

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1954

DURING the year 22 new members have been elected, 3 more than in the previous year. The total membership is 345, 14 more than last year, and the membership list is now made up as follows: Honorary 4, Life 8, Ordinary 229, Family 14, Libraries 84, Affiliated Societies 6.

New members elected during the year were as follows:—

DATE	NAME OF MEMBER	PROPOSER
Jan. 21.	A. Hunter	G. Chandler
" "	Mr. & Mrs. A. Clifford Noon	W. G. H. Jones
Feb. 18.	P. M. Jackson, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
" "	H. A. Jones, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
" "	R. G. Kitchen	S. A. Harris
" "	F. Goodacre	W. G. H. Jones
Mar. 18.	O. Ashmore, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
April 15.	The London Library	G. Chandler
May 15.	The Hoylake Historical Society	G. Chandler
" "	A. J. Griffiths, F.L.A.	G. Chandler
" "	Mrs. E. M. Buchanan, M.A.	A. R. Myers
Sept. 16.	H. A. Turner, M.A.	G. Chandler
" "	G. Rankin	G. Chandler
" "	Miss B. F. M. Bland, M.A.	Miss E. B. Saxton
" "	H. A. Taylor, M.A.	G. Chandler
" "	F. Hardman	W. G. H. Jones
Oct. 21.	W. J. Roberts	R. Dickinson
" "	R. G. Neill, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
Nov. 18.	H. N. Bassett, M.I.Mech.E., F.I.M.	G. Chandler
Dec. 16.	K. H. Docton, M.I.Mun.E.	J. F. Smith
" "	E. Kerridge, M.A., Ph.D.	J. R. Harris

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

DATE	DESCRIPTION	<i>Present (approx.)</i>
Jan. 21.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and inspection of the City Archives (at Liverpool Reference Library, William Brown Street).	20
Feb. 18.	"The Old Quaker Meeting House in Hackins Hey, Liverpool", by J. Murphy, M.A.	20
Mar. 18.	"Kenyon versus Rigby; the struggle for the Clerkship of the Peace in Lancashire in the Seventeenth Century", by J. J. Bagley, M.A.	20
April 15.	"Shakespeare in Lancashire", by A. Keen. This meeting was open to the public.	52
May 15.	(At Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight). "Cheshire Place Names", by Professor S. Potter, M.A., B. Litt., Ph.D.	30
June 19.	(At Gawsworth). "Gawsworth Rectory", by R. Richards, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.	30
Sept. 16.	"The Rise and Fall of the Port of Lancaster, 1680-1860", by M. M. Schofield, M.A.	50
Oct. 21.	"The Canal Era in Lancashire", by D. B. Cochrane, A.S.A.A.	46
Nov. 18.	"Hoghton Tower in History and Romance", by G. C. Miller	46
Dec. 16.	"Bunbury Church and the significance of the Excavations there", by the Rev. M. H. Ridgway, B.A., F.S.A.	36

G. CHANDLER,
Honorary Secretary

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1954

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
1954	£ s. d.	1954	£ s. d.
Jan. 1 To Bank Balance	32 10 11	Dec. 31 By Cost of Transactions—	
Dec. 31 Subscriptions	451 18 0	Volume 105	512 5 4
" Donations for Blocks	15 18 0	" Rent of Rooms	12 12 0
" Sale of Off-Prints	84 3 2	" Postages—	
" Sale of Transactions	52 17 9	Hon Secretary	10 16 0
" Interest on 3½% War Stock	6 17 4	Hon. Treasurer	4 5 0
" Interest on 3% Saving Bonds	9 0 0	" Postages & Indexing—	
" Interest on 3½% Defence Bonds	5 2 2	Hon. Editor	10 0 0
" Income Tax Refunded	16 15 2		25 1 0
" Profit on Excursion	7 6	" Books purchased	6 11 9
		" Subscriptions—	
		Sundry Societies	5 6 6
		" Printing and Stationery	16 12 9
		" Fire Insurance—Library	1 13 0
		" Lecturer's Expenses and	4 6 2
		Gratuities	

Carried forward 675 10 0

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<i>Brought forward</i> ..	675 10 0	<i>Brought forward</i>	584 8 6
		By Sundries	1 14 9
		„ Cheque Book	4 0
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	586 7 3
		„ Bank Balance	89 2 9
	£675 10 0		£675 10 0

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, 17 January 1955.

Audited and found correct,
 (Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditors.
 S. A. HARRIS, A.C.I.S. }
 Liverpool, 17 January 1955.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1954

THIS year the Council decided to allocate the sum of £10 from the War Damage Account for the purchase of books suitable as additions to the Library. The following were purchased:—

- T. C. Barker and J. R. Harris, *A Merseyside town in the Industrial Revolution: St. Helens 1750-1900*, 1954.
George Chandler, *William Roscoe of Liverpool*; with introduction by Sir Alfred Shennan, 1953.
Herbert C. Collins, *Lancashire plain and seaboard*, 1953.
Frank Coupe, *Walton-le-Dale: a history of the village*, 1954.
R. Kay Gresswell, *Sandy shores in South Lancashire: the geomorphology of South-West Lancashire*, 1953.
Jessica Lofthouse, *Lancashire-Westmorland highway; with byways and footways for the curious traveller*, 1953.
Henry A. Ormerod, *The Liverpool Royal Institution: a record and a retrospect*, 1953.

Further additions to the Library have been made by presentation, viz:—

- G. Barraclough, *The Earldom and County Palatine of Chester*, 1953.
The Cheshire Historian, No. 1, 1951.
Kenneth H. Docton, *A directory of Lancaster, 1684*, 1954.
W. J. Hodgkiss, *The History of the Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School*, 1953.
B. H. C. Turvey, *Notes on the History of Woodchurch*, 1953.

Current publications have been received from societies which exchange transactions with this Society, and in addition five volumes of the Sussex Archaeological Society *Collections* to complete the library set have been added to stock. The following publications of societies to which we subscribe have been received:

- The Cheshire Rural Community Council: *The Cheshire Historian*, Nos. 2-4, 1952-4.
Chetham Society, 3rd Series, Vol. 5, 1953.
English Place-Name Society, Vols. 23 and 24, *Place-names of Oxfordshire*, 2 vols., 1953.
Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, Vols. 103-105, 3 vols, 1953.
Lancashire Parish Register Society, Vol. 93, 1953.

Recent additions to the library stock have encouraged members to make free use of the library to consult or borrow volumes.

It is gratifying to report that requests continue to be received from members and institutions for copies of TRANSACTIONS. Seventy-three volumes were sold. They included applications from London Library for eleven volumes, Minnesota University for forty-three volumes, and Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek for twelve volumes.

Off-prints of Professor W. J. Varley's paper on the Castle Ditch, Eddisbury, in Volume 102, and of John Ward's Diary in Volume 105 are still available by application to me. Both off-prints cost 2s. 6d. each.

As in the previous year the current volume, Volume 105, was circulated to members in November. Forty-four copies were added to stock.

J. F. SMITH,
Honorary Librarian