

## ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1940.

During the year four new members were elected, bringing the total membership of the Society up to 167.

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

DATE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Feb. 29.	F. J. Corlett	H. C. Wardle.
April 4.	J. Turner, LL.M.	R. W. Hunt.
„ 4.	Mrs. W. H. Evans	W. A. Phillips.
„ 4.	John Allison, M.A.	G. W. Mathews.

During the year the following papers were read :—

April 4.	“ The Old Woolton Summer House,” by S. A. HARRIS.
„ 18.	“ Liverpool in the Reign of George IV,” by LAWRENCE HALL.
„ 25.	“ Early Steamboats on the Mersey, 1815-20,” by A. C. WARDLE.

The Council have considered the question of continuing the ordinary evening meetings of the Society in the light of existing conditions, and have decided that it would be inadvisable to hold meetings until the spring of 1941, when with the lighter evenings it will be possible to commence a new session.

Since the last report the disposition of the books and other articles bequeathed to the Society under the will of the late Henry Ince Anderton has been completed. The Council having agreed to submit the collection to the University of Liverpool and the Liverpool Corporation for the purpose of selection by them of such works as they would agree to accept, the works have now been deposited with the University of Liverpool and the Liverpool Public Library respectively on terms of permanent loan. Seven funeral rings, a locket, and a filigree writing case, once the property of James III, have been deposited on indefinite loan to the Wigan Public Library. The miniatures of Sir Henry Hunloke, Lady Scarisbrick and Charles Scarisbrick have been presented to Sir Everard Scarisbrick, a member of this Society.

During the year volume 91 of the Society's *Transactions* was published.

The Council records with great regret the passing of two of its

Vice-Presidents in the persons of Mr. Robert Gladstone and Mr. Ronald Stewart-Brown, both gentlemen being outstanding contributors to the Society's *Transactions*.

FREDERICK G. BLAIR,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN FOR THE  
YEAR 1940.

Further to my report on the Henry Ince Anderton Bequest, mentioned in my report of last year, I am now able to state that a selection of books has been made for the Society consisting mainly of books relating to Lancashire and Cheshire, numbering 224 volumes, including a set of the *Victoria County History of Lancashire* (8 vols.), which the late Mr. Robert Gladstone kindly had rebound at his expense. By this donation the Society's library has been enriched considerably and, in addition, a number of duplicates have been selected of the more important works dealing with the two counties. Due to war conditions it was thought advisable that these should be left in parcels and placed in another part of the building until a more favourable time presents an opportunity of consulting them.

In addition, 13 volumes and 11 parts have been added during the year from the various scientific and literary societies who exchange transactions with this Society. No donations from members are reported.

Copies of volume 91 of the *Transactions* were in the hands of members on July 6th, and a total of 40 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, 1940.**

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.	
1940.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1.	To Bank Balance from last Account ...		6 0 0
Dec. 31	" Subscriptions ...	By Refreshments ...	6 0 0
	" Sale of <i>Transactions</i> ...	" <i>Honorarium</i> —Hon. Secretary ...	6 16 6
	" Interest on War Loan ...	Hon. Editor ...	6 16 6
	" Donation, Miss Barlow ...		13 13 0
		" Postages—Hon. Secretary ...	1 6 10
		Hon. Treasurer ...	0 11 8
		" Subscriptions—	1 1 0
		Lancashire Parish Record Society	1 1 0
		Record Society of Lancashire	1 5 0
		and Cheshire ...	1 0 0
		Congress Archaeological Societies	0 15 0
		English Place Name Society	1 0 0
		Chetham Society	1 0 0
		" <i>Transactions</i> —	5 1 0
		Volume 91—Printing ...	155 19 5
		Offprints ...	10 15 3
		Postages ...	7 10 9
		Indexing ...	6 6 0
			180 11 5
		" Insurance ...	1 7 3
		" Printing and Stationery ...	6 7 0
		" Wreath ...	1 1 0
		" Bank charges ...	0 5 0
		" Cash in Bank ...	10 17 9
			£227 1 11

(Signed) W. A. PHILLIPS, Hon. Treasurer.  
 2nd January, 1941.

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

