

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1979

The library continued to be well used by members for lending and reference purposes. The following work was purchased during the year: Stammers, M. K. *The Passage Makers* (1978), a history of the Black Ball Shipping line, 1852-1871. Donations of books were received from the libraries of Mr R. B. Cochrane who died in 1978, and Mr H. O. Silcock, formerly of Prescott, now of Denbigh. Other donations included: Angus-Butterworth, L. M. *General W. J. Butterworth, C.B. (1801-1856) Governor of Singapore*, Belfield Papers No. 4 (1978); *Sir Alex K. Butterworth, LL.B. (1854-1946) and Captain S. K. Butterworth, M.C., B.A. (1885-1916)* Belfield Papers No. 5 (1979); Malet, Hugh *The Duke of Bridgewater and the Eighteenth Century Fuel Crisis*. Lecture given before the Royal Society of Arts, 14th December 1974. University of Salford. Fine Arts and Complementary Studies Department. Local History Research Booklet No. 1 (1977); Sellers, Ian *Nineteenth Century Liverpool and the Novelists* (1979); Walker, J. A. J. ed. & transcriber *The Parish Registers of Farnworth Church 1538-1837* (1977).

Volume 128 of the *Transactions* was published during the year and copies were placed in the library. Exchange volumes were received from kindred Societies and added to stock.

Ralph Malbon
Janet Smith

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1979

The membership of the Society at the end of 1979 was 467 member, comprising 234 personal members, 27 families, 2 life members, together with 183 libraries and 21 affiliated societies.

Meetings during the year were: January 18th, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by a talk by M. M. Schofield, M.A., 'English social life as reflected by the Lancashire dialect poets'. February 15th, Mrs E. M. Schofield, B.A., 'The search for respectability; social attitudes of some of the working class about 1900'. March 15th, H. Ellis Tomlinson, M.A., F.H.S., 'The new civic heraldry of Cheshire'. April 19th, P. J. Andrews, B.A., 'The making of a Victorian schoolmaster—Peter Calvert at Chester College in the 1840s'. (Open meeting) September 20th, J. H. Smith, M.A., 'Nineteenth century Manchester'. October 18th, A. Hayman, F.C.I.T., 'The history of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation Company 1721-1885'. November 15th, Miss J. Beck, M.A. 'The Verdin School, Winsford, 1895-1970'. December 13th, Miss D. J. Clayton, M.A., A.L.A., 'Some aspects of Cheshire history in the later Middle Ages'.

Honorary Secretary
Philip Andrews

STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1979

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
	£		£
Balance at Bank	2549.35	Transactions	306.04
Subscriptions		vol. 127	2426.70
Private	1092.24	vol. 128	
Institution	1043.74	Postage	
	<hr/>	Hon. Secretary	190.77
Tax recovered on Conventants	163.67	Hon. Treasurer	19.50
Interest on deposit account	647.64	Hon. Librarian	29.88
Interest on Funding Loan	34.44	Hon. Publications	67.36
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Sales		Stationery & printing	58.06
Transactions	971.60	Lectures	56.30
Offprints	86.88	Subs. to other societies	43.00
Yates' mao	63.87	Library books	28.35
Burdett's map	51.26	Refunds	11.32
Slave Trade	283.33	Purchase of 12½% Stock	5000.00
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Donations		Transactions	175.00
R.C. Cross bequest	5394.63	Clearing York trip debt	250.45
Greater Manchester Council	150.00	Bank charges	3.90
B. B. C.	6.90	Balance at Bank	
J.M. Harrison	5.00	Deposit account	3635.25
Congleton T.W.G.	3.00	Current account	245.67
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A. W. Andrews, H. McCallum
(Hon. Auditors)