

REPORT FOR 1905

PRESENTED 1ST FEBRUARY 1906

DURING the year nine new members, paying £1, 1s. each, have joined the Society, and three non-resident members, Colonel Fishwick, Mr. W. H. Rylands, and Mr. F. Stapleton Bretherton, have very kindly consented to increase their subscriptions from 10s. 6d. to £1, 1s. Twelve members (six resident and six non-resident) have resigned, or have been removed by the Council under the rules of the Society, and three resident members, one non-resident, and one life-member have died. The net financial loss to the Society is £3, 14s. per annum. Among those who have died, Mr. Edward Evans had been a member of the Society from the year of its commencement, the date of his election being the 23rd November 1848. The Society has to deplore the loss of a distinguished antiquary in the death of Dr. George William Marshall, F.S.A., *York Herald*, of Mr. Henry Douglas Eshelby, F.S.A., for many years the Hon. Treasurer of this Society, who always took the deepest interest in its welfare, and worked hard and successfully to put it on a sound financial basis at a time when the Society had fallen on evil days. On All Saints' Day there passed unexpectedly away an old member of our Society, who welcomed it warmly when Halsall was visited many years ago, the Rev. Canon Blundell, sometime Chaplain to Queen Victoria, Hon. Chaplain to King Edward VII., and for forty-two years Rector of Halsall, whose influence for good was felt far beyond the confines of his parish, a truly saintly and lovable man, the friend and father of his flock, a cultivated, courteous, kindly English gentleman. During the spring Mr. W. E. Gregson, who for many years had occupied the office of Hon. Treasurer, was obliged to relinquish

his post owing to increasing business engagements, and Mr. F. C. Beazley, a member of Council, kindly accepted the position at the unanimous request of the Council. The Council wish to place on record their very high appreciation of the work which Mr. Gregson has so long and ungrudgingly given to the affairs of the Society, and they have unanimously elected him to the vacancy on the Council created by the retirement of Mr. F. C. Beazley when he took up the position of Hon. Treasurer.

Ten meetings have been held during the year, at each of which a paper has been read dealing with some local subject. The Council are glad to note that the attendance of members continues good. A new departure was made on the evening of 2nd November, when, at the invitation of the City Librarian, the Society met at the Central Free Library, and Mr. Peter Cowell kindly exhibited a few of the treasures under his care belonging to the Library Committee especially bearing upon the history of Liverpool and the district. Two excursions took place during the summer, and were well attended.

A double volume, 55-56 (N.S. 19-20), of the Society's *Transactions* was issued to members on the 28th May last.

MEMBERS ELECTED, 1905.

Samuel Nowell.	A. J. Thompson.
R. Stewart-Brown.	George Chambers.
Donald Dean Burrell.	Isaac Marshall.
Richard Eric Mather Withers.	The Library of Congress,
Dr. T. H. Bickerton.	Washington, U.S.A.
Robert Newstead.	

PAPERS READ, 1905.

- Jan. 12. Annual Meeting, "The Liverpool Fee-Farm Leases."
By J. RAMSAY MUIR, M.A.
- „ 26. "The Development of Birkenhead, 1775-1875,"
illustrated by lantern slides. W. F. IRVINE.
Exhibition of Excursion slides.
- Feb. 9. "Lancashire and Cheshire as Subjects or Backgrounds
in General Literature before 1800." By ROBERT
H. CASE, B.A.

- Feb. 23. "Notes on the Parish of Warton." By J. K. FLOYER,
M.A., F.S.A.
- Mar. 9. "Notes on the Parish of Prescott." By Rev. FRED.
G. PATERSON, M.A.
- Mar. 23. "Notes on some Unchronicled Banks and Bankers
of Early Liverpool." By JOHN HUGHES.

AUTUMN SESSION.

- Nov. 2. Meeting at the Free Library. Paper by Mr. PETER
COWELL.
- Nov. 16. "A Short History of Farnworth Grammar School."
By C. RICHARD LEWIS.
- „ 30. "The Pretender's March through Cheshire in 1745."
By Rev. F. S. BANNER.
- Dec. 14. "Liverpool Shipping in 1626." By ROBERT GLAD-
STONE, Jun., B.C.L., M.A.

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

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1905.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank		19	12 11
Subscriptions received during the year, including dividend on Consols and Bank interest			
Balance in Bank at credit of Tablets Account, transferred for postages, &c.	307	13	3
Sale of Books		1	19 3
W. O Roper, Esq., towards illustrations		5	15 0
W. F. Irvine		1	5 0
The Corporation of Warrington towards illustrations		4	15 0

	£	s.	d.
PAYMENTS.			
Rent, one year to 30th June 1905		10	10 0
Rent of stock-room, one year to 30th September 1905		5	0 0
Refreshments, balance 1904	£3	4	6
" 1905	10	12	1
Secretary's honorarium, balance 1904	£6	11	3
" 1905	26	5	0
Indexing Volume LV.-VI., 1904		£33	19 4
Printing Volume LIV., notices, &c., 1904		139	5 1
" " LV.-LVI.		17	0 2
" Notices, addressing, postages, 1905, delivering volumes, &c., 1905		190	4 7
Paid on account of plates, Volume LVIII.		0	19 2
Subscriptions to other Societies, and for Archaeological Index		5	14 3
Insurance to Lady-Day, 1906		0	16 0
Limelight and Expenses		2	12 0
Books to add to Library and Stock, and carriage, 1904		1	15 1
Rates and taxes, new stock-room, 1904	£0	7	4
" " 1905	1	8	2
Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian's stationery		1	15 6
Treasurer's cheque-books and postages		6	10 0
Cash in hand at 31st December 1905	£11	10	6
Balance in Bank		50	5 3
	£342	1	5

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F. C. BEAZLEY, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,
J. PAUL RYLANDS.

16th January 1906.

