

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIANS FOR THE YEAR 1977

The library continued to be well-used by members for both reference and lending purposes. The following works were purchased: Latham, Frank A. *Tattenhall: the history of a Cheshire Village* (1977); Makepeace, C. *Lancashire in the 20's and 30's from old photographs* (1977); Taylor, J. *Ellermans—A wealth of shipping* (1976). Donations included: Allison, J. E. *Sidelights on Tranmere* (1976); Mander, N. *How to trace your ancestry* (1977).

Volume 126 of the Society's *Transactions* was published during the year and copies were added to stock. Exchange volumes have, as usual, been received from kindred societies.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1977

The membership of the Society at the end of 1977 was 455 members, comprising 231 personal members, 23 families, 4 life members, together with 173 libraries and 24 affiliated societies.

Meetings during the year were: 15 January, A.G.M. followed by an illustrated talk 'A preview of the 1977 Easter tour to East Anglia' by Miss Joan Beck; 17 February, 'The mayoralty of the city and borough of Chester; a study in social and economic relationships in urban government, 1540-1640' by T. S. A. Maquiban; 17 March, 'The life and work of Miss Anne J. Clough in Liverpool, 1836-1849' by Miss J. K. Stubbs; 21 April, 'The development of a local police force in a new town: Birkenhead in the early 19th century' by W. R. S. MacIntyre; 15 September, 'The Liverpool waterfront: some aspects of occupational structure and trade union development in the 19th century' by E. L. Taplin (Open meeting); 20 October, 'The slave trade from Chester, Lancaster, Preston and Poulton' by M. M. Schofield; 17 November, 'New light on the archaeology of Warrington' by Mrs S. Lewis; 8 December, 'Charles Leadbetter of Cronton, Lancashire, 1681-1744—astronomer and mathematician' by J. R. Platt.

Philip Andrews
Honorary Secretary

