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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

1999

The Society is a charity which exists for educational purposes, to promote the study of any aspect of the history of Lancashire and Cheshire. This is done principally through public lectures and by the publication of an annual volume of *Transactions* which reflects current research on the two counties. The business of the Society is handled by Council, which met three times in 1999. The Society's financial status is healthy. The size of the operating surplus during the financial year, £10,714.24, is largely attributable to the fact that payment for volume 148 of *Transactions*, published at the end of December, was not made before the end of the year. The number of members at 31 December was 458, the lowest for five years; Council regularly monitors trends in both personal and institutional membership. The Society's library, housed at Liverpool City Record Office, remained available for consultation by members and public alike but without the facility for borrowing. Council has appointed Mr C. Foster as library liaison officer, and it is hoped shortly to devise a workable scheme whereby members of the Society may once again borrow from the library. Seven lectures were arranged during the year, as well as a successful day conference held in collaboration with the Liverpool Medical History Society. Council is grateful to all who spoke to the Society. The meetings were as follows:

18 February: Gavin Mellor (University of Central Lancashire), 'Professional football and regional identity in the North-West of England, 1946-85'

18 March: T. V. Jackson (Silloth, Cumberland), 'Pitt's income tax in Lancashire, 1799-1802'

10 April: conference on 'The Poor Law and after: workhouse hospitals and public welfare'; speakers: M. Anne Crowther (University of Glasgow), 'From workhouse to N.H.S. hospital in Britain, 1929-48'; Mike Royden (University of Liverpool), 'An overview of the nineteenth-century Poor Law in Liverpool and its hinterland';

Michael Rose (University of Manchester), 'Little pauper boarders: the child and the Poor Law in mid-Victorian England'; David King (University of Liverpool), 'The Liverpool Brownlow Hill Institution'

20 May: Presidential Address: Ian Dunn (Manley, Cheshire), 'Deceiving posterity: an inquiry into the nature of certain nineteenth-century local prints'

17 June: Jeff Hall (History of Science Group, University of Liverpool), 'William Lassell: successful Liverpool businessman and famous astronomer'

16 September: Suzanne Schwarz (Liverpool Hope University College), '"This is truly the golden harvest": personal accounts of Cheshire migrants to Australia, c. 1853-1860'

21 October: Jackie Perry (Chester College), 'The role of newspaper advertising in female servant employment in late nineteenth-century Cheshire'

18 November: Roger Hull (Liverpool), 'Bold Street, Liverpool'

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R. C. Hull

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1999

The following works were donated to the library:

- G. Bryson, *Shakespeare in Lancashire and Shakespeare and the Gunpowder Plot* (1997)
- M. Chitty, *Discovering historic Wavertree: village and garden suburb* (1999)
- R. J. Saner, 'A catalogue and analysis of the artefacts from Meols, Wirral' (M.Phil. thesis 1997)
- R. J. Saner, 'A parish survey of Meols, Wirral' (dissertation, 1994)
- E. M. Schofield, *Medical care of the working class about 1900* (1979)

The following works were purchased:

- R. Bass, *Manorial records: 16th–19th centuries* (1998)
- A. Brown, *The Rows of Chester: the Chester Rows research project* (1999)
- A. G. Crosby, *The Chester Archaeological Society: the first one hundred and fifty years, 1849–1999* (1999)
- E. F. Greenwood (ed.), *Ecology and landscape development: a history of the Mersey Basin* (1999)
- K. Howarth, *Oral history: a handbook* (1998)
- G. Timmins, *Made in Lancashire: a history of regional industrialisation* (1998)
- J. A. J. Walker, *Farnworth, chapelry and parish: collected papers on its history* (1999)
- H. Weir, *How to rescue a ruin by setting up a local buildings preservation trust* (2nd edn, 1997)

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

Honorary Librarian

David Stoker

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions		<i>Transactions</i> , volume 148	£ 60.86
Private	£ 4,085.50	Newsletter	£ 460.14
Institutions	£ 3,210.58	Library	£ 432.88
Interest		Lectures	£ 109.00
Income bonds	£ 787.60	Subscriptions to societies	£ 220.00
Deposit bond	£ 726.35	Officers' expenses	
CAF account	£ 1,525.31	Secretary to Council	£ 133.49
Donations		Treasurer	£ 29.92
Lancashire CC	£ 900.00	Librarian	£ 0
S. Lewis	£ 440.00	Editors	£ 158.90
J. McDermott	£ 350.00	Publications Secretary	£ 44.28
Sales		Stationery	£ 72.54
<i>Transactions</i>	£ 158.50	Syllabus card	£ 102.81
Offprints	£ 208.95	Insurance	£ 27.00
<i>Slave trade</i>	£ 206.40	Bank charges	£ 7.07
Bennison map	£ 71.00	Refunds	£ 41.30
Miscellaneous	£ 58.94	Donations	£ 100.00
Uncashed cheque	£ 5.30	Book Fair	£ 20.00
TOTAL INCOME	£ 12,734.43	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 2,020.19
TOTAL	£ 12,734.43	Operating surplus 1999	£ 10,714.24
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ASSETS

NatWest Bank account	£ 5,897.75
Charities Aid Foundation account	£ 32,798.24
National Savings income bonds	£ 15,000.00
National Savings deposit bond	£ 12,287.09
TOTAL	£ 65,983.08
Stock in hand at cost	£ 14,344.65

LIABILITIES

<i>Transactions</i> , volume 148 (1999)	£ 8,000.00 (estimate)
<i>Transactions</i> , volume 149 (2000)	£ 9,000.00 (estimate)
<i>Transactions</i> , index	£ 6,000.00 (estimate)