

REPORT FOR 1908

PRESENTED 21ST JANUARY 1909

DURING the year five new members, paying £1, 1s. each, have joined the Society, while three life members, six country members, and twenty-two resident members paying £26, 5s. have died or resigned, and the net loss to the Society is £21 per annum. The number of resident members is now 162, non-resident 42, and life members 15.

As will be seen from the foregoing, the year has been marked by an unusual number of deaths among our members. The Council deeply regret to record the deaths of the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., G.C.B., President of the Society since 1903, and a life member since 1893; the Most Noble the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., also a life member; and Mr. W. O. Roper, F.S.A., of Yealand-Conyers, who joined the Society in 1876, and was a member of the Council for many years.

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.

Two excursions took place during the summer, and were well attended. Volume 59 of the Society's *Transactions* was issued to members on the 14th November last.

The Council are glad to be able to report that the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, G.C.V.O., has consented to accept the position of President of the Society, vacant by the death of his father the late Earl.

During the autumn the Council co-opted Mr. Ronald Stewart-Brown as a member of the Council in the place of Mr. W. O. Roper, deceased.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, 1908.

Mr. John Hargreaves, Jun.
The Accrington Public Library.
The Toronto Public Library.

PAPERS READ, 1908.

- Jan. 23. "Three Touches of a Lancashire Parish with National History." By Rev. G. F. WILLS.
- Feb. 6. Lantern Evening.
- „ 20. "Trade and Commerce in Tudor Liverpool, being Further Extracts from the Municipal Records." By Miss E. M. PLATT.
- Mar. 5. "Notes on the Early Administration of the Poor Laws in Liverpool." By W. LYON BLEASE.
- „ 19. "Suggestions as to the Post-Roman History of Lancashire and Cheshire." By Captain A. O. VAUGHAN.
- Nov. 2. Open Evening at the Athenæum. Exhibition of Liverpool and District Books, Maps, and Plans. Paper read by Mr. GEO. T. SHAW.
- „ 12. "Some Account of Croston Parish Church." By Rev. W. G. PROCTER.
- „ 26. "Notes on Aughton Parish Church." By Rev. W. A. WICKHAM.
- Dec. 10. "Notes on Liverpool Castle Tunnel." By ROBERT GLADSTONE, Jun., B.C.L., M.A.

