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EDITORIAL NOTE

Although this volume is published as number 71 of the Society's *Journal*, it comprises a group of essays on a single coherent theme, in effect a book. The papers constitute the only tribute so far to appear to a distinguished and influential historian with close ties with the North-West. They represent a significant contribution not only to the history of Cheshire but to that of England as a whole, and it was felt therefore that the normal format of the *Journal* should be adapted to suit a wider readership.

Sadly the long gestation of this book has seen the death of one of its most distinguished contributors, Professor R. H. C. Davis, who not only contributed a most eloquent and entertaining memoir but also supervised the production of the bibliography and offered much helpful advice. We are most grateful for his kindly guidance and can only regret that he did not live to see the book in print.

On a happier note it is a pleasure to record the Society's especial gratitude to Mrs. Diana Barraclough, whose generosity made possible the considerable research necessary to produce the bibliography of Professor Barraclough's writings. The Society is also most grateful for the substantial grants which it has received from the British Academy, the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, and the Twenty-Seven Foundation, in support of this volume.

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ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout this volume :

B.L.	British Library
C.E.C.	<i>The Charters of the Anglo-Norman Earls of Chester, c. 1071-1237</i> , ed. G. Barraclough, Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, CXXVI (1988) (references in the form 'no. 123' are to charter numbers within this volume)
Ches. R.O.	Cheshire Record Office
Chester City R.O.	Chester City Record Office
E.H.R.	<i>English Historical Review</i>
J.C.A.S.	<i>Journal of the Chester Archaeological Society</i>
Ormerod	G. Ormerod, <i>History of the County Palatine and City of Chester</i> , 2nd edn., ed. T. Helsby, 1882
P.R.O.	Public Record Office
R.S.L.C.	Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire
T.H.S.L.C.	<i>Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i>
V.C.H.	<i>Victoria History of the Counties of England</i>

CORRIGENDA

p. 8 (<i>table</i>).	For Simon, earl of Montfort <i>read</i> Simon, lord of Montfort and count of Evreux.
p. 133 (<i>map</i>).	For Ferribby (<i>bis</i>) <i>read</i> Ferriby.
p. 163, l. 18.	For ' <i>patre mea</i> ' <i>read</i> ' <i>patre meo</i> '.
p. 176, l. 7.	For Richard I <i>read</i> Richard.
p. 179, l. 27.	For <i>discuss this materials</i> <i>read</i> <i>discussing this material</i> .
p. 180, n. 1.	For Ranulph <i>read</i> Ranulf.
p. 181, l. 26.	For Ranulph <i>read</i> Ranulf.
p. 187, l. 8.	For Ranulph <i>read</i> Ranulf.
p. 193, n. 22.	For Ranulph <i>read</i> Ranulf.
p. 195, l. 15.	For <i>onto</i> <i>read</i> <i>on to</i> .

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- II No. 294: London, P.R.O., DL 27/235
- III No. 358: Berkeley Castle, Fitzhardinge Charters, no. 152
- IV No. 354: Ches. R.O., Cholmondeley Deeds, Box B, no. 377
- V No. 359: Berkeley Castle, Fitzhardinge Charters, no. 150
- VI No. 274: London, P.R.O., C 109/86/5

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- II Forged Equestrian Seal, probably of Ranulf I
- III First Equestrian Seal of Hugh II
- IV Second Equestrian Seal of Hugh II
- V Gem Seal No. 2, of William Barbedavril II
- VI Gem Seal No. 3
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- X Second, Equestrian, Seal of Ranulf III (Brittany and Richmond Side)
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