

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1947

During the year twenty-three new members were elected, namely twenty-one ordinary and two library members, whilst two ordinary members were transferred to honorary and life membership, respectively. One honorary member and five ordinary members were lost by death and six ordinary members by resignation. The total membership is now 280, namely, six honorary, eight life, 186 ordinary, two student and 75 library members.

The new members were as follows :—

DATE.		NAME OF MEMBER.	PROPOSER.
Jan.	16.	G. L. Evans.	P. C. Brown.
Feb.	20.	Miss D. Wood.	F. Muller.
		F. W. Preston.	F. A. Bailey.
		J. B. Barton.	R. Richards.
April	24.	C. N. Parkinson, Ph.D., M.A.	A. C. Wardle.
		E. E. Newton.	F. A. Bailey.
Sept.	18.	W. B. Thorpe, M.A.	P. C. Brown.
		Mrs. H. A. Peddle.	F. Crooks.
		J. Charnock.	R. S. France.
		Society of Genealogists.	Rev. C. F. Russell.
		Chester Public Library.	F. A. Bailey.
		Mrs. O. Radcliffe Evans, B.A.	R. Richards.
		Major W. H. Stephenson, J.P.	F. A. Bailey.
		W. Fenlon.	W. A. Phillips.
Oct.	16.	T. Williams.	F. G. Blair.
Nov.	20.	B. McInerney.	F. A. Bailey.
		C. Woad.	A. C. Wardle.
		H. Flood, B.A.	F. A. Bailey.
		W. A. Bonney, M.A.	C. Barber.
Dec.	11.	A. R. Myers, M.A.	F. A. Bailey.
		E. R. Taylor, M.A.	F. A. Bailey.

In consideration of his long and valued services to the Society, the Council unanimously decided to confer honorary membership upon Mr. Godfrey W. Mathews.

Meetings were held during the year, and papers read, as follows :—

Jan.	16.	Annual General Meeting and Exhibition of Lantern Slides.
Feb.	20.	"Some Remarks on the Family of Langley of Middleton and Prestwich," by T. H. Hill, B.A.
March	20.	"Sport and Recreation in Nonconformist Academies," by the Rev. H. McLachlan, M.A., D.D., Litt.D.

- April 24. "Some Aspects of the Administration of the Duchy of Lancaster Estates in the 13th and early 14th centuries," by Dorothea Oschinsky, D.Ph., Ph.D.
- May 17. (At the Grammar School, Preston) "The Tudor Stained Glass at Preston Grammar School, and other old Stained Glass of the Preston District," by Henry Ogle.
- Sept. 18. "A Limoges Enamel Panel, 'Christ in Majesty,' from a Textus, c. 1250," by Philip Nelson, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.
 "Some Memoranda by William Moore, Esq., concerning Liverpool and Walton, 1510-12," by F. A. Bailey, M.A.
- Oct. 16. "Revenue Cruisers on the North-West Coast, 1671-1822," by Rupert C. Jarvis, F.S.A.
- Nov. 20. "Some Local Associations of the East India Company," by A. C. Wardle, F.R.Hist.S.
- Dec. 11. "A History of Private Schools in Lancashire," by R. J. A. Berry, M.D., F.R.S.E.

Members of the Society were the invited guests of the Liverpool branch of the Historical Association at the University of Liverpool on 29 April, when Canon C. H. F. Soulby, M.A., lectured on "The Interpretation of Historic Scenes and Buildings."

A very enjoyable excursion to Hall i'th Wood and Smithells Hall took place on Saturday, 19 July.

The publication of the annual volume was again delayed owing to labour shortage. Volume 97, for the year 1945, was issued in November, and Volume 98, for 1946, is still in the press.

The Society has been represented at the quarterly meetings of the Regional Group for British Archaeology, and in co-operation with the Regional Group has dealt with questions arising from proposed building operations on the Piele Hall site at Haydock, and proposed excavations at Round Loaf, Anglezarke Moor. The appointment of Mr. P. Culverwell Brown, M.A., F.S.A., as representative of the Regional Group on the Council for British Archaeology, is a well-merited recognition of his long and active interest.

