

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1921.

PRESENTED JANUARY 19, 1922.

The table annexed exhibits the Society's membership on January 1st, 1922.

### MEMBERSHIP.

	Annual.	Life.	Associate.	Honorary.	Total.
1st Jan., 1921 ....	187	10	—	8	205
1st Jan., 1922 ....	177	8	—	10	195
Gain ....	—	—	—	2	—
Loss ....	10	2	—	—	10

Having regard to the increased subscription, the financial difficulties through which the country is passing and the numerous deaths among our members, no less than eight, it is matter for congratulation that our numbers are so well maintained.

The Council desires to express regret for the deaths of the following members, viz. : Mr. John Hargreaves, Senior, Mr. T. T. Wainwright, Mr. J. W. Alsop, B.A., Mr. W. T. Rogers, Mr. J. T. Thompson, Mr. T. W. Blundell, Mr. E. H. W. Butterworth, and for that of Miss Watt, a most generous contributor to the funds of the Society.

During the past year fourteen new members have been elected and in this period nine meetings were held. The first, the Annual General Meeting, included a fine series of lantern slides, illustrative of items of archæological interest, while the fifth was, by kind permission of the Library, Museums and Arts Committee of the Corporation of Liverpool, held at the Reference Library, when a remarkable series of old local play-bills was exhibited.

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

Volume 72 of the Society's *Transactions* is now in the hands of the members, and though somewhat less in size than recent numbers it contains several papers of considerable local interest. It is hoped that the next volume of the *Transactions* will be of more normal size.

The first summer meeting of the Session took place on 25th June, when the members visited Leasowe Castle, Bidston Church, and Bidston Hall. At Leasowe Castle, a former home of the Earls of Derby, the date stone 1593, with the Three Legs of Man, carved over a doorway in the tower, and the oak said to be from the Star Chamber, Westminster, with the heraldic badges of Henry VII., and Henry VIII. aroused much interest. Afterwards the members visited Bidston Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. T. M. Standring, M.A.) kindly showed them the Church, the registers, and Churchwardens' books. A visit was also paid to Bidston Hall, which was erected by the 6th Earl of Derby about 1620, and was for some time one of the Stanleys' residences.

The second summer meeting took place on 23rd July, when the members went from Liverpool by motor, *via* Warrington, Stretton, Great Budworth, and Holmes Chapel, to Moreton Old Hall, the finest example of black and white work in Cheshire. Next a visit was paid to Astbury Church, which is a splendid example of perpendicular architecture. After visiting Congleton, the quaint half-timbered building of Marton Church, with its squat tower, was viewed, and a visit was paid to the black and white church at Siddington, part of which belongs to the Tudor period. The return journey was made *via* Redesmere, Capesthorpe Hall, Monks Heath, Knutsford, and Warrington to Liverpool.

The Society wishes to return thanks to the Editors of the following papers for their kindness in inserting notices of the various meetings held by the Society:—*Birkenhead and Cheshire Advertiser*, *Birkenhead News*, *Chester Courant*,

*Cheshire Observer, Liverpool Courier and Liverpool Daily Post.*

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LIST OF NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1921.

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Edwin Haigh, C.C.	Hon. Secretary.
F. E. Priestley.	Hon. Secretary.
Francis Caldwell,	J. P. Rylands.
C.B.E., M.V.O.	
E. H. Rideout, B.Sc.	E. Cuthbert Woods.
F. P. Dodgson.	F. L. Cheers.
Geo. R. Norris.	S. Saxon Barton, Junior.
A. C. Livesey, A.M.I.E.E.	Jno. Livesey.
A. E. Watson, L.D.S.	F. W. Bailey.
Thos. White.	G. T. Shaw.
R. Wardman.	R. Stewart-Brown.
G. K. Bell.	F. C. Beazley.
D. L. Pilling.	F. C. Beazley.
Rev. Fredk. Blundell,	C. R. Hand.
O.S.B., F.S.A. Scot.	
Geo. W. Crowden.	R. Hyde Linaker.

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PAPERS READ, 1921.

- Jan. 20 Lantern Evening.  
*(Arranged by the Photographic Committee).*
- Feb. 10 "Early Coaching in Liverpool." By A. H. ARKLE, O.B.E. (Second Part).
- „ 24 "Mediæval Carvings illustrating every-day life in England." By F. H. CROSSLEY, F.S.A
- Mar. 10 "The Carvings of Mediæval Musical Instruments at Manchester Cathedral." By The Rev. HENRY A. HUDSON, M.A., F.S.A.
- „ 24 "The Palimpsest of Liverpool: Part I. Introduction, Rivers, Brooks and Watersheds." By F. C. LARKIN, F.R.C.S.

- Apl. 7 "The Corporate Seal of Liverpool." By ROBERT  
GLADSTONE, B.C.L., M.A.  
"An English Alabaster Statuette of the  
Blessed Virgin, of the 14th Century." By  
PHILIP NELSON, M.D., F.S.A.
- Oct. 28 "Old Liverpool Play-bills." By G. T. SHAW.
- Nov. 10 "Isaac Greene, a Lancashire Lawyer of the  
18th Century." By R. STEWART-BROWN,  
M.A., F.S.A.
- „ 24 "An English Mediæval Alabaster Panel of St.  
Erasmus." By PHILIP NELSON, M.D., F.S.A.  
"Some Old Local Windmills." By  
C. R. HAND.
- Dec. 8 "The Vanished Screens of the Nave and the  
Quin Parcloses in Manchester Cathedral."  
By the Rev. HENRY A. HUDSON, M.A., F.S.A.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN  
FOR THE YEAR 1921.

During the past session the library of the Society has been used extensively by members at the Society's meetings. 51 volumes have been issued, and 68 volumes and parts have been added. No binding has been done since 1914, and it is very important that binding be re-commenced.

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

- F. C. Beazley, Esq., F.S.A., Vice-President—  
*Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries, London*,  
vol. xxxii.  
*Archæologia*, vol. lxx.  
*The Antiquaries' Journal*, parts i, ii, iii, iv, for 1921.
- F. C. Larkin, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng., Vice-President—  
*The Cheshire Sheaf*, 3rd series, vol. xiv., Jan.-Dec.,  
1917.
- F. H. Crossley, Esq., F.S.A.—  
*History of St. Peter's Church, Chester*, by F. Simpson.
- G. T. Shaw, Esq.—  
*The Chester Archæological Journal*, vol. xiii., N.S.,  
1902.
- J. J. Lewis, Esq.—  
*Catalogue of English Historical Embroideries in  
Victoria and Albert Museum*.
- The Hon. Librarian—  
*Lancashire*, by F. H. Cheetham, F.S.A.

REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY,  
*Hon. Librarian.*

19th January, 1922.



