

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1934.

The Society's Membership on 1 January, 1935, was :

	Annual.	Life.	Associ- ate.	Library.	Honor- ary.	Stu- dent.	Total.
1st Jan., 1934 ..	137	3	8	53	9	2	212
1st Jan., 1935 ..	135	3	8	53	9	2	210
New Members ..	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Resignations and deaths	10	—	—	—	—	—	10
Loss	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Gain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Three excursions were held during the year. One on 26th May to Ormskirk, another on 21st July to Upholland, and another to Rhuddlan on 22nd September.

No Volume of the Society's *Transactions* has been published during the year and the Hon. Editor has resigned.

During the year eight new members were elected and eleven meetings were held, details of which are appended.

S. SAXON BARTON,
Hon. Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED, 1934.

MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Mr. F. G. Blair	Dr. Philip Nelson
Mr. H. Chant, B.A.	Captain Crooks.
Mr. H. W. Speakman	Dr. W. H. Williams.
Miss D. K. Hutton	Dr. Saxon Barton.
Mr. R. W. Hunt	Professor Twemlow.
Rev. Father D'Andria	Rev. F. O. Blundell, O.S.B.
Rev. Canon W. Bidlake, M.A.	Mr. F. H. Cheetham.
Miss Mary Peock, M.A.	Dr. Saxon Barton.

DATES OF MEETINGS AND PAPERS READ, 1934.

- Jan. 11. "Coroners' Inquests held in the Manor of Prescott, 1746-89." F. A. BAILEY, M.A.
- „ 25. Annual General Meeting and Lantern Evening.
- Feb. 8. 1. "The Becket Boss in the Lady Chapel of Chester Cathedral." G. W. MATHEWS, F.S.A.
2. "Biographical Notices of Some Cheshire Poets." G. W. MATHEWS, F.S.A.
- „ 22. "Liverpool and the Isle of Man." E. H. RIDEOUT, M.A., F.S.A.Scot., B.Sc.
- Mar. 8. "Some Notes on the Family History of Nicholas Longford, Sheriff of Lancashire, 1413." Rev. W. W. LONGFORD, M.A., D.D.
- „ 22. "English Mediæval Glass Painting." PHILIP NELSON, M.A., Ph.D., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- Oct. 11. "Some Objects of Mediæval Art." PHILIP NELSON, M.A., Ph.D., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- „ 25. "The Liverpool Tobacco Trade." E. H. RIDEOUT, M.A., F.S.A.Scot., B.Sc.
- Nov. 8. 1. "The First Chester Chamberlain's Account Roll, 1300-1." R. STEWART BROWN, M.A., F.S.A.
2. "Portraits of the Child of Hale," with Slides. R. STEWART BROWN, M.A., F.S.A.
- „ 22. "Eighty-six Years: The Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 1848-1934." F. H. CHEETHAM, F.S.A.
- Dec. 6. "Functions and Constitutions of Local Government Organisations in Wigan, 1700-1835 (with comparisons with similar organisations in other Lancashire Boroughs)." W. SCRIVENS, M.A., LL.B.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR
1934.

For the second year I wish to report on the encouraging use made of the Society's Library.

The bookcases have been open from 6.30 each evening of the meetings, and it is very gratifying to see so many members availing themselves of the facilities for making references to the books on the open shelves or selecting volumes for home use. These are entered in the Society's lent-book by the borrowing members. During the year, 76 volumes and 5 parts were issued.

The Library has received from the various societies which exchange transactions with this Society a total of 15 volumes and 25 parts.

I have pleasure in recording the gift by Miss H. E. Bailey of a miscellaneous collection of lantern slides and numerous books, mainly relating to Lancashire and already in the Society's Library, formerly the property of her brother, Dr. R. T. Bailey.

In January last, Mr. Culverwell Brown reported to the Council that the daughters of the late Mr. E. W. Cox, a prominent member of the Society from 1889 to 1899, wished the Society to have a selection of some of his original drawings, many of which have been reproduced in the Society's *Transactions*.

The thanks of the Society are also tendered for the following donations :

Wigan Public Library authorities.

Exhibition Catalogue of documents and printed books relating to the History of Wigan from the thirteenth century.

S. Jeffery.

Some Warrington Poems. 1933.

L. Hall.

Toxteth Park Chapel in the Seventeenth Century. 1934.

On the 22nd March, 1934, 67 surplus copies of volume 84 of the *Transactions* were added to stock.

No application to the Society's funds for binding has been made this year.

I wish to express my thanks to Mr. W. R. Teare for so ably assisting me in the duties attached to the office of Librarian.

J. F. SMITH.

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

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1934.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1934.				PAYMENTS.			
Jan. 1. To Bank Balance from last Account	82	28	11	Dec. 31. By Rent and Bookcases—One year to 30th June, 1934 .. .. .	..	..	13 13 0
" Cash Balance from last Account .. .. .	..	..	3 18 0	" Refreshments—Hon. Editor .. .. .	..	..	13 2 6
" Subscriptions .. .. .	..	..	184 2 6	" Honorariums—Hon. Secretary .. .. .	..	..	13 2 6
" Sale of Transactions .. .. .	..	..	0 10 0	" Postages and Expenses—Hon. Treasurer .. .. .	..	..	26 5 0
" Interest on War Loan .. .. .	..	..	5 14 6	" Subscriptions—	..	..	6 10 1
				Lancashire Parish Register Society .. .. .	..	..	1 1 0
				Litham Society .. .. .	..	..	1 0 0
				Library Record Society .. .. .	..	..	1 5 0
				Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire .. .. .	..	..	1 1 0
				Congress, Archaeological Society .. .. .	..	..	1 0 0
				English Place-Name Society .. .. .	..	..	0 15 0
				Transactions—	..	..	6 2 0
				Vol. 84—Printing and Binding .. .. .	..	..	104 8 7
				" Off-prints .. .. .	..	..	12 0 6
				" Insurance .. .. .	..	..	116 9 1
				" Lantern Expenses .. .. .	..	..	1 5 10
				" Lamp Expenses .. .. .	..	..	2 17 6
				" Printing, Stationery, Notices of Meetings, etc. .. .. .	..	..	1 17 0
				" Bank Commission .. .. .	..	..	9 10 6
				" Cheque Book .. .. .	..	..	0 2 6
				" Cash in Bank .. .. .	..	..	0 5 0
				" Cash in Treasurer's Hands .. .. .	..	..	70 2 6
					..	..	2 7 11
					..	..	£277 3 11
				ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT.			
				Vol. 85.—Printing and Binding (approx.) .. .. .	..	..	£120 0 0

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) KENNETH COOK, Chartered Accountant,
Hon. Auditor.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1934.				RECEIPTS.			
Jan. 1. To Bank Balance from last Account	82	28	11	SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ARREAR.	..	..	..
" Cash Balance from last Account .. .. .	..	..	3 18 0	4 at £1 5s. .. .. .	..	..	5 0 0
" Subscriptions .. .. .	..	..	184 2 6	17 at £1 1s. .. .. .	..	..	17 17 0
" Sale of Transactions .. .. .	..	..	0 10 0	1 at 10s. 6d. .. .. .	..	..	0 10 6
" Interest on War Loan .. .. .	..	..	5 14 6		..	..	£23 7 6
				
				SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE.	..	..	..
				1 at £1 5s. .. .. .	..	..	1 5 0
				3 at £1 1s. .. .. .	..	..	3 3 0
				
					..	..	£4 8 0

(Signed) W. J. HOLTGATE,
Chartered Accountant, Hon. Treasurer.

LIVERPOOL, 22nd January, 1935.