

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1938.

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

	Annual.	Life.	Associ- ate.	Library.	Hon.	Stu- dent.	Total.
Jan. 1st, 1938..	114	3	—	56	4	—	177
Dec. 31st, 1938	115	3	—	56	4	—	178
New Members..	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Resignations and deaths	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Loss	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Gain	5	—	—	—	—	—	5

During the year the Society held three excursions, the first on May 21st to the Historic Churches of Cheshire, the second on June 18th to the Historic Houses of Cheshire, and the third on June 25th to Conway Castle.

During the year Volume **89** of the Society's *Transactions* was published.

The following new members whose names are recorded below, with those of their proposers, were elected during the year :

DATE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Jan. 13.	R. Sharpe France	F. Muller.
Oct. 13.	Cleveland Public Library	F. A. Bailey.
Oct. 27.	H. O. Silcock	F. A. Bailey.
Nov. 24.	E. B. Goodacre	R. Gladstone.
Dec. 8.	W. A. Eden	R. W. Hunt.

The following Papers were read during the year 1938 :

- Jan. 12. "Further Examples of the Metal Workers' Art in the Mediæval Period," by PHILIP NELSON, M.A., Ph.D., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- Feb. 10. "Plague in Lancashire," Part I, by R. SHARPE FRANCE.
- „ 24. "Local Pottery and Porcelain in the Liverpool Museum," by H. BOSWELL LANCASTER, F.R.S.A.
- Mar. 10. "Plague in Lancashire," Part II.

- Mar. 24. "The Misfortunes of Malchien or the Aquatic Adventures of King Richard's Seal, 1198," and "Three Rare Rings," by PHILIP NELSON, M.A., Ph.D., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- Oct. 13. "Three Bronze Equestrian Aquamaniles, 1180-1380," by PHILIP NELSON, M.A., Ph.D., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.A.
- „ 27. "Sir Thomas Johnson—His Impecuniosity and Death," by A. C. WARDLE.
- Nov. 10. "Some Historical Associations of St. Peter's, Seel Street," by Rev. L. J. D'ANDRIA, O.S.B.
- „ 24. "Early Coal Mining in Prescott," by F. A. BAILEY, M.A.
- Dec. 8. "The Revenues and Expenditure of the Earldom of Chester in the XIIth and XIIIth Centuries," by R. STEWART-BROWN, M.A., F.S.A., F.S.Gen.

S. SAXON BARTON,
Hon. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN FOR THE
YEAR 1938.

It gives me great pleasure to submit my annual report for Session ending December, 1938.

Members will be interested to hear that through the Bequest of the late Henry Ince Anderton, a member of this Society since 1910, his valuable collection of archaeological and topographical books has been left to the Library, and it is anticipated that the volumes will be in the hands of the Hon. Librarian during the early part of next session.

The continued use of the Library is gratifying and I am able to report that many consultations were made on the nights of meetings and a number of volumes borrowed. The lent book records a total of 101 books as having been taken away for perusal.

A total of 61 volumes and 21 parts was added to the Library through contributions made by Members and from the various scientific and literary societies who exchange transactions with this Society. Miss I. Shaw presented a number of interesting Liverpool items which had belonged to her brother, the late Mr. George T. Shaw, and Mr. W. Fenlon also presented a number of volumes.

From Miss I. Shaw :

- Liverpool Cathedral Handbook.* 1924.
Sir Charles Santley, by J. M. Levien.
Some Early Recollections of Liverpool, by Augustine Birrell. 1924.
Struggle for the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, by G. S. Veitch. 1930.
Thomas Steers : A Memoir, by Henry Peet. 1932.
Brief Memoir of George Holt, Esq.
Life of Peter Stuart : the "Ditton Doctor." 1920.
Early Art in Liverpool, with Notes for a Memoir of George Stubbs. 1876.
History of the Athenæum, Liverpool, 1798-1898; comp. by G. T. Shaw. 1898.
Autobiographical Memoirs of Thomas Fletcher, of Liverpool. 1893.
Bygone Liverpool, by H. S. and H. E. Young. 1913.

E. B. Porter :

- Roman Antiquities*, by A. Adam. 11th ed. 1830.

W. Fenlon :

- Deed of Constitution of the Harrington Dock Company, 1838.
History of St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, by T. H. Bankier. 1900.
Clarke Aspinall : A Biography, by Walter Lewin. 1893.
The Parish of Eastham, by Isabel Tobin. 1920.
A Great Heart ; or Life of Canon Major Lester, by A. H. Grey-Edwards. 1906.
History of the Borough of Preston, by Mannex & Co. 1851.
Recollections of a Busy Life, by Sir W. B. Forwood. 1910.
The Export Coal Trade of Liverpool : a letter to Thomas Littledale, by W. Laird. 1850.
The Parish Church of S. Saviour, Oxtou, by F. C. Beazley. 1930.
Ramble round the Wigan Parish Church; comp. by W. J. True. 1901.
History of Renshaw Street Chapel; comp. by G. E. Evans. 1887.
New Lancashire Gazetteer ; or, Topographical Dictionary, by S. R. Clarke. 1830.
Parish Registers in England, by R. E. C. Waters. 1887.
Bronzes, by C. D. E. Fortnum (South Kensington Handbook).
Notes on the Parish of Burton in Wirral, by F. C. Beazley. 1908.

Mr. Ernest Broxap, Secretary of the Chetham Society, presented volumes 1-2, 4-7, 15, 22, 29, 30, and 34-36 of the *Transactions* of this Society, a welcome addition to our depleted stock of early volumes.

The thanks of the Society are due to the donors.

Copies of volume 89 of the *Transactions* were in the hands of members on December 10th, and a total of 24 copies was added to stock.

J. F. SMITH,
Hon. Librarian.

The Hon. Treasurer in Account with the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1938.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
1938.	£ s. d.	1938.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1. To Bank Balance from last Account	106 18 5	Dec. 31. By Rent of Bookcases	13 13 0
Dec. 31. " Subscriptions	162 15 0	" Refreshments	15 2 0
" Sale of <i>Transactions</i>	8 5 9	" <i>Honorarium</i> —Hon. Editor	13 2 6
" Legacy (free of Duty) H. I. Anderton, deceased	100 0 0	" Hon. Secretary	13 2 6
" Interest on War Loan	3 19 6	" <i>Postages, etc.</i> —Hon. Treasurer	26 5 0
" <i>Donations, Volume 89</i> —Dr. Saxon Barton	13 2 6	" <i>Subscriptions</i> —Lancashire Parish Register Society	4 15 8
" F. A. Bailey, Esq.	8 13 3	Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire	1 1 0
	211 15 9	Congress Archaeological Society	1 5 0
		English Place-Name Society	0 15 0
		Chetham Society	1 0 0
		" <i>Transactions</i> —Volume 88—Printing, Binding and Blocks	174 7 6
		Volume 88—Indexing	4 4 0
		Volume 89—Indexing	6 6 0
		Volume 89—Postages	2 7 3
		Insurance	187 4 9
		Lantern Expenses	1 7 3
		Printing and Stationery, Notices of Meetings	2 5 0
		Loss on Excursions	11 1 6
		Bank Charges	9 17 6
		Cash in Bank	0 2 6
			120 19 3
			£403 14 5

Audited and found correct.
 (Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, Chartered Accountant. } Hon. Auditors.
 J. F. SMITH.

(Signed) W. J. HOLGATE, Chartered Accountant, }
 LIVERPOOL, 19th January, 1939. Hon. Treasurer.