

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1951

The Council authorised the Hon. Secretary during the year to send out a circular to all large libraries in Great Britain and abroad. As a result of this, two universities became members and ordered complete sets of the Society's Transactions. This is welcome evidence of the high value placed in scholastic circles upon the Society's Transactions, and was a useful addition to the Society's finances. Complimentary copies of the Society's Transactions were sent out during the year, the cost being generously defrayed by Raymond Richards, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S., and notices appeared in five local papers, but there was no increase in membership as a result.

During the year 22 new members have been elected, 4 more than in the previous year. Lapses of membership through unpaid subscriptions have been considerable during the last few years. The total membership is 336, less than the previous year, but this decline is apparent rather than real, as the membership list has been revised thoroughly and is now made up as follows: Honorary 5, Life 8, Ordinary 226, Student 4, Family 10, Libraries 79, and Affiliated Societies 4.

New Members elected during the year were as follows:—

| DATE | NAME OF MEMBER | PROPOSER |
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| Jan. 18. | Mrs. J. C. Bryson | J. C. Bryson |
| " | A. Dale | R. Richards |
| " | A. P. Duggan, B.A. | G. Barraclough |
| Feb. 15. | M. Ward, M.I.Mun.E., A.M.P.T.I. | J. J. Bagley |
| " | J. D. King, M.D. | W. H. Rimmer |
| " | Miss J. G. Eastwood | G. Chandler |
| " | W. F. Bushell, M.A. | W. H. Jones |
| " | Miss E. H. Robertson | Miss O. Crowden |
| " | Edge Hill Training College | F. A. Bailey |
| " | Miss F. E. Wheaton | W. H. Rimmer |
| " | L. M. Angus-Butterworth, M.A., M.I.Mech.E., F.S.A.(Scot.) | F. A. Bailey |
| Mar. 15. | Miss E. M. Swire | R. Dickinson |
| " | Bristol University | G. Chandler |
| " | Glasgow University | G. Chandler |
| Apr. 19. | Miss M. Lamble | Miss M. W. Frith |
| May 19. | G. R. Sloman | Miss E. B. Saxton |
| June 16. | W. J. Varley, M.A., D.Phil., F.S.A. | J. J. Bagley |
| Oct. 18. | A. F. Armstrong, F.L.A. | J. R. Harris |
| Dec. 6. | G. Leach, F.S.A. | J. J. Bagley |
| " | G. C. Hedges, B.A. | J. J. Bagley |
| " | Mrs. H. Edwards, B.A. | Miss M. W. Frith |
| " | Miss L. Murray, M.A. | S. A. Harris |

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

| | <i>Present (approx.)</i> |
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| Jan. 18. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and Exhibition of Lantern slides. | 25 |
| Feb. 15. "Lancashire Coal, Cheshire Salt and the Rise of Liverpool" by T. C. Barker, M.A. | 40 |
| Mar. 15. "The Historical Interest of Wills and Inventories, with special reference to those recently deposited in the Lancashire Record Office," by B. C. Jones, B.A. | 35-40 |
| April 19. "Joseph Mayer, Liverpool Antiquary," by R. A. Finch | 60 |
| May 19. (At the Sessions House, Knutsford.) "The County Palatine of Chester," by Professor G. Barraclough, M.A. | 70 |

| | <i>Present (approx.)</i> |
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| June 16. (At the County Offices, Preston). "The Duchy and Palatinate of Lancaster," by R. Somerville, M.A. | 50 |
| Sept. 20. "Some Views of Cheshire in Mid-Victorian Days, from Contemporary Lantern Slides," by Raymond Richards, M.A., F.S.A. | 50 |
| Oct. 18. "The Chancery of the Earls of Chester," by A. P. Duggan, B.A. | 30 |
| Nov. 15. "A Review of Prehistory in Lancashire and Cheshire in 1951," by T. G. E. Powell, M.A., F.S.A. | 55 |
| Dec. 6. "The Elizabethan Playhouse at Prescott, Lancs," by J. R. Smith, M.A., and F. A. Bailey, M.A. | 50 |

It will be noticed that the attendances at the Society's summer meetings remain consistently high. One excursion was arranged in the summer in addition to the two summer meetings. The success of the meeting in Cheshire encourages the view that a meeting should be held annually there as well as in Lancashire.

Vol. 102 of the Society's Transactions has been edited during the year and will probably have been issued when this paper is read.

The Society has continued to co-operate in the work of the National Register of Archives, the Council for British Archaeology and the County Committees for Local History set up by the Community Councils for Lancashire and Cheshire.

G. CHANDLER,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1951

THE Hon. Librarian reports that much use was made of the Library on the evenings of the monthly meetings during the year under review.

Societies which exchange Transactions with this Society are publishing their volumes more regularly since the termination of the war. It is, however, evident that the cost of paper, printing and binding is causing much concern to the respective Treasurers, and many Societies have resorted to issuing their Transactions in paper covers instead of the usual stiff cloth covers. Also the number of articles is restricted owing to the limited amount of paper.

Several volumes of this Society's Transactions were purchased by members and non-members during the year, and requests for complete sets were received from Glasgow and Bristol Universities. These requests were fulfilled with the exception of volumes now out of print.

The thanks of the Society are due to the following members for their donations to the Library:

Mr. W. G. H. Jones, A.I.B.

Baines, *History of the County Palatine and Duchy of Lancaster*, edited by John Hartland, 2 Vols., 1868-1870.

Mr. Richard A. Pilkington.

Pilkington pedigrees (in ten sections); with additions and corrections to 1944, 1st ed., coloured illustrations.

Mr. W. Pritchard.

W. F. Bushell, *Birkenhead Priory and after*, 1950.

Mr. N. T. Purgold.

P. Sully, *The Hundred of Wirral*, 1889.

J. H. Cooke, *Ida; or the mystery of the Nun's grave at Vale Royal Abbey, Cheshire; an historical novel*, 1912.

Miller, G. C., *Hoghton Tower: the history of the Manor, the hereditary Lords and the ancient Manor-house of Hoghton in Lancashire*, 1948.

TRANSACTIONS, Vols. 99, 100 and 101. 1947-1949.

Thanks are also due to Professor Henry A. Ormerod for kindly presenting a copy of his pamphlet "The Liverpool Free School, 1515-1803," and to the Hon. Librarian of the Shropshire Archaeological Society for kindly presenting various volumes of the Shropshire Archaeological Society's Transactions, which were missing from the Library.

Volume 101 of TRANSACTIONS for the year 1949, was published and circulated to members in January, and seventy-three copies were added to the stock of the Society's Library.

J. F. SMITH,
Honorary Librarian.

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1951

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

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| <i>Brought forward</i> | 997 15 6 | <i>Brought Forward</i> | 687 0 0 |
| | | By Fire Insurance | 1 8 0 |
| | | „ Bank Balance | 309 7 6 |
| | <u>£997 15 6</u> | | <u>£997 15 6</u> |

NOTE.—No accounts are outstanding.

Other Assets not shown in this Statement include: £156 5s. 7d. 3½% War Stock, £300 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70, War Damage Claim for £120 plus interest, Stock of TRANSACTIONS and the Library.

(Signed) W. G. H. JONES, A.I.B., Hon. Treasurer.
Liverpool, 2 January 1952.

Audited and found correct,
(Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditors.
S. A. HARRIS, A.C.I.S. }
Liverpool, January 1952.