

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1922.

PRESENTED JANUARY 25, 1923.

The membership of the Society is shewn on the table annexed.

## MEMBERSHIP.

	Annual.	Life.	Honorary	Total.
1st January, 1922 .. .. .	177	8	10	195
1st January, 1923 .. .. .	175	7	10	192
Gain .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Loss .. .. .	2	1	—	3

The Council wishes to give expression to its regret for the deaths of the following members, viz:—Dr. F. W. Bailey, D.S.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Mrs G. R. Clover, Mr. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A. and Mr. W. H. Weldon, C.V.O., F.S.A., Clarenceux King of Arms.

If the membership of the Society as given above is analysed it will be seen that when we exclude the losses due to death there is an increase of one in the number of annual members, a circumstance which must afford satisfaction in view of the difficult times through which the country is passing.

Only one summer excursion was held during the past year and this took place on Saturday, July 8, when the members of the Society visited Chester Cathedral. It had been arranged that the party should be taken over the Monastic buildings and the fabric of the Cathedral by Mr. E. W. Lovegrove, F.S.A., whilst Mr. F. H. Crossley, F.S.A., undertook to explain the woodwork. The various buildings were duly visited and the recent works of restoration were inspected with considerable interest. It is hoped that the summer excursions will become a more important part of the Society's activities in the future.

No discoveries of archaeological importance have been reported during the period under review.

During the past year nine meetings have been held; one at the Public Museums, by kind permission of the Library, Museum and Arts Committee of the Liverpool Corporation.

Vol. LXXIII of the Society's *Transactions* has now been issued and contains several papers of much local interest.

In view of the considerable cost of producing the Society's volume it is very desirable that the membership of the Society should be increased. Any marked increase in membership would allow of the annual subscription being materially reduced, and it is thus highly desirable that members should use their best efforts to obtain additional members.

The Society desires to take this opportunity of expressing its thanks to the editors of the following papers for their courtesy in printing notices of the Society's meetings: *Birkenhead News*, *Birkenhead and Cheshire Advertiser*, *Chester Courant*, *Cheshire Observer*, *Liverpool Courier* and *Liverpool Daily Post*.

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LIST OF NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1922.

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
W. T. Blackledge, M.B.E., M.B., C.M.	R. T. Bailey.
F. H. Cheetham, F.S.A. Chicago University	Philip Nelson. P. C. Brown.
C. F. Elias	J. R. Logan.
W. Garmon Jones, M.A. (from Jan. 1, 1923).	E. C. Woods.
W. A. Mawer, M.A.	J. A. Twemlow.
Miss Muriel Morton	Mrs. M. Morton.

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PAPERS READ 1922.

Jan. 26	Lantern Evening. (Arranged by the Photographic Committee).
Feb. 2	"Concentric Castles in North Wales." By W. GARMON JONES, M.A.
" 16	"The Watersheds and River Basins of Wirral and their influence on Local History." By E. H. RIDEOUT, B.Sc., A.I.C.
Mar. 2	"The Constructural Design of Cheshire Church Timber Roofs." By F. H. CROSSLEY, F.S.A.
" 16	"Maghull Old Church." By F. H. CHEETHAM, F.S.A. "The St. Catherine Alabaster Panels of the Fifteenth century in the Museum at Vienna." By Philip NELSON, M.D., F.S.A.
" 30	"Early Railways in South-West Lancashire." By W. H. WILLIAMS.
Oct. 26	"Two centuries of the Potter's Art in Liverpool." By P. ENTWISTLE, F.R.A.I.

- Nov. 9 "Were there Crannogs in Martin Mere?" By REV. F. O. BLUNDELL, O.S.B., F.S.A. (Scot.)
- " 23 "Rector Wolstenholme and his Memorial Tablet, found in St. Peter's Church"; and  
 "Notes on the Furniture and Fittings in St. Peter's Church (dispersed at the demolition of the said church), with an account of the disinterment of the bodies in the Churchyard." By HENRY PEET, M.A., F.S.A.
- Dec. 7 "Some little known Seventeenth Century English Musicians." By Dr. ARTHUR W. POLLITT. Illustrated on the violin by Miss CONSTANCE LE MESURIER.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN  
 FOR THE YEAR 1922.

As in past years, the library has been open at each of the meetings of the Society. It has been made much use of by members for reference, and the taking out of books; 34 books have been issued to members, and 53 volumes or parts added to the library.

The present printed Catalogue dates from 1876, but during the past year Mr. E. H. Rideout, B.Sc., Hon. Assistant Librarian, has very kindly in his spare time undertaken to make a complete Card Catalogue of all the volumes, pamphlets, etc., now in the library, thereby making the library of greater use to students of archæology; furthermore he has removed, under his personal supervision, the whole of the stock volumes of the Historic Society's *Transactions* from the old stock room to the Royal Institution, Liverpool, so that now all the books belonging to the Society are housed in the Royal Institution. He has also continued the index of the Society's *Transactions* for volumes 62-71. For this very valuable and arduous work the best thanks of the Society are tendered to Mr. Rideout.

The thanks of the Society are also tendered to

F. C. Beazley, Esq., F.S.A., Vice-President, for his very kind donation of the following books to the library:

*Archæologia*, vol. LXXI.

*The Antiquaries' Journal*, parts i, ii, iii, iv, for 1922.

REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY,

*Hon. Librarian.*

25th January, 1923.

