

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1976

The membership of the Society at the end of 1976 was 456 members, comprising 231 personal, 27 family, and 4 life members, together with 170 libraries and 24 affiliated societies.

Meetings during the year were: 15 January, A.G.M. followed by a talk on 'Where next?—possibilities for the Easter tour 1977' by M. M. Schofield; 19 February, 'The Lancashire work of James Bryce, 1865–1885' by C. C. Conroy; 18 March, 'The representatives of the people? Electorates and malpractice in Cheshire, 1541–1885' by J. S. Morrill; 8 April, 'Some aspects of church and society in the seventeenth century revealed by the Chester diocesan records' by J. Addy; 16 September, 'The campaign in Lancashire and Cheshire for the repeal of the Test and Corporation acts, 1787–1790' by G. M. Ditchfield; 21 October, 'The Lancashire royalist regiments in the first Civil War' by J. M. Gratton; 18 November, 'The twelve men of Warrington, the manor court in the seventeenth century' by Mrs S. A. Pargeter; 9 December, 'Family, job and home: recent progress in historical demography with reference to Lancashire and Cheshire' by P. E. H. Hair (Open meeting).

Philip Andrews
Honorary secretary

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1976

The library continued to be well used by members for both reference and lending purposes. Works donated included *Round and About Mellor* by Clifford H. and Susan M. Byrne, and *The Willis Branch History* which was donated by the Hon Secretary/Treasurer of the London and North Western Society. The following books were purchased: Read, G. *Lancashire History Makers* (1975) and Anderson, D. *The Orrell Coalfield, 1740–1850*, (1975).

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

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