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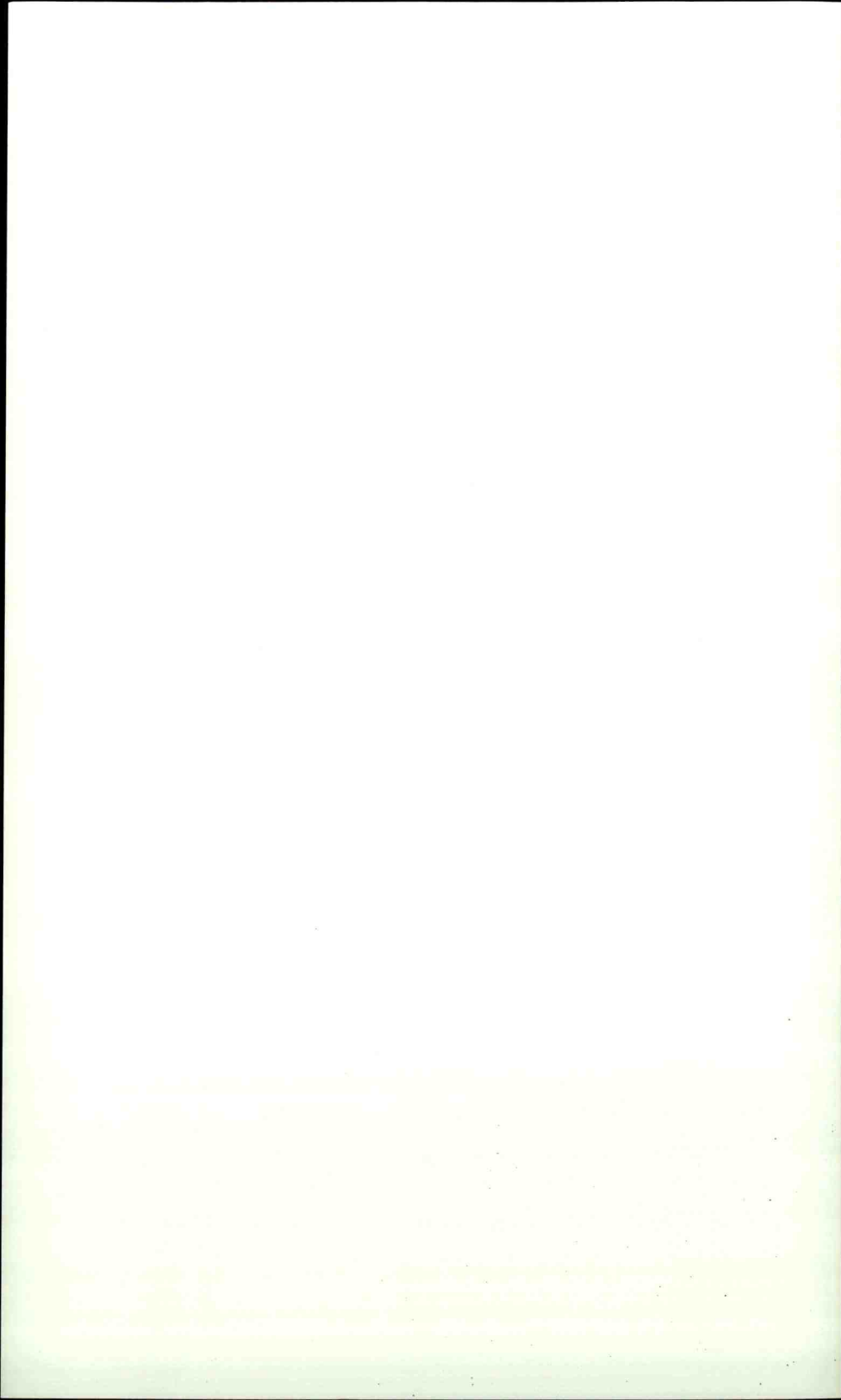
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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1997

The Society is a charity which exists to further the education of the public by promoting the study of any aspects of the history of Lancashire and Cheshire. The business of the Society is handled by Council, which met three times in 1997. The Society's financial state is sound. The revenue and expenditure account, reported to the Annual General Meeting held on 20 February, showed an operating deficit of £1,284.38. An element of that deficit was due to a rise in the cost of publishing *Transactions* and the *Newsletter*; another element was a lump-sum expenditure on the Society's library. Council is to propose an increase in subscriptions to deal with rising costs. The number of members at 31 December 1997 was 484; membership has been stable in the range 475–500 for a number of years, and Council continues to monitor resignations and applications.

Eight public lectures were held and are listed below. The May lecture featured two lectures given either side of lunch on a Saturday. Council is grateful to all who have lectured to the Society in 1997.

Volume 145 of *Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire*, for 1996, was published in February 1997. Council regrets that volume 146, for 1997, is not expected until February 1998.

