

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1978

The membership of the Society at the end of 1978 was 441 members comprising 223 personal members, 23 families, 2 life members, together with 169 libraries and 24 affiliated societies.

Meetings during the year were:

January 19, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by an illustrated talk 'A preview of the 1978 Easter Tour to York' by Miss J. Beck, M.A.: 16 February, D. Foster, M.A., Ph.D., 'Poulton-le-Fylde: A market town in the mid-nineteenth century': 16 March, G. C. F. Forster, B.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S., 'Record publishing in North West in Retrospect and Prospect'. (This meeting was held jointly with the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire to celebrate its centenary.) (Open Meeting): 20 April, J. P. Greene, B.Sc., A.M.A., 'Recent developments in the excavations at Norton Priory, Runcorn'. (Illustrated): 21 September, J. Addy, M.A., Ph.D., 'Henry Prescott and the Chester Diocesan Registry 1704-1715': 19 October, L. A. Russell, B.A., 'The Administration of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board in 1914': 16 November, Mrs E. Roberts, B.A., 'Aspects of working class life in Barrow and Lancaster in the period 1890-1930': 14 December, T. J. Caldwell, 'Joseph Hayes of Great Neston 1717-1784—Common Brewer, Farmer, and Gentleman'.

Philip Andrews
Honorary Secretary

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1978

The library continues to be well used by members for lending and reference purposes. The following works were added during the year: Holt, G. O. *A Regional History of the Railways of Great Britain, The Northwest* (1978); McGloughlin, G. *A Short History of the First Liverpool Infirmary, 1749-1824* (1978); Nulty, G. *Guardian Country 1853-1978—being the story of the first 125 years of Cheshire County Newspapers Ltd.* (1978). Exchange volumes were received from kindred libraries and added to stock.

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