

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1950

DURING the year the loss of membership through death, resignation and lapse has been balanced exactly by the election of eighteen new subscribers, preserving a total of 340 members, made up as follows: Honorary, 5; Life, 7; Student, 4; Ordinary, 244; Libraries, 76; and Affiliated Societies, 4.

The passing of six valued members, Godfrey W. Mathews, Dr. E. Bosdin Leech, G. H. Millner, W. V. Jones, W. C. Kelly and S. Skelland, is recorded with deep regret. Mr. Mathews during a membership of thirty years has served the Society actively and well, being appointed a member of the Council in 1925, a Vice-President in 1936, and an Honorary Member in 1947. Dr. Leech, an enthusiastic supporter and mainstay of the Lancashire Parish Register Society, joined our Society in 1943, and in 1946 exhibited his unique and voluminous map-analysis of the distribution of Lancashire surnames.

The accession of the Crosby Historical Society to our list of Affiliated Societies has been particularly welcome. The following Ordinary and Student Members have been elected:

DATE	NAME OF MEMBER	PROPOSER
Jan. 19	Miss D. Hudson	J. E. Allison
"	K. G. Hunt, F.F.S.(Eng.)	F. A. Bailey
"	G. Chandler, M.A., F.L.A., F.R.S.A.	J. F. Smith
"	J. Waterhouse	S. A. Harris
Feb. 16	S. Roberts	F. A. Bailey
Mar. 16	C. L. S. Cornwall-Legh, D.L., J.P., C.C.	R. Richards
"	M. F. McDonald	Miss O. Crowden
Apr. 20	A. S. Mountfield	T. Williams
May 20	Dr. R. J. Ormsby	F. T. Wainwright
"	M. M. Schofield, M.A.	G. M. Bland
Oct. 19	A. Fessler, M.D., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	J. J. Bagley
"	S. G. Checkland, M.A.	F. A. Bailey
"	Mrs. A. J. Mellor	F. A. Bailey
Nov. 16	G. Cooke	F. A. Bailey
"	G. M. Semper	F. A. Bailey
"	Miss K. Richardson	F. A. Bailey
"	Didsbury Training College	J. J. Bagley

Meetings have been held, and papers read, as follows:—

- Jan. 19. Annual General Meeting, followed by paper, "The Defalcation at St. Helens Savings Bank, January, 1850" by T. C. Barker, M.A.
- Feb. 16. "Robert Adam, architect, and Woolton Hall, Liverpool," by Stanley A. Harris.
- Mar. 16. "Some Tudor and Stuart Chapels in Cheshire, with special reference to Private Chapels," by R. Richards, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
- April 20. "The Work of the National Register of Archives," by Lt.-Col. G. E. G. Malet, O.B.E.
- May 20. (At the County Offices, Preston, held jointly with the Preston Historical Society). "The Attitude to the Sick Poor in the seventeenth century in Lancashire," by Dr. A. Fessler.
- Sept. 21. "Robert Walthew of Upholland, Merchant Farmer of the seventeenth century," by J. J. Bagley, M.A.
- Oct. 19. "Lancashire and Cheshire in the Dark Ages," by Dr. F. T. Wainwright, F.S.A.
- Nov. 16. "Benn's Garden Chapel, Liverpool, 1727; new light on its Character and Congregation," by Miss Anne D. Holt, M.A.
- Dec. 14. "The Hughes Papers, 1783-1825; Lancashire Social Life at the Turn of the Century," by J. R. Harris, M.A.

On 15 March, at a paper by Dr. W. H. Chaloner entitled "John Wilkinson, Ironmaster, and his Connections with Liverpool," members were the guests of the Liverpool Branch of the Historical Association. A return visit was paid by the latter to our meeting on 19 October. A summer excursion to Whalley Abbey and Towneley Hall, Burnley, on 22 July, was much enjoyed. Plans to visit the excavations of a prehistoric site at Briercliffe near Burnley had to be abandoned owing to previous heavy rainfall.

