

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1937.

The Membership of the Society on 1 January, 1938, was :

	Annual.	Life.	Associ- ate.	Library.	Honor- ary.	Stu- dent.	Total.
1st Jan., 1937..	106	3	8	56	5	2	180
1st Jan., 1938..	108	3	8	56	5	2	182
New Members..	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Resignations and deaths	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Gain	2	—	—	—	—	—	2

During the year the Society held three excursions. On Saturday, May 29th, to Whalley Church and Abbey ; June 26th, to St. Michael's-on-Wyre ; September 25th, to Smithells Hall.

During the year Volume **88** of the Society's *Transactions* was published under the able Editorship of the Rev. W. W. Longford, M.A., D.D. Seven new members were elected and ten ordinary meetings were held at which papers were read, in addition to the Annual General Meeting and Lantern Evening which was held on 28 January, 1937. Details of the meetings and of the papers read follow below :

- Jan. 14. "Two Inventories at Scarisbrick Hall, 1608-1673," by F. H. CHEETHAM, F.S.A.
- Feb. 4. "Recently Discovered Minutes of the Trustees of the Turnpike Road from Liverpool to Prescott, St. Helens, Ashton-in-Makerfield, and Warrington," by F. A. BAILEY, M.A.
- .. 18. "Coinage of the Isle of Man, 1668-1839," by PHILIP NELSON, M.A., M.D., Ph.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- Mar. 11. "Limoges Enamelled Burettes of the Thirteenth Century and some Other Enamels," by PHILIP NELSON, M.A., M.D., Ph.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- .. 25. "The Last Plantagenet Duke of Lancaster, 1483-1485," by SAXON BARTON.

- Oct. 14. "Some Rare Objects of Mediæval Ecclesiastical Art,"
by PHILIP NELSON, M.A., M.D., Ph.D., F.R.S.E.,
F.S.A.
- „ 28. "Last Days of Whalley and Salley Abbeys," by The
Rev. J. McNULTY, B.A., F.R.Hist.S.
- Nov. 11. "The Battle of Brunanburgh," by the Rev. T. E.
PORTEUS, M.A.
- „ 25. "The Contest in the Court of Chivalry (1385-1389)
between Sir Richard Scrope of Yorkshire and Sir
Robert Grosvenor of Cheshire for the arms 'Azure
a bend or,' " by R. STEWART-BROWN, M.A., F.S.A.,
F.S.G.
- Dec. 9. "Henry Berry (1720-1812), Liverpool's second Dock
Engineer," by S. A. HARRIS.

The following new members with the names of their proposers
were elected at the meetings indicated opposite their names
during the 1937 Session :

DATE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Jan. 14.	W. A. Phillips	J. F. Smith.
	Mrs. F. A. Bailey	F. A. Bailey.
Feb. 4.	Arthur C. Wardle	Miss E. B. Saxton.
Feb. 18.	Ferdinand Muller	S. Saxon Barton.
	Miss Olive Crowden	Mrs. R. Stockdale.
Dec. 9.	R. A. Camenish	F. C. Crooks.
	Eric B. Porter	F. Muller.

S. SAXON BARTON,
Hon. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1937.

For the fifth year I wish to report that Members continue to
make good use of the Society's Library.

It gives me great pleasure to state that members have taken
advantage of consulting the various transactions of other societies
and have borrowed a number for home reading. The lent book
shows that a total of 85 volumes have been borrowed.

Additions to the Library have been received from scientific
and learned societies, particularly from those who exchange with
this Society, as well as from those to which the Society subscribes.
A total of 18 volumes and 25 parts have been added to stock.

The following items have been presented by members of the Society :

W. FENLON.

Story of Garston and its Church, by J. M. Swift, 1937.

Miss H. E. BAILEY.

Collection of 180 lantern slides.

The Treasurer fails to take notice of the suggestion I made in my last report that an amount be set aside to bind some of the publications which some societies continue to supply in parts.

On the 9th December, 26 copies of Volume **88** of the *Transactions* were added to stock.

The Assistant Librarian, Mr. W. Rimmer Teare, has compiled a card catalogue—Author and Subject entries—of all papers printed in the Society's *Transactions* from volume **1** to date. This is a valuable piece of work and one which Members will appreciate.

J. F. SMITH,
Hon. Librarian.