The Society's library, administered by Liverpool City Libraries, continued to be used by members and public alike. Council's library committee completed a stock-take in December 1997, with welcome voluntary help from two members of the Society. The Society has purchased and installed security devices for the books, and has paid for rebinding work. A list of acquisitions is given in the report of the Hon. Librarians.

The following were the lecture meetings:

20 February: Pat Ayers (Manchester Metropolitan University), 'The making of men: masculinities and male culture in inter-war Liverpool'

20 March: Neil Jameson (Liverpool Hope University College), 'Military recruitment in Lancashire and Cheshire, 1400–1450'

17 April: Philip Morgan (Keele University), 'Consuming Cheshire's medieval past'

17 May: David Pope (Liverpool Hope University College), 'The port of Liverpool and the whale fisheries, 1749-1823'; Michael Power (University of Liverpool), 'The development of the port of Liverpool in the eighteenth century'

19 June: Robert Lewis (Bolton), 'Professional football in Lancashire and Cheshire, 1880-1920'

18 September: The Rev. D. Ben Rees (Liverpool), 'A political biography of Eleanor Rathbone'

16 October: Simon Fisher (Public Record Office, London), 'A town notable in its benevolence: the Liverpool charity scene in the years before the First World War'

20 November: Sam Davies (Liverpool John Moores University), 'The Labour Party and municipal elections in Lancashire and Cheshire, 1919-1938'

R. C. Hull
Secretary to Council

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1997

The following works were purchased for the library:

- J. C. Appleby and P. Dalton (ed.), *Government, religion, and society in northern England, 1000–1700* (1997)
- D. Beattie, *Blackburn: the development of a Lancashire cotton town* (1992)
- T. Cavanagh, *Public sculpture of Liverpool* (1997)
- A. Davies, *Leisure, gender, and poverty: working-class culture in Salford and Manchester, 1900–1939* (1992)
- M. Elder, *The slave trade and the economic development of 18th-century Lancaster* (1992)
- S. Fielding, *Class and ethnicity: Irish Catholics in England, 1880–1939* (1993)
- P. E. H. Hair (ed.), *Arts, Letters, Society: a miscellany commemorating the centenary of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Liverpool* (1996)
- I. Harford, *Manchester and its ship canal movement: class, work, and politics in late Victorian England* (1994)
- J. Hill and J. Williams, *Sport and identity in the North of England* (1996)
- A. Kidd, *Manchester* (1996)
- W. Lack, H. M. Sutchfield, and P. Whittemore, *The monumental brasses of Cheshire* (1996)
- T. Lane, *Liverpool: city of the sea* (1997)
- G. Moorhouse, *Hell's foundations: a town, its myths, and Gallipoli: Bury and the First World War* (1993)
- N. Morgan, *Deadly dwellings: the shocking story of housing and public health in a Lancashire cotton town: Preston, 1840–1914* (1993)
- R. Poole, *The Lancashire Wakes holidays* (1994)
- E. Roberts, *Women and families: an oral history, 1940–1970* (1995)
- R. Swift (ed.), *Victorian Chester: essays in social history, 1830–1900* (1996)
- P. Taylor, *Popular politics in early industrial Britain: Bolton, 1825–1850* (1995)
- J. K. Walton and A. Wilcox (ed.), *Low life and moral improvement in mid-Victorian England: Liverpool through the journalism of Hugh Shimmin* (1991)

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

Paul Catchside
David Stoker
Honorary Librarians

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 1997

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions		<i>Transactions</i>	£ 8,871.71
Private	£ 3,613.50	Newsletter	£ 1,406.95
Institutions	£ 3,164.61	Library	£ 2,347.79
Interest		Lectures	£ 182.35
Income bonds	£ 918.53	Subscriptions to societies	£ 195.00
Deposit bond	£ 625.10	Officers' expenses	
CAF account	£ 1,979.26	Secretary	£ -
Donations		Treasurer	£ 9.07
Lancashire CC	£ 850.00	Librarians	£ 28.15
Cheshire CC	£ 200.00	Editors	£ -
Sales		Publications secretary	£ 48.20
<i>Transactions</i>	£ 607.00	Stationery	£ 156.44
Offprints	£ 120.99	Syllabus card	£ 134.54
<i>Slave trade</i>	£ 35.50	Insurance	£ 22.00
Bennison map	£ 96.00	Data protection registrar	£ 75.00
Refund	£ 141.00	Bank charges	£ 7.27
		Refunds	£ 151.40
TOTAL INCOME	£ 12,351.49	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 13,635.87
Operating deficit 1997	£ 1,284.38		
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ASSETS

NatWest Bank account	£ 3,178.94
Charities Aid Foundation account	£ 31,098.66
National Savings income bonds	£ 15,000.00
National Savings deposit bond	£ 10,878.52

TOTAL £ 60,156.12

Stock in hand at cost £ 10,613.60

LIABILITIES

<i>Transactions</i> , volume 146 (1997)	£ 9,000.00	(estimate)
<i>Transactions</i> , volume 147 (1998)	£ 10,000.00	(estimate)

H. McCallum
Honorary Auditor