At the beginning of the year Dr. Wainwright terminated a brief but very active tenure of the Hon. Editorship, and the office was undertaken by Mr. J. J. Bagley, M.A., with equal vigour and enthusiasm. The latter's place as an elected member of the Council was filled by the co-option of Mr. P. Radcliffe Evans, whose expert knowledge of the printing trade has been of great assistance. Owing to the continually rising costs of publication certain modifications have been made in the production of the current volume of TRANSACTIONS, the object being to effect economy without sacrifice of quality. This volume (No. 101) is expected to be in the hands of members by the time this Report is read.

During the year a Supplement to Volume 100 was also published, containing the full text of the Centenary Address delivered by Mr. Bertram Benas 22 June 1948, together with notes on the founders and on the Society's mace, with suitable illustrations.

The introduction of an amenity in the form of tea and biscuits prior to meetings is to be noted with satisfaction. It is understood that its continuance is dependent upon adequate patronage.

Early in the year the Hon. Secretary intimated that owing to pressure of engagements he would have to resign the office with great regret at the end of the present Session.

F. A. BAILEY,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1950

IN presenting his annual report for the year ended in December 1950, the Honorary Librarian states that apart from the entries recorded in the Lent Book, it is known that members borrow books without recording them. This procedure is very much deprecated and is against the general principle that books may be borrowed provided that they are recorded in the Lent Book. It would assist the Honorary Librarian if, when books are borrowed, they are returned to the Library with as little delay as possible. A fine for unnecessary detention has so far not been considered by the Council, but such action may have to be taken if books are not returned within a reasonable time.

Additions have been made to the stock of the Library by donations from various members of the Society as follows:

Presented by Mr. Raymond Richards, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.:

Twenty-two Photographs ($11\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$) taken during the alterations to the Brereton and Cholmondeley Chapels in the Church of St. Oswald, Malpas, Cheshire, together with descriptive notes.

Diploma presented to Edward Hawkins, F.R.S., F.S.A., F.L.S., dated 23 November 1848, and Lithographic Portraits of Edward Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hawkins.

Presented by Mr. J. F. Smith:

Gordon Hemm, *St. George's Hall, Liverpool: described and illustrated*, 1949.

Littlebury's Official Handbook to the City of Liverpool, 19th edition, 1950.

J. F. Smith and G. Chandler, *Liverpool Public Libraries Centenary, 1850-1950*. Published 1950.

During the year many transactions received from societies which exchange transactions with this Society have been added to the Library, as well as the publications of societies to which we subscribe.

Twenty-three volumes of the TRANSACTIONS have been sold to members and various institutions, and twenty-nine volumes covering the years 1854-1884 were purchased second-hand and added to stock. The following new volumes of the TRANSACTIONS were added to stock:

Volume 100, 48 copies in January, and Supplement to volume 100, 66 copies in September.

J. F. SMITH,
Honorary Librarian.

The Hon. Treasurer in Account with The Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1950

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1950				1950			
Jan. 1.	To Bank Balance		358 13 10	Dec. 31.	By Cost of Printing:—		
Dec. 31.	" Subscriptions		432 4 0		Transactions—		
	" Donations:				Volume 100	579 3 0	
	" Blocks, Off-prints, etc. . . .	103 11 6			Supplemental		
	" To commemorate the				Volume ..	134 15 6	
	inauguration of the						713 18 6
	Second Century of the				" Rent of Rooms ..		12 12 0
	Society	15 15 0			" Expenses:		
	" Summer Excursion Profit		119 6 6		Hon. Secretary ..	17 16 6	
	" Interest on 3½% War		0 14 6		Hon. Editor ..	10 10 0	
	Stock		6 17 4		Hon. Treasurer ..	3 12 10	
	" Interest on 3% Savings						31 19 4
	Bonds		15 0 0		" Subscriptions:		
	" Sale of Transactions ..		10 5 9		English Place-name		
					Society	15 0	
					Parish Register Society	1 11 6	
					Record Society ..	1 5 0	
					Chetham Society ..	1 10 0	
							5 1 6
					" Fifteen copies of Lancs.		2 0 0
					Acts of Parliament ..		16 10 0
					Printing and Stationery		2 10 0
					" Transactions purchased		
							784 11 4
							Carried forward
			943 1 11				

