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The Sub Committee's thanks are due also to the contributors of articles, for ensuring that the *Journal* has maintained its high standards; and to the Society's Council for its continued support of the Honorary Editor and her colleagues. We hope that contributors will not be deterred by the financial situation described above; and that, as in past years, it will continue to be possible to print articles accepted for the *Journal* without undue delay. Potential contributors are again reminded that copies of the 'Notes for Contributors' may be obtained from the Honorary Editor.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>J.C.A.S.</i>	<i>Journal of the Chester Archaeological Society</i>
<i>T.H.S.L.C.</i>	<i>Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i>
<i>T.L.C.A.S.</i>	<i>Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society</i>
<i>R.S.L.C.</i>	Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire
R. H. Morris, <i>Chester</i>	R. H. Morris, <i>Chester in the Plantagenet and Tudor Reigns</i> , [1894]
G. Ormerod, <i>History of Cheshire</i>	G. Ormerod, <i>History of the County Palatine and City of Chester</i> , 2nd edit. by T. Helsby, 1882.

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