

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1923.

PRESENTED JANUARY 31, 1924.

The present membership of the Society is exhibited in the table subjoined.

MEMBERSHIP.

	Annual	Life.	Associate.	Honorary	Total.
1st Jan., 1923	175	7	—	10	192
1st Jan., 1924	184	7	—	10	201
New Members	15	—	—	—	15
Resignations and deaths ..	6	—	—	—	6
Gain	9	—	—	—	9
Loss	—	—	—	—	—

The Council desires to express its deep regret at the death of Mr. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., one of the Society's oldest members and one of its Vice-Presidents, which occurred with tragic suddenness.

It will be noted with satisfaction that the membership of the Society shews a marked increment, an increased number of elections having taken place in the year under review, due perhaps to the diminution in the annual subscription, which took effect on Jan. 1st 1924.

In view of the necessary loss of income due to the reduction of the annual subscription, it is more than ever necessary that a further increase of membership should be achieved, in order that the activities of the Society should not be curtailed.

Vol. LXXIV of the *Transactions* of the Society is now in the hands of the members, and the excellence both of its contents and format has evoked very favourable criticism.

Two excursions have been held in the course of the past summer. The first, on May 26, when Warrington Museum and Church were inspected, after which the party proceeded to Winwick, returning to Warrington for refreshment. The second was held in September Cockersand Abbey being visited, where the foundations of the Premonstratensian buildings, which had recently been revealed

by excavation, were viewed, together with the Chapter-house, the burial-place of the Daltons of Thurnham. The party was subsequently very kindly entertained by Mr. Dalton at Thurnham Hall.

During the year under discussion eleven meetings were held, one in conjunction with the Liverpool Geological Society.

No discoveries of archaeological importance have occurred in the area dealt with by the Society in the course of the past year, other than those at Cockersand.

The Society wishes to thank the Editors of the following newspapers for their kindness in inserting notices of the various papers read, *Birkenhead News*, *Birkenhead and Chester Advertiser*, *Chester Courant*, *Cheshire Observer*, *Liverpool Courier* and *Liverpool Daily Post*.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1923.

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Rev. H. E. Boulton, M.A.	E. H. Rideout
Miss H. E. Bailey	R. T. Bailey
A. F. Hunt	E. H. Rideout
W. Hope	F. C. Beazley
Wm. Henderson	E. H. Rideout
E. Hodge	A. H. Arkle
T. Fell Abraham	Philip Nelson
A. Miller	P. C. Brown
F. N. Blundell, M.P.	F. J. Weld
E. Scarisbrick	F. J. Weld
R. M. Hardwick	F. C. Beazley
Mrs. G. D. Mathews	G. D. Mathews
Miss H. Stevenson	E. C. Woods
A. Broomhall	C. R. Hand
F. G. Yates	C. R. Hand

PAPERS READ 1923.

- Jan. 25 Lantern Evening.
(Arranged by the Photographic Committee)
- Feb. 8 "The Place-name Blowick." F. H. Cheetham, F.S.A.
- „ 22 "An English fifteenth century Alabaster reredos of St. Edmund." Philip Nelson, M.D., F.S.A.
- „ 22 "Ormskirk Grammar School." Rev. T. R. Bate, M.A.

- Mar. 8 "Some Wirral Field-names." E. H. Rideout, B.Sc.,
A.I.C.
 ,, 22 "The Palimpsest of Liverpool." F. C. Larkin, F.R.C.S.
 April 5 "The Wallasey Enclosure Acts." P. C. Brown.
 ,, 26 "The Cheshire Coast-line." E. H. Rideout, B.Sc.,
A.I.C.
 Oct. 25 "Liverpool Monuments." G. T. Shaw.
 Nov. 8 "Llanvaes Friary and its Monuments." C. R. Hand.
 ,, 22 "The Survey of English Place-names." Prof. W. A.
Mawer, M.A.
 Dec. 6 "The Chester Mystery Plays." G. W. Mathews.

REPORT OF THE HON LIBRARIAN
FOR THE YEAR 1923.

At each meeting the library has been made use of by members; 22 books have been borrowed. Fifty-three volumes and parts have been added. The card index, locating each book, is nearing completion and the thanks of the Society are given to Mr. E. H. Rideout, Asst. Librarian, for this very excellent work so kindly undertaken by him.

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 Cheshire Sheaf, 3rd series, Vols. XV and XVI.

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

The Antiquaries' Journal, Vol. III.

Archæologia, Vol. 72.

R. Saunders Jones, Esq.:

Liverpool Chippings.

Streets of Liverpool.

The Hon. Librarian:

Hand List of Whalley Church, by Rev. J. E. W. Willis, M.A.

History of the Church in Clitheroe, ,, ,,

Merseyside.

REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY,
Hon. Librarian.

31st January, 1924

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

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1923.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	.. .. .	..	..	89	Rent to June 30th, 1924, One year	..	10	10	0
Subscriptions	.. .. .	..	..	281	" " " Bookcases	..	1	1	0
Interest on Consols	.. .. .	..	..	7	Refreshments	..	..	..	11
Bank Interest	.. .. .	..	..	2	Honorary Hon. Editor	..	13	2	6
Authors' Copies	.. .. .	..	..	5	" Secretary	..	13	2	6
Sale of Transactions	.. .. .	..	..	3	Volume LXXIV Indexing	..	..	..	26
H. Peet, Esq. M.A., F.S.A., Donation towards cost of printing Paper	.. .. .	..	..	5	Printing, Stationery and Notices of Meetings	..	..	..	4
Record Society half cost of removal of stock	.. .. .	..	..	2	Summer Excursions Printing	..	..	..	18
Recovery of Rates	.. .. .	..	..	1	Postages and Petty Cash	..	..	..	3
Reserve Fund.—Consols £2 10s. %	.. .. .	..	..	1	Subscriptions to Record Society	..	..	..	1
(Script in hands of Bank)	.. .. .	..	..	..	" Archaeological Society	..	..	..	1
£144 3 8 Bought Aug. 8, 1898	.. .. .	..	..	..	" English Place Names Society	..	..	..	15
65 16 4 " Nov. 6, 1906	.. .. .	..	..	..	Wreath for late J. P. Rylands	..	..	..	2
12 14 10 " Aug. 16, 1907	.. .. .	..	..	..	Insurance	..	..	..	19
27 5 2 " Feb. 4, 1908	.. .. .	..	..	..	Cheque Book	..	..	..	10
50 0 0 " Jan. 31, 1913	.. .. .	..	..	..	Lantern Expenses	..	..	..	1
£300 0 0	.. .. .	..	..	..		..	..	..	1
Script examined 17 January, 1924.	.. .. .	..	..	..		..	..	..	1
REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY.	.. .. .	..	..	..		..	..	..	1
Subscriptions in arrear, 1923 (5)	.. .. .	7	17	6	Balance in Bank	..	..	..	306
" paid in advance (3)	3	7	6		16
Bills due and payable by this Society. Due Payable	£185	2	6		5
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P. C. BROWN,
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, January 17th, 1924
REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY, Hon. Auditor.