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## REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2000

The Society is a charity which exists for educational purposes, to promote the study of any aspect of the history of Lancashire and Cheshire. This is done principally through public lectures and by the publication of an annual volume of *Transactions* which reflects current research on the two counties. The business of the Society is handled by Council, which met three times in 2000. The Society's financial status is healthy. The operating surplus during the financial year was £5,842.95, a level partly attributable to increased subscription rates. Subscriptions accounted for 62 per cent of income, investment income for 23 per cent, donations for 7 per cent, and sales of publications for 8 per cent. The number of members at 31 December was 459. Publication of volume 149 (for 2000) was unfortunately delayed beyond the end of the year. Editing of the consolidated index to volumes 1–149 continued to make progress. The Society's library, housed at Liverpool City Record Office, remained available for consultation by members and public alike. A catalogue of the library is available on disk. During the year the Society acquired the domain name [www.hslc.org.uk](http://www.hslc.org.uk), and plans were put in hand to move the web site, hitherto maintained at the University of Manchester, to that address. In order to publicize the Society's activities better, stands were staffed by members of Council at a number of local history fairs, and a new publicity leaflet was prepared.

Eight lecture meetings were held during the year, and Council is grateful to those who read the following papers to the Society:

17 February: Margaret Simey (University of Liverpool), 'Frederic D'Aeth: a forgotten pioneer'

16 March: Robert Philpott (Liverpool Museum: National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside), 'Uncovering the North-West's Romano-British past'

20 April: Audrey Coney (Aughton, Lancs.), 'Landscape and life in Upholland to 1600'

18 May: Geoffrey Timmins (University of Central Lancashire), 'Dismantling the Colossus of Roads: J. L. McAdam revisited'

15 June: Fiona Montgomery (Edge Hill College), 'Teacher training in Lancashire in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries'

21 September: Andrea Murphy (Liverpool Community College), 'Racism and reaction in Liverpool, 1918–1948'

19 October: Mona Duggan (University of Liverpool), 'Sugar refining in the days before Tate and Lyle'

16 November: Timothy Thornton (University of Huddersfield), 'The culture of palatine autonomy in Cheshire, c. 1403–1603'

Secretary to Council

*R. C. Hull*

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 2000

The following works were donated to the library:

- L. Burman, 'Excerpts from *Williamson's Liverpool Advertiser and Mercantile Register, 1756*' [offprint from *English Ceramic Circle Transactions*, XVII (1) (1999)]
- J. McDermott (ed.), *Hopkins' Lancashire sesquicentennial essays* (1994)
- J. McDermott (ed.), *Hopkins in Lancashire: selected writings of Gerard Manley Hopkins* (1999)

The following works were purchased:

- K. Appleby, *Clockmakers of Cheshire* (1999)
- A. Bruce, *Open and free: Dean Bennett of Chester* (1999)
- P. Cavill, S. E. Harding, and J. Jesch, *Wirral and its viking heritage* (2000)
- A. S. Davidson and A. Tibbles, *Marine art and Liverpool, a postscript: fifty ship paintings by Francis Hustwick (1797-1865)* (1999)
- Q. Hughes, *Liverpool, city of architecture* (1999)
- R. M. Martin, *The Lancashire giant: David Shackleton, Labour leader and civil servant* (2000)
- A. Tibbles, *Illustrated catalogue of marine paintings in the Merseyside Maritime Museum, Liverpool* (1999)

Exchange volumes were received from kindred societies and added to stock.

Honorary Librarian

David Stoker

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

RECEIPTS (£)		PAYMENTS (£)	
Subscriptions		Printing of publications	6,528
Private	4,644	Officers' expenses	
Institutions	3,952	Secretary to Council	24
Interest		Treasurer	0
Income bonds	799	Librarian	0
Deposit bonds	1,117	Editors	5
CAF account	1,893	Publications Secretary	82
Donations		Stationery	128
Lancashire CC	900	Syllabus card	0
Sales		Newsletter	535
<i>Transactions</i>	762	Insurance	27
Offprints	75	Lectures and book fairs	124
<i>Slave trade</i>	116	Subscriptions to societies	176
Bennison map	76	Library	23
Miscellaneous	20	Bank charges	12
		Refunds	48
		Publishing and research grants	200
		Interest retained in deposit bond	1,117
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>14,354</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>9,029</b>
		Operating surplus	5,325

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

Cash funds:	
NatWest Bank deposit account	5,030
Charities Aid Foundation account	38,991
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>44,021</b>
Other monetary assets:	
National Savings income bonds	15,000
National Savings deposit bonds	13,404
<b>TOTAL OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>	<b>28,404</b>
Assets retained for the charity's own use:	
Book stock	5,000
Liabilities:	
Printing of <i>Transactions</i> , volume 149 (2000)	15,000