

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1939.

During the year five new members were elected and one resignation was received, bringing the total membership of the Society up to 163.

The following were elected members of the Society during the year :

DATE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Jan. 12.	Mrs. Phyllis Harris	S. A. Harris.
„ 26.	J. R. Smith, M.A.	F. A. Bailey.
Feb. 9.	Miss E. V. Saxton	J. F. Smith.
„ 23.	J. Gilmartin	F. G. Blair.
„ 23.	Miss F. E. Neale	D. L. Evans.

The following papers were read during the year 1939 :

- Jan. 12. "Genealogical Notes upon the Family of Baron Henry de Worms, sometime Member of Parliament for East Toxteth," by BERTRAM B. BENAS, B.A., LL.B.
- Feb. 9. "Sir Thomas Johnson and the Jacobite Rebels, 1715-16," by ARTHUR C. WARDLE.
- „ 23. "The Select Vestry in North Lancashire," by H. N. MOULDING, B.A.
- Mar. 9. "Educational Endowments of the Fylde," by K. F. MILLS, B.A.
- „ 23. "The Post-Reformation Effigies of Cheshire," by F. H. CROSSLEY, F.S.A.
- „ 23. "Notes on a 17th-century Pewter Measure with historic Liverpool Associations," by ROLAND J. A. SHELLEY, F.R.Hist.S.

On the outbreak of war, owing to the difficulties occasioned by the lighting restrictions, the Council reluctantly decided to suspend the ordinary meetings of the Society, but it is hoped that arrangements may be made in the new year whereby the meetings may be continued.

On 16 December, at the kind invitation of the Libraries, Museums, Arts and Music Committee, the Members of the Society met at the Reference Library to inspect an exhibition of recently acquired maps, plans, deeds, etc., relating to Lancashire and Cheshire.

During the year the Society held two excursions, the first on 10 June to Hoghton Tower, and the second on 22 July to Levens Hall, Westmorland.

During the year Volume **90** of the Society's *Transactions* was published.

Reference was made in last year's report to the Bequest of the late Henry Ince Anderton. The Council records with pleasure that the bequest is now in the hands of the Society and is referred to in the report of the Hon. Librarian.

The Council has to record with great regret the resignation during the year of two of the Society's Officers, Dr. S. Saxon Barton, who had acted as Hon. Secretary for eleven years, and Mr. W. J. Holgate, as Hon. Treasurer for a similar period.

The vacancies caused by these resignations have been filled by the appointment of Mr. Frederick G. Blair as Hon. Secretary and Mr. W. A. Phillips as Hon. Treasurer.

FREDERICK G. BLAIR,
Hon. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1939.

In the course of rendering my annual report, it gives me great pleasure to state that the Library has been enriched by acquisition of a number of archæological and topographical works forming part of the Library of the late Henry Ince Anderton (see Communication by Francis Weld, in *Transactions*, **89**, 147-8). Owing to the lack of bookcase accommodation at the disposal of the Society in the Royal Institution and also to the fact that the major portion of the Bequest is largely of general interest, the Council decided to loan a number of volumes as additions to the stock of the Liverpool Public Library and the Liverpool University Library. The collection, as a whole, has taken much time to put in order and much credit must be given to the staff of the Liverpool Public Library for assisting to create order out of chaos, as the inventory which accompanied the books was most inadequate.

With the curtailment of the usual evening meetings during the period October to December due to the outbreak of war and the consequent "black-out" restrictions in streets and buildings, the Society's Library has not been available to members, and thus I have to report that between January and March, 37 volumes were borrowed for home reading.

The additions to the Library by exchange of our *Transactions* with other Societies and by subscriptions total 24 volumes and 20 parts.

The best thanks of the Society are due to Colonel C. P. Prescott for presenting *The Chronicles of the Prescotts of Ayrfield*; compiled by E. P. Hill and edited by C. P. Prescott (1937).

Copies of Volume **90** of the *Transactions* were dispatched to members on the 14th November and a total of 34 copies 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, 1939.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
1939.	£ s. d.	1939.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1. To Bank Balance from last Account	126 19 3	Dec. 31. By Rent of Bookcases	13 13 0
Dec. 31. " Subscriptions	251 2 6	" Refreshments	9 0 0
" Sale of <i>Transactions</i>	15 0 0	" <i>Honarium</i> —Hon. Secretary	13 2 6
" Interest on War Loan	3 19 6	" Postages—Hon. Secretary	1 0 11
" Offprints, Vol. 89	17 9	" Hon. Treasurer	3 5 8
" Profit on Summer Excursions	1 0	" Subscriptions—	4 6 7
		Lancashire Parish Register Society	1 1 0
		Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire	1 5 0
		Congress Archaeological Societies	1 0 0
		English Place-Name Society	15 0 0
		Chetham Society	1 0 0
		" <i>Transactions</i> —	5 1 0
		Volume 89—Printing, Blocks, etc.	108 4 8
		Offprints	8 18 6
		Postages	4 1 7
		Volume 90—Printing, Blocks, etc.	121 4 9
		Offprints	7 2 0
		Postages	7 5 1
		Indexing	6 6 0
		Insurance	153 2 2
		Lantern Expenses	1 7 3
		Printing and Stationery, Notices of Meetings	10 5 0
		Bank Charges and Cheque Book	10 10
		Cash in Bank	50 11 11
			<u>£383 15 0</u>

(Signed) W. A. PHILLIPS,
 Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
 (Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, Chartered Accountant } Hon. Auditors.
 P. CULVERWELL BROWN