

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1911

PRESENTED 18TH JANUARY 1912

DURING the year 21 new ordinary members, paying £1, 1s., have joined the Society, while 11 resident and 4 non-resident members have died, resigned, or been removed under the rules. The net financial gain is £8, 8s. per annum. The table annexed shows the present membership.

MEMBERSHIP.

	"Resident."	"Non-Resident."	Life.	Associate.	Honorary.
31st Dec. 1910	163	40 ¹	11	4	3
31st Dec. 1911	173	36	10	4	1
Gain . . .	10
Loss	4	1	...	2

The Council deeply regret to record the death of Mr. John George Prentice, who became a Member of the Society in 1890, and had been a Member of Council since 1894; Mr. Prentice took a great interest in the welfare of the Society, and his untimely decease leaves a gap which, both officially and personally, will long be felt by the members. The Council have also to record, with regret, the death of a distinguished Honorary Member, elected in 1870, in the person of Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, C.B., O.M., who died in December last in his ninety-fifth year.

¹ Recorded in vol. lxii. as 41 in error.

Nine meetings have been held during the year, the first or Annual General Meeting being devoted to a lantern display arranged by the Photographic Committee; at the other eight meetings papers have been read dealing with some local subject. The sixth meeting of the Society, by kind permission of the Library, Museum, and Arts Committee of the Corporation of Liverpool, was held in the Reference Library, William Brown Street, where Mr. George T. Shaw, Chief Librarian, had prepared an exhibition of the Herdman drawings, an explanatory paper being read by Mr. R. Stewart-Brown, M.A., F.S.A.

It is a satisfaction to the Council that the attendance of the members continues good, and that the increase of interest in the work of the Society, noticed in the last Report, is fully maintained, the Excursion and Photographic Committees, elected in January 1911, having been of great assistance.

An excursion, which was well attended, took place in July to Trevalyn Hall and Gresford; the members were hospitably entertained by Mrs. Griffith-Boscawen, and the Rev. E. A. Fishbourne kindly acted as cicerone at Gresford Church. The second excursion planned by the Excursion Committee was abandoned owing to the labour troubles.

On the resignation of Mr. F. C. Beazley as Honorary Treasurer in January last Mr. S. W. Phipps was elected to fill that office, and in June Mr. J. Brownbill, M.A., kindly accepted the position of Honorary Editor, Mr. Beazley retaining the Honorary Secretaryship.

Volume lxii., for 1910, was issued to the members in August last, and has been favourably noticed in the Press. The thanks of the Society are due to the Editors of the *Liverpool Daily Post*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Chester Observer*, *Chester Courant*, *Birkenhead News*, and *Birkenhead Advertiser* for regular insertions of reports of meetings.

The circulars to libraries and individuals inviting membership, adverted to in the last Report, have resulted in an increased membership, two libraries and eight individuals having joined the Society in response, and the Council are glad to report that

the first year's subscriptions of these new members more than defrays the cost of the circulars and specimens of *Transactions* and Illustrations accompanying them; at the same time this was an extraordinary effort, involving the issue of about 900 circulars, and it cannot, for some years at least, be repeated.

The Council regret to notice that the readers of papers are drawn from a very limited circle, and would welcome papers or communications from other contributors.

The scope of the Society could be considerably enlarged, and the annual volume might be greatly improved, if every member would induce some friend to join the Society.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, 1911.

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Harold Lee, J.P.	Jno. Hargreaves.
¹ John Hewitt.	Hon. Secretary.
H. Ashton Lee.	H. Peet.
¹ David Roderick.	Hon. Secretary.
Geo. J. Lyell.	do.
¹ Eustace Harrison.	do.
¹ Public Record Office.	do.
¹ Stockport Public Library.	do.
Stanley Wilson.	D. D. Burrell.
Rev. A. F. J. Timbrell, M.A.	Hon. Secretary.
¹ J. S. Fraser.	do.
¹ S. Cameron.	do.
¹ Rev. J. L. Darling, M.A.	do.
¹ Sir F. S. Powell, Bart.	do.
¹ Miss Roughsedge.	do.
Rev. C. H. Druitt, M.A.	do.
Nottingham Central Free Library.	do.
W. E. Livesey.	F. W. Bailey.
James Hoult.	Jno. Hargreaves.
Theophilus Hignett.	W. T. Blackledge.
Leigh Public Library.	Hon. Secretary.

¹ These members joined in response to the circular alluded to in the Report.

PAPERS READ, 1911.

- Jan. 19. Lantern evening.
- Feb. 2. "Some Notes on the Misericords ('Misereres') of Lancashire and Cheshire." By A. WOLFGANG.
- „ 16. "Allerton Hall and Manor—The History of 150 Years' Litigation." By R. STEWART-BROWN, M.A., F.S.A.
- Mar. 2. "The Church of St. Mary, Eccleston, near Chorley." By F. H. CHEETHAM.
- „ 16. "The Excavations of the Ancient Hill Fortress on Pen-y-Corddyn." By WILLOUGHBY GARDNER, F.L.S.
- Oct. 25.¹ "The Herdman Drawings." By R. STEWART-BROWN, M.A., F.S.A.
- Nov. 9. "The Brownlow Family of Hall i' th' Wood." By H. INCE ANDERTON.
- „ 9. "The Almshouses in Cambridge Street, Liverpool." By HENRY PEET, F.S.A.
- „ 23. "Some Notes on Mediæval Church Furniture." By A. WOLFGANG.
- Dec. 7. "Church Discipline in the Diocese of Chester during the decade following the Restoration (1660-1670)." By W. F. IRVINE, M.A., F.S.A.

¹ This meeting was held on a Wednesday at the Liverpool Free Library.

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

YEAR ENDING 30TH DECEMBER 1911.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance per last Account		23	9	10			
Subscriptions		211	1	0	£10	10	0
Dividends on Consols			6	4	0	10	6
Sale of Society's "Transactions," &c.			20	12			
Balance on excursion			0	16			
Bank Interest			1	10			
Reserve Fund. —Consols £2, 10s. per cent. (Scrip in hands of Hon. Treasurer):—							
£144 3 8 Bought 8 Aug. 1898					£19	13	9
65 16 4 " 6 Nov. 1906					5	5	0
12 14 10 " 16 Aug. 1907					6	11	3
27 5 2 " 4 Feb. 1908							
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£250 0 0					£11	1	0
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Scrip examined 10th January 1912, FRANCIS W. BAILEY.					88	15	9
Subscriptions in arrear, 1911	£2	12	6	H. Moore, care of stock and carriage on books sold			
Total arrears	£2	12	6	Stationery and printing	99	16	9
Subscriptions for 1912, paid 1911	£5	5	0	Subscriptions to other Societies	2	7	2
Bills due and payable by this Society	Nil.			Rates, stock-room (one-half) ¹	11	8	0
				Fire Insurance to 25th March 1912	3	2	0
				Slides and lime-light for lantern	0	10	3
				Hon. Secretary's and Treasurer's postages, stationery, &c.	0	8	0
				Cheque book	2	18	9
				Balance in Bank	4	0	0
					0	5	0
					83	0	2
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					£263	14	11

1 Shared with The Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

New Brighton, 10th January 1912,

S. W. PHIPPS, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, 10th January 1912,

FRANCIS W. BAILEY.