

## PROCEEDINGS.

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### SUMMER MEETING.

THE first excursion of 1913 was held in West Cumberland, June 19th and 20th; the committee for local arrangements being the Rev. A. Ainley, M.A., Mr. J. F. Curwen, F.S.A., Mr. P. H. Fox, M.A., Dr. C. A. Parker, Miss Rymer and Mr. Edward Wilson.

On Thursday, June 19th, at St Bees School, Mr. P. H. Fox described the armorial stone of Archbishop Grindal, recently removed from the bridge where its place is now occupied by a reproduction of the panel. Mr. Fox also gave an account of the School buildings, in the course of which he said:—

“From the depositions taken at Cockermouth on 7th July, 1620, in the Chancery suit of Lickbarrow con. Pennington (Ch. Dep. L. 25/11), which concerned the management and revenues of the Grammar School, we get a few particulars as to the buildings of the Priory, and the use which was made of the materials after the dissolution.” The interrogatories refer to ‘a large house in the Abbey of St. Bees called the Abbots Hall’ and ‘the old abbat-hall or house at the back of the Church.’ Ralph Latus, a governor, deposed that ‘about 32 years ago (1588) Mr. Woodhall (a governor) bought the Abbots Hall of Sir Thomas Chaloner for the use of the School.’ William Briscoe, who was first the Schoolmaster, and after his retirement from that post a governor, deposed that ‘the late dissolved monasterie of St. Bees was a Priorie & Cell belonging to St. Marie’s at York, . . . and the great hall & kitchen thereof, as deponent hath heard credibly reported, was pulled down & the stones & timber thereof employed in the buildings of the Schoolhouse, which was builded about 5 or 6 years before he was schoolmaster (i.e. 1587 or 1588). And there was another old house at the back of the church afterwards pulled down by Mr. Sands.’ Mr. Briscoe was accused by his enemies of diverting the wood and stone from the School’s use to the building of a house of his own in the village, and this he denied. Leonard Latus bore witness that ‘most of the timber from the Abbots Hall was ledd some to the schoolhouse, some to the Church nere adjoining & some to Mr. Sands’ (another governor) at Rottington.’

James Ben, a carpenter, of Woodhouse, was actually hired by Henry Sands to pull down the old house, and he speaks of it as 'situate *between a Tower and the Church*, but whether it was called Abbots Hall or not he knoweth not.' He laid the wood up by the Church wall for the School's use in the next year, but from hearsay he says that 'part of it was taken to William Briscoe's house, part to Henry Sands his house, and part to William Fletcher's house.' This last was 'the Flat' and stood on the site now occupied by Whitehaven Castle; another witness confirms the report that part of the wood was taken there.

"I conclude from the whole of the evidence that the stones at least were used in the building of the 'Foundation' at the School, in which they still stand. It is noteworthy that the local use of the terms 'Abbey' and 'Abbot,' where there was in fact only a Priory, prevailed at least as early as soon after the dissolution, and probably before that date. In depositions taken in 1602 I find witnesses aged 80 speaking of 'the Abbey' and 'the time of the Abbots' (Exchq. Dep. 44. Eliz. Easter 6. Cumb.)."

At St. Bees Church a paper was read by Mr. W. G. Collingwood, and after luncheon at the Seascale Hotel carriages were taken for Egremont Castle, where Mr. Curwen gave the general history of the building (see his *Castles and Towers*, pp. 134-137) and Mr. Harrison, in charge of the excavations made by Lord Leconfield, explained the features recently revealed.

At St. John's, Beckermeth, Mr. Atkinson received the party in the absence of the vicar, and Mr. W. G. Collingwood read a paper on the church. Rain, which had fallen at intervals, now set in, and the party was drenched by the time Calder Abbey was reached. In such circumstances the hospitality shown by Mrs. Rymer was most welcome and very heartily appreciated. After tea, Dr. Parker exhibited the gold coins (Art. XVIII.) and described the Abbey buildings from the model (p. 327) made under his direction, while the weather prevented more than a short walk through the ruins to verify his description.

