

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1956

DURING the year fifteen new members have been elected, six less than in the previous year. The total membership is 336, seven less than last year and the membership list is now made up as follows: Honorary 2, Life 8, Ordinary 220, Family 10, Libraries 87, Affiliated Societies 9.

New members elected during the year were as follows:—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Member</i>	<i>Proposer</i>
Jan. 19.	N. Warburton	H. A. Taylor
" "	J. Blackburn	H. A. Taylor
Feb. 16.	Miss I. Brammer	G. Chandler
" "	Pilling and District Historical Society	J. J. Bagley
" "	The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, U.S.A.	J. F. Smith
" "	J. Burr, M.A.	J. J. Bagley
Sept. 20.	T. Lloyd Jones	J. J. Bagley
" "	Miss B. E. Wass	J. R. Harris
" "	Ian Lowe	W. G. H. Jones
" "	A. Andrews	J. R. Harris
Oct. 18.	E. R. Lloyd, B.Sc.(Econ.)	G. Chandler
" "	Eccles Public Libraries	G. Chandler
" "	Rev. Patrick Kennedy	T. Williams
" "	Droylsden Littlemiss Boys' County Secondary School	J. J. Bagley
" "	Gordon Youd, B.A.	J. J. Bagley

Meetings during the year, and papers read, as follows:

		<i>Present (Approx.)</i>
Jan. 19.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and an exhibition of lantern slides on the Wirral, presented by W. R. Serjeant, B.A.	25
Feb. 16.	"John Bolton, a Liverpool Merchant", by Miss B. M. Santer, B.A.	30
Mar. 15.	"The Liverpool Corporation Schools, 1827-42, and the movement for National Elementary Education", by Dr. J. Murphy, M.A. (This meeting was open to the public).	35
April 19.	"Matthew Gregson of Liverpool, 1729-1824", by H. A. Taylor, M.A. (Members of the Hoylake and Bromborough Historical Societies were invited to this meeting).	50
Sept. 20.	"That insolent rebel: Colonel Alexander Rigby", by J. J. Bagley, M.A. (Members from the Crosby and Prescott Historical Societies were invited to this meeting).	70
Oct. 18.	"The town of Liverpool in the '45", by R. C. Jarvis, F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S. (Members from the Formby and Widnes Historical Societies were invited to this meeting).	50
Nov. 15.	"Rathbone's Trading Activities in the mid-nineteenth century", by Miss S. Marriner, M.A. (Members from the Liverpool Nautical Research Society were invited to this meeting).	30
Dec. 6.	"Recent work at Roman Walton-le-Dale", by E. E. Pickering. (Members from the Fylde Historical Society were invited to this meeting).	50

G. CHANDLER,  
*Honorary Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1956

MUCH use is being made of the Library by members, particularly of the new volumes added. Requests for the sale of back-numbers of the TRANSACTIONS have been received from members for 23 volumes and from institutions for 111 volumes. Of this total 79 were sent to the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, U.S.A., 27 to Stalybridge Public Library, 4 to Wallasey Public Library and 1 to Leicester University College. Further requests have been received and supplied for Professor W. J. Varley's paper on the Castle Ditch, Eddisbury.

In April the Honorary Librarian secured from the Executors of the late P. Culverwell Brown, 48 volumes of TRANSACTIONS, some of which replace volumes out of stock.

The thanks of the Society are tendered for the following kind donations:—

Stanley A. Harris, *The Development of gas supply on North Merseyside, 1815-1949*. 1956.

Chester and North Wales Archaeological Society, *Catalogue of the Roman inscribed and sculptured stones in the Grosvenor Museum, Chester*, by R. P. Wright, with contributions by I. A. Richmond. Illus. 1955.

The following books were purchased out of the War Damage Fund, viz.:

J. J. Bagley, *A History of Lancashire, with maps and pictures: cartography* by D. H. Birch. 1956.

P. Fleetwood-Hesketh, *Murray's Lancashire: Architectural Guide*. Maps, illus. 1955.

Walter Greenwood, *Lancashire* (County Books series), Map, illus. 1951.

W. S. MacCunn, *Bluecoat Chambers: the origins and development of an art centre*. Port., illus. 1956.

Arthur Redford and others. *Manchester Merchants and Foreign trade, 1794-1939*. 2v. 1934-56. (Manchester University Economic History series).

Mary D. Stocks, *Fifty years in Every Street: the story of the Manchester University Settlement*; with an additional chapter on the years 1945-55, by Brian Rodgers. 2nd ed. 1956.

R. Whittington-Egan, *Liverpool colonnade*. Illus. 1955.

Additions to the Library have been received from societies which exchange TRANSACTIONS with us.

In November, Volume 107 for 1955 was circulated to members and seventy three copies 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 1956

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
1956	RECEIPTS				1956	PAYMENTS					
Jan. 1	To Bank Balance .. ..	87	18	0	Dec. 31	By Cost of Transactions, Vol. 107 .. ..			583	14	0
Dec. 31	" Subscriptions .. ..	430	8	0	"	Off-Prints year 1955 .. ..			25	0	0
"	" Donations for Blocks .. ..	36	12	5	"	Rent of Room .. ..			12	12	0
"	" Donations by Lancashire and Cheshire F.N.S. .. ..	1	10	9	"	Postages— Hon. Secretary .. ..			9	1	1
"	" Sale of Off-prints .. ..	46	13	2	"	Hon. Treasurer .. ..			2	12	9
"	" Sale of Transactions .. ..	64	8	6	"	Hon. Editor and In- dexing Volume .. ..			10	0	0
"	" Interest on 3½% War Stock .. ..	6	17	4					21	13	10
"	" Interest on 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 .. ..	9	0	0					5	4	3
"	" Interest on 3½% Defence Bonds .. ..	7	0	0					5	0	0
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"	" Balance due to Bankers .. ..	4	4	11		Books purchased .. ..					
		694 13 1				Transactions purchased .. ..					
						Subscriptions to— Lancashire Parish Register .. ..			1	11	6
						Chetham Society .. ..			1	10	0
						Record Society .. ..			1	5	0
						English Place Name Soc. .. ..			1	5	0
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	<i>Carried forward</i> .. ..	694	13	1					658	15	7
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	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ..	694 13 1	<i>Brought forward</i>	658 15 7
		Printing and Stationery ..	14 8 8
		Fire Insurance Library ..	1 13 0
		Advertising Public Meeting ..	15 0 0
		Gratuities and Lecturer's Expenses	4 11 10
		Cheque Book .. .. .	4 0
	£694 13 1		£694 13 1

NOTE.—No accounts are outstanding.

Assets not shown in this Statement include Stock of TRANSACTIONS and the Library and the following Investments:  
 £196 5s. 7d. 3½% War Stock, £300 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70, £200 3½% Defence Bonds.

(Signed) W. G. H. JONES, Hon. Treasurer.  
 Liverpool, 1 January 1957.

Audited and found correct,  
 (Signed) KENNETH G. COOK, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditors.  
 STANLEY A. HARRIS, A.C.I.S. }  
 Liverpool, 10 January 1957.

