

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1972

The membership of the Society at the end of 1972 was 469 members, comprising 247 ordinary, 20 family, 4 life members and one honorary member, together with 172 libraries and 25 affiliated Societies.

Meetings during the year were as follows:

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| Jan. 20 | Annual General Meeting, followed by slides 'Historical Oddities' by M. M. Schofield, M.A. | |
| Feb. 17 | J. Lea, M.A., Ph.D.: 'The Growth of the Baptist Denomination in Mid-Victorian Lancashire and Cheshire' | |
| Mar. 23 | R. Challinor, Ph.D.: 'William Dixon: Lancashire trade unionist and chartist.' | |
| Apr. 20 | I. Sellers, M.A., B.Litt., Ph.D.: 'Mid-Victorian Liverpool, the Novelists' | |
| | | perspective' (open meeting). |
| Sept. 21 | W. R. S. McIntyre: 'The First Birkenhead Dock Scheme and the proposed Ship Canal across Wirral 1828.' | |
| Oct. 19 | M. Mullett: 'Politics in Liverpool, 1660-1688.' | |
| Nov. 16 | Mrs F. Dickinson, M.Sc.: 'The Rainhill Schools in the Nineteenth century.' | |
| Dec. 14 | P. J. Buckland, M.A., Ph.D.: 'The Irish in 19th century Liverpool.' | |

PHILIP ANDREWS
Honorary Secretary

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1972

The library continued to be well used by members for both reference and lending purposes. Works presented to the library included Frank Tyrer *The Windmills of Crosby* and the *Journal of the Leyland Historic Society* for 1972.

Volume 123 of the Society's *Transactions* was published during the year and copies were added to stock.

G. CHANDLER
J. SMITH

Honorary Librarians

