

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1968

The membership of the Society at the end of 1968 was 522 members, comprising 297 ordinary, 21 family, 2 student, 4 life members and 1 honorary member, together with 170 libraries and 27 affiliated societies.

Meetings during the year were as follows:

- 18 Jan. Annual General Meeting, followed by slides taken by those who went on the Society's Easter Tour in 1967.
- 15 Feb. Mrs F. Dickinson, M.Sc., 'The Mellings of Rainhill (1830-70)'.
- 21 Mar. D. M. Woodward, M.A., 'The Chester Leather Industry, 1558-1625'.
- 25 April R. P. Crowhurst, B.A., 'Liverpool trade in the mid-eighteenth century'.
- 8 June J. J. Bagley, M.A., F.R.Hist.S., 'Two Ormskirk citizens: Roger Sankey, mercer, and Peter Austin Nuttall, lexicographer'.  
This was a joint meeting with affiliated Societies at Ormskirk.
- 19 Sept. Mrs M. Brigg, 'Life in East Lancashire, 1856-60: a newly discovered diary of John O'Neil (John Ward), weaver, of Clitheroe'.
- 17 Oct. The Rev. H. M. Luft, M.A., M.Litt., 'The Rev. John Kidde, M.A. (1594-1654), first Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby'.
- 21 Nov. M. M. Schofield, M.A., 'The Port of Poulton in the eighteenth century'.
- 12 Dec. R. B. Mooney, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D., 'A business trip from Orkney to Liverpool in 1789'  
and  
D. J. Pope, B.A., 'Shipping and trade connections between Liverpool and Scotland in the late eighteenth century'.

PATRICIA R. PLEASANCE,  
*Honorary Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1968

The Society's library continued to be well used by members; 115 volumes were on loan at the end of the year compared with 113 last year. The library acquired copies of the *Lancashire County Bibliography, Part 1 Directories* and the *Brief Guide to Yorkshire Record Offices*. Authors who donated copies of their works included Frank Latham (*Timber Town*) and John Lea (*W. S. Caine and Irish home rule*).

Volume 119 was published during the year and sales copies added to stock. The remaining sales stock of the Society's *Transactions* is packed and will be despatched to Messrs William Dawson & Sons.

G. CHANDLER,  
N. CARRICK,  
*Honorary Librarians.*

THE HON. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE  
STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1968

1968	RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	1968	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	Balance at Bank ... ..	328	10	8	Dec. 31	Provision for cost of Volume 119 ...	1	500	0	1,500	0	0
Dec. 31	Overprovision for cost of Volume 118 ...	4	14	1		Expenses—						
	Subscriptions ... ..	938	5	0		Hon. Secretary ...	43	17	11			
	Sale of Off-prints ... ..	106	3	1		Hon. Editor ...	5	0	0			
	Sale of Volumes ... ..	158	19	3		Hon. Librarians ...	10	0	0			
	Interest on Savings Bonds ... ..	15	0	0		Hon. Treasurer ...	2	0	0			
	Interest on Deposit Account ... ..	30	13	10		Lecturers' Expenses ...				60	17	11
	Sale of Booklet ... ..	21	18	5		Subscriptions to Other Societies ...				7	0	0
	Donations ... ..	71	4	0		Printing and Stationery ...				12	7	0
						Subsidy for Yates' Map ...				21	10	9
						Balance in Hand ...				30	0	0
										43	12	8
										£1,675	8	4

*N.B.*—Assets not shown hereon include the investment of £500 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70, the stock of Volumes and the Library on loan to the City Record Office, William Brown Street, Liverpool 3.

(Signed) A. W. ANDREWS, *Joint Hon. Treasurer*, 7 January 1969.  
(Signed) COOK & CO., *Chartered Accountants*.