

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1952

DURING the year 24 new members have been elected, 2 more than in the previous year. The total membership is 324, 12 less than last year, and the membership list is now made up as follows: Honorary 5, Life 9, Ordinary 211, Student 4, Family 11, Libraries 84, Affiliated Societies 4.

New members elected during the year were as follows:—

DATE	NAME OF MEMBER	PROPOSER
Jan. 17.	Mrs. C. S. Davies, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
„	Mrs. V. Chapman, M.A.	G. Chandler
Feb. 21.	Nautical Research Society	G. Chandler
„	A. R. Grayson	J. F. Smith
„	C. R. Ambler	G. Chandler
„	J. H. Hodson, B.A.	G. Chandler
„	Astley Cheetham Public Library	G. Chandler
„	W. R. Hartland	R. Dickinson
Mar. 20.	Miss J. G. Burley	J. J. Bagley
May 17.	Mrs. E. McIntyre	S. A. Harris
Sept. 18.	D. T. Allan	G. Chandler
„	D. Gravett, B.A.	C. Barber
„	F. R. Johnston, M.A.	R. Sharpe France
„	Lt.-Col. R. B. Crosse	G. Chandler
„	C. O. Reay	G. Chandler
„	Miss F. Sullivan	J. J. Bagley
Oct. 16.	Miss C. M. Eaton	G. Chandler
„	Rev. C. E. Francis, M.A.	J. W. Foley
„	Frank Tyrer, M.A., B.Sc.	T. Williams
„	University College, Leicester	J. F. Smith
Nov. 20.	D. Blackshaw	F. A. Bailey
„	W. J. Chamberlain	W. G. H. Jones
„	E. H. Smith, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
Dec. 18.	Dr. F. G. Latham	S. A. Harris

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

		<i>Present (approx.)</i>
Jan. 17.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and Exhibition of Lantern slides.	30
Feb. 21.	“The Changing Economic Functions of Liverpool Export Merchants”, by Professor F. E. Hyde, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S.	30
Mar. 20.	“Traditional House-Types in Rural Lancashire and Cheshire”, by W. A. Singleton, M.A., Ph.D., B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., A.I.Struct.E.	45
April 17.	“Admiral Denham, Marine Surveyor to the Port of Liverpool”, by A. Mountfield.	40
May 17.	(At County Offices, Preston) “The First Lancashire House of Correction”, by Miss S. S. Tollit.	25
June 21.	(At Grosvenor Museum, Chester). “Port of Chester”, by Graham Webster, M.A., F.S.A., A.M.I.C.A., A.M.A.	20
Sept. 18.	“Historical Geography of Delamere Forest”, by B. M. Husain, M.A., B. Comm.	40

	<i>Present (approx.)</i>
Oct. 16. "Some account of Events in the Parish of Sefton concerning the Grammar School (Merchant Taylors) at Great Crosby, 1755-1811", by T. Williams.	40
Nov. 20. "Rural Settlements in the Valley of the Dee in West Cheshire", by Mrs. V. Chapman, M.A.	30
Dec. 18. "The Coming of Steam Power to the Lancashire Coalfield, 1719-1820", by S. A. Harris, M.A.	33

G. CHANDLER,  
*Honorary Secretary*

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1952

THE Honorary Librarian reports that consequent upon the reallocation of book-cases to various societies meeting in the Royal Institution, he has been able to rearrange a portion of the Library so as to make the volumes more accessible to members. As is the usual practice, the contents of the Library are available to members on the evenings of the monthly meetings and according to the lent book, several members have taken advantage of borrowing books to assist them in their researches.

During the year under review requests to purchase odd volumes of TRANSACTIONS have been received and met. Several volumes were purchased by Lt.-Col. R. B. Crosse and Liverpool University, Department of Extra-Mural Studies. The University College Library, Leicester, made a request to purchase a set of the TRANSACTIONS. Reprints of Professor W. J. Varley's "Excavations of the Castle Ditch, Eddisbury, 1935-38" through the kind services of the Curator of the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, were also purchased.

The thanks of the Society are due to the following donors:

John C. Maples (*compiler*).

Map showing "Former Knights Hospitallers possessions, Province of Lancashire". March, 1952.

(This map has been inserted in volume 54 of the TRANSACTIONS accompanying Mr. Robert Gladstone's paper on "Early Charters of the Knights Hospitallers relating to Much Woolton, near Liverpool.")

Professor J. A. Todd.

Transactions of the Liverpool Nautical Research Society, Volumes 2-5, 1945-50, and typescript circulars, Volume 2, Nos. 1-3, 1952.

The Honorary Librarian continues to receive from other Societies their Transactions or Proceedings in accordance with arrangements made to exchange for our publication. The Secretary of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society has very kindly supplied various copies of the *Journal* to complete our files.

Volume 102 of the TRANSACTIONS for the year 1950 was circulated to members during the first week of January. Forty-one copies were added to stock and seventy-five reprints of Professor W. J. Varley's paper. Volume 103 of the TRANSACTIONS for the year 1951 was printed and circulated to members in November 1952, and forty-three copies were added to the stock of the Society.

J. F. SMITH,

*Honorary Librarian.*



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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1952

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

<i>Brought forward</i>	1088 1 3	<i>Brought Forward</i>	1059 13 9
		By Printing and Stationery ..	23 1 0
		" Gratuities .. ..	1 11 6
		" Fire Insurance .. ..	1 13 0
		" Repairs to Locks, Bookcase ..	2 2 0
	<u>£1088 1 3</u>		<u>£1088 1 3</u>

NOTE.—No accounts are outstanding.

Assets not shown in this Statement include: £196 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, 7 January 1953.

Audited and found correct,  
(Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditors.  
S. A. HARRIS, A.C.I.S. }  
Liverpool, 7 January 1953.

