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- L.C.A.S. Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society *Transactions*.
- L.C.H.S. Lancashire and Cheshire Historic Society *Transactions*.
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