

REPORT FOR 1906

PRESENTED 24TH JANUARY 1907

DURING the year fourteen new members, paying £1, 1s. each, have joined the Society, and eighteen non-resident members have kindly consented to increase their subscriptions from 10s. 6d. to £1, 1s. per annum. The Council deeply regret to record the death of Mr. J. Kerfoot Jones, for many years a member of this Society. Four resident and five non-resident members have resigned, or have been removed from the list of members by the Council under the rules of the Society. The net financial gain to the Society is £16, 16s. 6d. The number of resident members is now 162, non-resident 53, and life-members 17.

At the Annual Meeting held on the 1st February last, Mr. R. D. Radcliffe, M.A., F.S.A., who was Hon. Secretary from 1884 until 1903, was unanimously elected a Vice-President of the Society.

Nine 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 notice that the attendance of members continues good. The Council have to record their appreciation of a generous donation from a member, Mr. Cedric Boulton, who on the 15th March last presented to the library of the Society eighteen portfolios containing documents relating to the foundation and early years of the Society, from the collection of the late Mr. Joseph Mayer. Two excursions took place during the summer, and were well attended. Volume 57 of the Society's *Proceedings* was issued to members on the 16th day of May last.

The Council desire to make a special appeal to members to bring the Society to the notice of their friends and to induce

them to join. The work of the Society is greatly hampered owing to the want of funds, and the Council feel sure that if this were only realised it would result in a large accession to the list of members. Enclosed will be found two forms of proposal of New Members, and the Council trust these will be returned to the Hon. Secretary duly filled up.

LIST OF INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

1905.
Fishwick, Colonel Henry.
Rylands, W. H., Esq.
Stapleton-Bretherton, F., Esq.

1906.
Blackburn Free Library.
Bleckley, W. H., Esq.
Castle, Egerton, Esq.
Farrer, William, Esq.
Formby, John, Esq.
Newberry Library, Chicago.

Owen, William, Esq.
Parker, Colonel John.
Royds, Col. Sir Clement M.
St. Helen's Central Library.
Stonyhurst College.
Threlfall, H. Singleton, Esq.
Tonge, W. Asheton, Esq.
Toulmin, George, & Sons.
University of Manchester.
Warburton, Rev. William.
Wigan Free Library.
Worsley, Philip J., Esq.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, 1906.

Stuart Deacon, Esq.
Jas. T. Thompson, Esq.
Lawrence Hall, Esq.
Park N. Stone, Esq.
Peter Wright, Esq.
Francis C. Danson, Esq.
James B. Briggs, Esq.
Stanley Lowell, Esq.

J. R. Bate, Esq.
John H. Dalton, Esq.
C. A. Slater, Esq.
W. Wilkinson, Esq.
H. Godfrey Shaw, Esq.
E. Mitford Abraham, Esq. (re-joins).

PAPERS READ, 1906.

- Feb. 1. "Old Widnes." By CHARLES POOLE.
- " 15. (a) "The Armorial of Ormskirk Church." By JAMES BROMLEY, J.P.
- " (b) "A Lancashire Civil War Tax." By Lt.-Col. HENRY FISHWICK, F.S.A.
- Mar. 1. "Cromwell in Lancashire." By ROLAND J. SHELLEY.
- " 15. "Some Interesting English Gold Coins." By Dr. PHILIP NELSON.
- " 29. "The Physical Features of the Mersey Basin." By JOSEPH LOMAS, F.G.S.

AUTUMN SESSION.

- Nov. 1. Meeting at the Free Library. Paper by Mr. PETER COWELL.
- „ 15. “An Account of the Excavations at Veratinum (near Warrington) for the Present Year.” By THOMAS MAY.
- „ 29. “Notes on the Early Liverpool Directories, with Special Reference to the Issue for 1766.” By GEORGE T. SHAW.
- Dec. 13. { (a) “Some Further Notes on Standish Church and its Chantries.” By Mrs. ARTHUR CECIL TEMPEST.
- { (b) “An Old Liverpool Punch Bowl.” By A. H. ARKLE.

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