

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1920.

PRESENTED JANUARY 20, 1921.

THE subjoined table demonstrates the membership of the Society on January 1st, 1921, and although there has been a considerable increase in the annual subscription it is pleasing to observe the comparatively small diminution in our numbers.

MEMBERSHIP.

	Annual.	Life.	Associate.	Honorary.	Total.
1st Jan., 1920	194	10	—	8	212
1st Jan., 1921	187	10	—	8	205
Gain	—	—	—	—	—
Loss	7	—	—	—	7

The Council express regret for the death of the following four members, viz. : Mr. P. C. Thicknesse, Mr. David Scott, Mr. Robert Norris and Mrs. Alfred Fletcher.

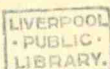
Eight new members have been elected during the year under review.

In the course of the past year nine meetings were held. The first was the Annual General Meeting, when a large number of excellent archæological items were displayed by means of lantern slides ; the seventh was held at the Reference Library, by kind permission of the Library, Museum and Arts Committee of the Corporation of Liverpool, when the additions to the Binns Collection were exhibited.

In view of the constantly increasing expenses attendant upon the production of the Annual Volume of *Transactions*, it was found necessary to propose the increase of the annual subscription to £1 11s. 6d. This was duly carried into

effect at a Special General Meeting, held on December 9th.

The first summer meeting of the session took place on 29th May, when the members travelled to Manchester, where, under the guidance of Mr. J. J. Phelps, Hon. Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, they visited the Roman fort. The remains of the wall were viewed, and the whole site of the Roman camp vividly described. The party then, by the kindness of the Governor, visited the Old College of Manchester, the former house of the Earls of Derby, now Chetham's Hospital. Here the great banqueting hall, the double-storied cloister, of which there is only one other example in England, the ancient library, and the various rooms and fine old furniture were seen. Mr. Phelps gave an account of the building, and pointed out the various objects of interest. By kind permission of the Dean, the Cathedral was visited. The Rev. H. A. Hudson, M.A., F.S.A., gave an interesting lecture on the old church. The nave, choir, aisles, splendid screens, and beautifully carved choir stalls were much admired.



The second summer meeting took place on 3rd July, to Ormskirk and Aughton. Canon Haynes, Vicar of Ormskirk, met the members at the Church, and pointed out the various features of antiquarian interest. This church is one of the three churches in England which has both a spire and a tower, the tower being built about 1540, to receive the bells of Burscough Priory. The tenor bell dates from 1497, being re-cast in 1576, and is beautifully decorated. The oldest portion of the church is the Norman arch in the chancel, belonging to the late eleventh century. Here were seen in the Derby Chapel (the burial place of the Earls of Derby for nearly 300 years) the alabaster figures of Sir Thomas Stanley (1459) and his son, the first Earl of Derby (1504) and their wives. The members next visited Aughton Church, where the rector, the Rev. R. F. Markham, explained its details. This church has recently been restored with great care, the very fine 16th century oak roofs of the nave and aisle having been exposed to

view. It has a Norman doorway, and the newly discovered Anglian cross dates a church on this site to pre-Conquest days.

No discoveries of archæological importance have been reported during the past year.

It having been communicated to the Council that there was a possibility of injury occurring to the existing remains of Stanlaw Abbey, the Council, on August 14th, visited the site and inspected the ruins, which consist of a short length of wall, containing a doorway having a four-centred arch, several piers—not *in situ*—and a large arched drain. It would appear that there is no immediate danger to be apprehended to these fragments.

It is expected that the volume of *Transactions* for 1919 will shortly be in the hands of the members. Various circumstances have militated against its earlier issue; it will, however, be found to be fully equal in standard to the previous volumes.

The Society desires to thank the Editors of the following publications for kindly inserting notices of the various papers read before the Society: *Birkenhead and Cheshire Advertiser*, *Birkenhead News*, *Chester Courant*, *Cheshire Observer*, *Liverpool Courier*, and *Liverpool Daily Post*.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1920.

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
John F. Jones.	W. H. Williams.
Mrs. A. Cuthbert Woods.	Dr. F. W. Bailey, D.S.O.
S. Ellis.	E. Cuthbert Woods, L.D.S.
Godfrey W. Matthews.	S. W. Phipps.
W. T. Rogers.	J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.
R. H. Linaker.	R. Stewart-Brown, M.A., F.S.A.
W. Heaton Wakefield.	F. C. Larkin, F.R.C.S.
W. Rimmer Teare.	W. Ferguson Irvine, M.A., F.S.A.

PAPERS READ, 1920.

- Jan. 29. Lantern Evening
(Arranged by the Photographic Committee).
- Feb. 12. "The Evolution of our Alphabet." By J. R. LOGAN, M.B.
- „ 26. "Notes on the Township of Liscard, with Extracts from the Journal of John Hough, Lord of the Manor, 1752-1797." By E. CUTHBERT WOODS, L.D.S.
- Mar. 11. "Notes on the recently recovered Plan of Old St. Nicholas's Church, Liverpool." By HENRY PEET, M.A., F.S.A.
- „ 25. "A Notice of the existing Clayton Arms, formerly on their house in Water Street, Liverpool." By Dr. R. T. BAILEY, M.B.E.
- „ "The Camera as an aid to Archæology." By F. H. CROSSLEY, F.S.A.
- Oct. 29. "Recent Additions to the Binns Collection." By G. T. SHAW.
- Nov. 11. Exhibition of illustrations of Norman Doorways.
- „ 25. "Three Mediæval Carved Oak Panels from Tarpорley." By Rev. W. St. J. TIMBRELL, M.A.
- „ "Some Notes on the Witter Family." By R. STEWART-BROWN, M.A., F.S.A.
- Dec. 9. "Leasowe Castle: its Owners and History." By E. CUTHBERT WOODS, L.D.S.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN
FOR THE YEAR 1920.

As in previous years the library of the Society has been open at each of the meetings, and members find much interest in referring to, and examining, the numerous interesting volumes which it contains. Sixty-two volumes have been borrowed from the library by members, and 79 volumes and parts have been added.

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the following for their very kind donations of books to the library :

F. Charles Larkin, Esq., F.R.C.S., Vice-President—

The History and Description of Leeds Castle, Kent,
by Charles Wykeham Martin, Esq., M.P., F.S.A.,
1869.

The Cheshire Sheaf, 3rd series, vol. xii., Jan.-Dec.,
1916.

F. C. Beazley, Esq., F.S.A., Vice-President—

The Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries, London,
vol. xxxi.

Archæologia, vol. 69.

J. J. Lewis, Esq.—

Vol. i., series i., *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne*.

REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY.

Hon. Librarian.

20th January, 1921.

