

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1926.

PRESENTED JANUARY 27, 1927.

The membership of the Society on January 1, 1927, is exhibited in the subjoined table.

MEMBERSHIP.

	Annual.	Life.	Associate	Honorary	Total
1st Jan., 1926 ..	203	7	—	10	220
1st Jan., 1927 ..	208	7	—	9	224
New Members ..	12	—	—	—	12
Resignations and deaths ..	7	—	—	1	8
Gain ..	5	—	—	—	4
Loss ..	—	—	—	1	—

It is pleasing to observe that the Society's membership shews a small increment, but once again the Council would venture to remind the members that they should exert themselves still further to increase their numbers, for upon their success in this direction hinges the size of the annual volume. During the past year three excursions took place. The first, on June 12, when the members, in conjunction with the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, visited Speke Hall. The second on July 17, when Halton Castle, Norton Priory and Rock-Savage were inspected with the assistance of Mr. Hyde Linacre, F.S.A. The third was on September 25, on which occasion the Rev. R. E. T. Bell, M.A., conducted the members over the ruins of the Priory buildings at Birkenhead. Subsequent to the meeting those present were kindly conveyed by motor to Bidston Court, where they enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. E. B. Royden.

Volume LXXVII of the Society's *Transactions* is now in the hands of the members and contains several papers of no small local interest.

The Council desires to express to Dr. R. T. Bailey its thanks for defraying the cost of the binding of various books in the library.

The preservation of "Robin Hood's Stone" and of the Old Blue-Coat Hospital have engaged the attention of the Council and there is little doubt that their efforts will be crowned with success.

During 1926, eleven meetings were held, one in the Hornby Library, by kind permission of the Libraries, Museum and Arts Committee of the Liverpool Corporation, and another in association with the Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society.

The Society takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks to the Editors of the following journals for kindly inserting notices of the papers read at its meetings: *Birkenhead News*, *Birkenhead and Chester Advertiser*, *Chester Courant*, *Cheshire Observer*, *Liverpool Post and Mercury*, *Manchester Guardian* and *Preston Guardian*.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1926.

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
John Mansell	C. R. Hand.
Col. W. N. Pilkington	Frederick Crooks.
Herbert Williams, F.R.C.S.	R. T. Bailey.
Rev. Canon F. W. Head, M.A.	F. H. Cheetham.
Mrs. Head	F. H. Cheetham.
C. H. Tottenham	P. C. Brown.
A. S. Parkinson, M.D.	S. S. Barton.
Rev. A. G. Bernard, M.A.	R. T. Bailey.
Charles Porter	Miss Stevenson.
E. Dixon	Prof. Twemlow.
Col. D. C. L. Orton, T.D.	Frederic Crooks.
G. Linacre	C. R. Hand.

PAPERS READ.

- Jan. 28 Lantern Evening.
(Arranged by the *Photographic Committee*).
- Feb. 4 "Liverpool Fire Insurance, Engines and Bylaws."
P. C. BROWN.
- „ 18 "The Port of Liverpool" (Part I). E. H. RIDEOUT,
B.Sc., A.I.C.
- Mar. 4 (1) "A Liverpool Election, 1806." G. W. MATHEWS.
(2) "Notes on the early Crooks of Crook, Whittle-
Woods." FREDERIC CROOKS.
- „ 18 "The Ancient Monuments Committee for Lancashire."
F. H. CHEETHAM, F.S.A.
- April 8 "Some Megalithic Monuments." F. C. LARKIN, F.R.C.S.
- Oct. 28 Exhibition of Views, Manuscripts and Books relating
to Liverpool, with notes thereon. G. T. SHAW, M.A.

- Nov. 4 "Joseph Williamson, the King of Edgehill." C. R. HAND.
- " 18 (1) "The Hospital of St. John the Baptist without the North Gate of Chester." R. STEWART-BROWN, M.A., F.S.A.
- (2) "The Monumental Brass of William Lathom of Parbold, 1533." PHILIP NELSON, M.A., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- Dec. 9 (1) "Notes on Shotwick Castle." E. H. RIDEOUT, B.Sc., A.I.C.
- (2) "Some Ancient Painted Glass from Hale Hall, Lancs." PHILIP NELSON, M.A., M.D., F.R.S.E. F.S.A.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN
FOR THE YEAR 1926.

The Library has been open at each of the Society's meetings, and has been used by members for reference; 25 volumes have been borrowed and 45 Volumes and Parts have been added. There are still a number of Parts which require binding. During the year the whole of the books have been dusted, the book-cases cleaned, and the locks repaired.

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.

The Antiquaries' Journal, Vol. V, Parts, 1, 2, 3, 4,

Archæologia, Vol. 75.

1st Report on the Excavations of the Roman Fort at Richborough.

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

The Cheshire Sheaf, Volumes XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI.

Alfred de Curzon, Esq.

Dr. James Currie and the French Prisoners of War in Liverpool, 1800-1801.

Captain Frederic Crooks.

History of the Whitehead Family.

R. Saunders Jones, Esq.

Further Liverpool Chippings.

Leaves from my Note Book concerning Garston.

Willoughby Gardner, Esq.

The Roman Fort at Caerhun.

REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY,

27th January, 1927.

Hon. Librarian.

The Hon. Treasurer in Account with The Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1926.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.						
Balance from last year	240 17 4	..	..	10 10 0
Subscriptions	243 16 6	..	..	3 3 0
Interest on Securities	8	..	..	..
Bank Interest	4 8 9	..	..	..
Donations towards cost of printing <i>Transactions</i>	5 0 0	..	..	13 2 6
Donations for acquisition of Chetham Publications	10 0 0	..	..	..
Special Donation—Mr. R. Gladstone	1 0 0	..	..	..
Sale of <i>Transactions</i>	4 12 11	..	..	..
Sale of block	0 10 6	..	..	..
Reserve Fund:—						
£163 9s. 4d., 5% War Stock 1929-47.						
(Scrip in hands of Bank).						
Subscriptions in arrear:—						
1925 1	1 5 0	..	..	..
1926 5	5 10 6	..	..	..
6	6 15 6	..	..	..
Accounts for payment:—						
" paid in advance 1927 4	4 12 0	..	..	..
Messrs. Titus Wilson	150 0 0	..	..	..
			£518 9 6			£518 9 6
Audited and found correct, REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY, <i>Hon. Auditor.</i> 18th January, 1927.						

HENRY COX,
Hon. Treasurer.