

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1917

PRESENTED JANUARY 31, 1918

THE table printed beneath shows the membership of the Society on January 1, 1918, and it is pleasing to note that our numbers have undergone so small a diminution when we bear in mind the trying times through which the nation is passing.

MEMBERSHIP

	Annual.	Life.	Associate.	Honorary.	Total.
1st Jan. 1917 .	194	10	1	10	215
1st Jan. 1918 .	190	10	1	10	211
Gain . . .	...	...	...	...	...
Loss . . .	4	...	...	...	4

We have to regret the deaths of four members, viz. Mr. William Bartlett, Septimus Castle, Mr. J. M. C. Webster, and Mr. George Grazebrook, F.S.A. Mr. Grazebrook, though at the time of his death no longer a member, had been, during a long period, an active contributor to the pages of our *Transactions*, and among other papers which had appeared that on the shapes of heraldic shields was the most important.

During the period under review ten meetings were held, the first being the Annual General Meeting, at which a series of excellent lantern slides of an archæological character were shown. The seventh meeting was held, by kind permission of the Library, Museum and Arts Com-

mittee of the Corporation of Liverpool, at the Reference Library, when a selection of the Mayer Papers were on view and notes thereon were delivered by the City Librarian, Mr. G. T. Shaw.

Volume lxviii. of the *Transactions* was issued last August and has met with well-merited approbation, and the Hon. Editor is to be congratulated upon the excellent results achieved. The cost of production has, in common with all such publications, unfortunately much increased owing to war conditions, and in order adequately to maintain the size and style of the forthcoming volume a fund has been inaugurated to meet the increased expenditure.

No excursions have been held during the past year, and no archæological discoveries have been reported. The Society welcomes this opportunity to express its appreciation of the kindness of the editors of the following newspapers in courteously inserting notices of the various papers read at its meetings: *Birkenhead News*, *Birkenhead and Cheshire Advertiser*, *Chester Courant*, *Cheshire Observer*, *Liverpool Courier* and *Liverpool Daily Post*.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1917

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Lady Royds.	Philip Nelson.
J. M. C. Webster.	S. W. Phipps.
The Wallasey Library.	P. C. Brown.
Dr. H. R. P. Baker.	Dr. R. T. Bailey.

PAPERS READ, 1917

Jan. 25. Lantern evening.

(Arranged by the Photographic Committee.)

- Feb. 1. (a) "The Norris Chapel at Childwall." (b)
 "Samuel and George Nicholson." By C. R.
 HAND.
 „ 15. "Post-Reformation Screen-work in Cheshire."
 By F. H. CROSSLEY.

- Mar. 1. "The Anglian Settlement of Lancashire and Cheshire." By J. BROWNBILL, M.A.
- „ 15. "English Mediæval Alabasters." By PHILIP NELSON, M.D., F.S.A.
- „ 29. "Mediæval Music," Part II. By ARTHUR W. POLLITT, Mus.Doc., F.R.C.O.
- Oct. 25. "Notes on the Mayer Papers." By GEORGE T. SHAW.
- Nov. 8. "The Mediæval Woodwork in Manchester Cathedral." By H. HUDSON, M.A.
- „ "The Mitton Screen." By the Rev. C. A. NEWDIGATE, S.J.
- „ 22. "Adam Pendleton, Recorder and Town Clerk of Liverpool, 1550-1578." By J. A. TWEMLOW.
- Dec. 6. "Mediæval Stall-work in Lancashire." By F. H. CROSSLEY.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN FOR
THE YEAR 1917

During the year 1917 the library of the Society has been open to the members at each of the Society's meetings. Not only has it been well used for the taking out of books, but owing to the open access method now in vogue, much use has been made of it for reference. The library has been enlarged by exchange of *Transactions* with the Societies mentioned at the commencement of this volume; and by the kindness of the various Societies, by exchange, many of the sets have been made complete. The library has now been in existence for seventy years, and is a valuable one for antiquarian research. Members of the Society are asked to make full use of it. The number of volumes issued in the year was 33.

REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY,
Hon. Librarian.

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

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.							
Balance, December 31, 1916	.	48	13	10	£	10	10
Subscriptions	.	197	8	0	.	1	1
Dividends on Consols	.	7	9	8	.	.	.
Sales of Society's Transactions	.	0	3	0	.	.	.
Per F. H. Crossley, Esq., for cost of blocks	.	2	0	8	.	.	.
Per Dr. Nelson, F.S.A., blocks purchased	.	3	19	8	.	.	.
Bank Interest	.	2	16	8	.	.	.
	.	£	262	10	.	13	2
	.	8	9	1	.	13	2
Balance owing to Bank	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Reserve Fund.—Consols $\frac{1}{2}$: 10s. per cent. (Scrip in hands of Hon. Treasurer):—
£144 3 8 Bought Aug. 8, 1898
65 16 4 " Nov. 6, 1906
12 14 10 " Aug. 16, 1907
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Script examined January 16, 1918,
REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY,							
Subscriptions in arrear, 1914 (1)	.	£	1	1	.	.	.
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" " " 1917 (7)	.	7	7	0	.	.	.
	.	£	14	14	.	.	.
Subscriptions for 1918, paid in advance (2)	.	£	2	2	.	.	.
Bills due and payable by this Society	.	Nil.					
	.	£	270	19	.	11	.

Audited and found correct, January 16th, 1918,
REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY.

1 Shared with Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

December 31st, 1917,
S. W. PHIPPS, Hon. Treasurer.