

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1953

DURING the year 19 new members have been elected, 5 less than in the previous year. The total membership is 331, 3 more than last year, and the membership list is now made up as follows: Honorary 5, Life 9, Ordinary 211, Student 4, Family 11, Libraries 87, Affiliated Societies 4.

New members elected during the year were as follows:—

DATE	NAME OF MEMBER	PROPOSER
Jan. 15.	A. C. Body, M.A.	Miss J. Beck
	Widnes Historical Society	C. Barber
Feb. " 6.	Earl Peel	J. J. Bagley
" "	W. J. Hodgkiss, B.A.	J. J. Bagley
Mar. 19	Niedersächsische Staats-und Universitäts- bibliothek	J. J. Bagley
" "	J. H. Russell	W. G. H. Jones
" "	Bernard R. Howe	A. R. Myers
" "	Miss C. D. Elliott	W. G. Thomas
" "	R. Sinclair	G. Chandler
April 16.	J. Murphy, M.A.	F. A. Bailey
" "	Mrs. M. T. Stevenson, B.A.	J. J. Bagley
Sept. 17.	Miss E. M. Reader	G. Chandler
" "	Mrs. W. Roberts	F. A. Bailey
" "	D. W. Bolam	G. Chandler
" "	J. M. Lamb	S. A. Harris
" "	Guildhall Library, London	G. Chandler
Nov. 19.	Dr. M. J. Moore-Rinvulcri, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
" "	J. F. Kelly	J. J. Bagley
Dec. 10.	R. D. Johnson, B.A.	M. M. Schofield

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

		<i>Present (approx.)</i>
Jan. 15.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and a paper on Lancashire and Cheshire coins, by W. G. H. Jones.	30
Feb. 19.	"The Libraries of Lancashire Clergy", by B. C. Jones, M.A. (Joint meeting with Crosby Historical Society, held in the Alexandra Hall, Crosby).	80
Mar. 19.	"William Roscoe", by Dr. G. Chandler, M.A., F.L.A., F.R.Hist.S., F.R.S.A. (This meeting was open to the general public).	100
April 16.	"The Reaction of Economic Events in Liverpool 1793-1815", by S. G. Checkland, M.A.	30
May 16.	(At Halton) "Halton and Norton", by Professor G. Barraclough, M.A.	40
Sept. 12.	(At Prescott) "The Watchmaking Industries of South-west Lancashire", by F. A. Bailey, M.A.	50
Sept. 17.	"Warrington—with special reference to the XIIIth Century, by G. Carter, F.L.A.	25
Oct. 15.	"Lancashire Influence on the Industrial Revolution on the Continent", by Dr. W. O. Henderson.	25
Nov. 19.	"The Inundation of the Lancashire Coast in 1720", by Miss J. Beck, B.A.	47
Dec. 10.	"The Liverpool Statutory Registers of British Merchant Ships", by R. C. Jarvis, F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.	25

G. CHANDLER,
Honorary Secretary

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1953

THE Honorary Librarian reports that members appreciate the facilities which allow them to consult the books freely, and many have been borrowed for home use. Applications for back volumes of the TRANSACTIONS have been more numerous this year. The Librarian of the Guildhall Library, London, required volumes 75 to 103 to complete the set in his library.

The Honorary Librarian reports that he did not have a complete set of the TRANSACTIONS in stock, although they might have been asked for at any time. Fortunately, with the consent of the Honorary Treasurer, we were able to purchase a complete set from a former member at a reasonable price. One of our members, D. L. Pelling, also generously presented his collection of TRANSACTIONS from Vols. 37 to 104, an incomplete run, the total number of volumes being 58. Members of the Council appreciate this gesture.

A request was received from the Council of British Archaeology on behalf of the new editor (Mrs. A. F. Morley) who is to edit the *Archaeological Bibliography* for the years 1952-1953, for the loan of publications to cover these years. Volumes 102 and 103 have been sent.

Additions to the library have been received from Societies which exchange transactions with us. One of our members has kindly presented a copy of his book to the library:—

M. M. Schofield, *Outlines of an Economic History of Lancaster, 1680-1860* (2 parts in 1 vol.). Published 1946 and 1951.

This forms Nos. 1 and 2 of the "Transactions of the Lancaster Branch of the Historical Association".

Further donations to the library were made by the following:—

Miss Patricia Gould, *Bennison's Survey of Liverpool and its environs, 1825.*

Joseph P. Pearce, *Reveries and sketches in a village church, 1946.*

Copies of this were also presented to members who attended the October meeting.

In November, Volume 104 of the TRANSACTIONS for the year 1952 was circulated to members. Fifty-two copies were added to stock.

J. F. SMITH,
Honorary Librarian

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1953

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

<i>Brought forward</i> ..	769 15 5	<i>Brought forward</i>	537 4 6
		Purchase—£200 3½% Defence Bonds	200 0 0
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	737 4 6
		Bank Balance	32 10 11
	<u>£769 15 5</u>		<u>£769 15 5</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, £200 3½% Defence Bonds also Stock of TRANSACTIONS and the Library.

(Signed) W. G. H. JONES, A.I.B., Hon. Treasurer.
Liverpool, 5 January 1954.

Audited and found correct,
(Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditors.
S. A. HARRIS, A.C.I.S. }
Liverpool, 5 January 1954.