The membership of the Society at the end of 1967 was 500 members, comprising 288 ordinary, 19 family, 2 student, 4 life members and 1 honorary member, together with 162 libraries and 24 affiliated societies.

Meetings during the year were as follows:

- 19 Jan. Annual General Meeting followed by slides of places to be visited by the Society at Easter, shown by M. M. Schofield, M.A.
- 16 Feb. D. M. Craig, M.A., Ph.D., 'Songs of the Bleak Age'.
- 16 Mar. I. Sellars, B.Litt., M.A., 'William Roscoe, the Roscoe circle and Liverpool Radicalism, 1789-1807'.
- 29 Mar. to 2 April Easter Tour based on Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- 20 April P. E. H. Hair, M.A., D.Phil., 'The Lancashire Collier Girl, 1795—local history and national moralising'.
- 27 May J. D. Marshall, B.Sc.(Econ.), Ph.D., 'Changes in rural life in eighteenth and nineteenth century Lancashire'.
This was a joint meeting with affiliated Societies at Pilling.
- 21 Sept. J. McN. Dodgson, M.A., 'The History behind the Place-Names of Cheshire'.
- 19 Oct. O. Ashmore, M.A., 'James Garnett of Low Moor, Clitheroe: the diary of a Lancashire cotton manufacturer, 1858-65'.
- 16 Nov. P. J. Wallis, M.A., F.I.M.A., F.R.Hist.S., 'Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Schools in Lancashire and Cheshire'.
- 14 Dec. J. B. Harley, B.A., Ph.D., 'The Maps of Lancashire and Cheshire by William Smith: a landmark in Tudor cartography'.

PATRICIA R. PLEASANCE,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1967

There was a further welcome increase in the use made of the Society's library in 1967 for both reference and lending purposes; 113 volumes were on loan at the end of the year compared with 87 last year. Unfortunately, some works have been on loan for long periods and we urge members to be more prompt in returning books. Xerox copies of two articles on industrial archaeology were donated to the library by Mr W. Townley-Smith. Photostats of six views of Kirkby were presented by the Kirkby Liberal Historical Society.

Volume 118 was published in November 1967 and sale copies added to stock. 115 volumes were sold in 1967 compared with 87 last year. This drain on the sales stock makes it essential to go ahead with the proposal to reprint the early volumes of the *Transactions*.

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Honorary Librarians.