It is with great regret that the resignation of the Hon. Editor, due to the many other calls on his time, has been received, but he has kindly offered to continue as editor for Volume 98.

The Hon. Secretary desires to express his thanks to Miss G. Hamer, for assistance in posting notices of meetings, to Mr. D. L. Evans, for his services as lanternist, and to Mr. R. Sharpe France, for help in organising the meeting at Preston.

F. A. BAILEY,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE
YEAR 1947.

The usual practice of opening all bookcases to Members on the evenings of the Society's meetings continues and many books have been borrowed for home reading.

There are several Societies' transactions requiring binding, but as I understand that our finances are earmarked for other more important items, I see little hope of any binding being done next year.

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the following for their very kind donations to the Library :—

The Authors (M. Christy, &c.) :
Some interesting Essex brasses.

Liverpool Public Libraries (per the City Librarian) :

- J. Sephton, *Handbook of Lancashire Place-names*, 1913.
H. C. Wyld, *Place Names of Lancashire*, 1911.
E. Broxap, *The Great Civil War in Lancashire*, 1642-1651, 1910.
R. Stewart-Brown, *The Tower of Liverpool*, 1910.
Sir E. Moore, *Liverpool in Charles II's Time*, 1899.
Centenary Book of Liverpool Stock Exchange, 1836-1936.
R. Brooke, *Liverpool, 1775-1800*, 1853.
J. R. Muir, *Bygone Liverpool*, 1913.
J. R. Muir and E. M. Platt, *History of Municipal Government in Liverpool*, 1906.

Leeds Public Libraries :

Leeds and Yorkshire : Guide to the Collections, 1947.

F. W. Preston, Esq. :

Walker's [Map] Tour through England and Wales, 1809.

A number of volumes of the Society's *Transactions* have been purchased by members and others during the year, including several by the Chester Public Library, now a subscribing member.

Certain societies named in the *Transactions* continue to exchange volumes with us. It is noticeable their volumes are not up to pre-war standard in regard to the number of pages and binding.

During the year, *Transactions* volume 97, for the year 1945, was published, and 33 copies taken into stock.

J. F. SMITH,
Honorary Librarian.

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

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1947.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
1947.	£ s. d.	1947.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1. To Bank Balance	297 10 7	Dec. 31. By Rent of Rooms 10 0 0
Dec. 31. " Subscriptions	257 9 0	" Expenses—Hon. Secretary 10 0 0
" Sale of Transactions	13 0 6	" Hon. Editor 10 0 0
" Interest on 3½% War Stock	6 17 4	" Hon. Treasurer 3 2 10
		" Postages—Notices of Meetings	7 14 8
		" Cheque Book	4 0 0
		" Subscriptions—	
		Lancashire Parish Register Society	1 1 0
		Chetham Society	1 0 0
		Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire	1 5 0
		English Place Name Society	15 0 0
		Council British Archaeology	1 10 0
		" Loss on Summer Excursion	5 11 0
		" Printing, Typing, Stationery, etc.	14 2 2
		" Fire Insurance	46 3 6
		" Transactions purchased	1 1 3
		" Investment of Life Subscriptions, £11 9s. 5d. 3½% War Stock	12 10 0
		" Cash at Bank	469 4 0
	£574 17 11		£574 17 11

NOTE: Other Assets not included in this statement are:—
 £196 ss. 7d. 3½% War Stock.
 War Damage Claim for £120 plus interest.
 Stock of *Transactions* and Library.

Against this there are Liabilities for:—
 Volume 97 of the *Transactions* of about £460.
 Volume 98 is in the press and no estimate has been obtained.
 Volume 99 is not yet ready for the printers.

Audited and found correct,
 (Signed) G. KENNETH COOK, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditors.
 S. A. HARRIS

(Signed) W. G. H. JONES, Hon. Treasurer.
 Liverpool, 7th January, 1948.