Between Calder and Gosforth the horses of one of the coaches got out of hand; the reins gave way, and the driver, jumping off to get at the horses' heads, fell against the wall and broke his arm. The driver of the next coach cleverly came to the rescue and prevented further misfortune. The injured man was taken to a neighbouring house, Sally Hill, where he was kindly received, and immediately attended by Dr. Lediard and Dr. Parker. He was able to be moved home to Whitehaven that night, and the proceeds of a collection made next morning by Mr. Fox were

divided between him and the driver whose prompt action saved the following coaches.

After dinner at the Scawfell Hotel, Seascale, the Annual General Meeting was held, Mr. W. G. Collingwood in the chair. Dr. Haswell was added to the list of Vice-Presidents, and Mr. C. W. Ruston-Harrison was elected member of Council. The following new members were elected :—Miss E. L. Dodd, London Road, Carlisle; Mr. James Hamilton, Heversham Grammar School; Mr. Matthew Mossop, Seascale; Mr. H. W. Cousins, M.A., County Secondary School, Brampton; the Rev. G. F. Pardoe, Muncaster Vicarage; Mr. Walker Whittle, Seascale; Mrs. Gordon, 9, Scotch Street, Whitehaven; Mr. Joseph Burlington, B.A., Foxhouses, Whitehaven; the Rev. G. Baily, Burneside Vicarage; Mrs. Baily, Burneside Vicarage; Mr. D. A. E. Evans, Manor House, St. Bees; Mr. H. L. Groves, Gilpin Lodge, Windermere; Mrs. H. L. Groves, Gilpin Lodge, Windermere; Sir Joseph T. Hutchinson, Lorton Hall, Cockermouth; Mr. Joseph Fearon Hope, The Old Bank, Appleby; Dr. C. H. Hough, White Craggs, Ambleside; Mrs. P. W. Machell, Crackenthorpe Hall, near Appleby; Mrs. Moore, Ullcoats, Egremont; Mr. John Nelson, Bankfield, Egremont; Mr. John Scott, 7, West View, Ilkley; Mr. John Shirwin, The Grange, Egremont; the Rev. H. A. P. Sawyer, M.A., School House, St. Bees.

Mr. Ruston-Harrison, reporting on the Parish Register Section, announced that Crosthwaite Registers were being transcribed and that Canon Rawnsley had generously offered to pay for the printing of the volume. The Milburn Registers would be issued freely this year to members of the Section as the gift of Mr. Henry Brierley. The thanks of the Society were returned to Canon Rawnsley and Mr. Brierley for their generous assistance.

Dr. Parker then read Art. XVIII., on the Calder Coins. Mr. Collingwood exhibited a tattooing-awl of the early Bronze Age and read part of the article on explorations at Birkrigg, Ulverston, by Messrs. Dobson and Randall (Art. XXIII.). Mr. Curwen described the iron grilles of the pele-towers, of which the full account has since appeared in his *Castles and Towers*. Mr. J. H. Martindale showed photographs of the Postern door at Carlisle Castle (Art. XIII.); and the chairman read a report of the exploration of the floor of Isis Parlis Caves by the Rev. A. J. Heelis (Art. XX.).

Friday, June 20th, opened with sunshine, and a large party met at Butterilket for the walk up to Hardknot fort. Sitting on the south face of the mound on which the north tower was built

they heard from Mr. Collingwood a short account of the Society's excavation of the site, 1889-1894. The speaker concluded by suggesting that the occasion was fitting for a tribute to Mr. C. W. Dymond, F.S.A., Hon. F.S.A.Scot., as the surviving member of those who did pioneer work in exploration and survey of Roman and prehistoric remains in the district. It was thereupon proposed by Mr. J. H. Martindale, F.R.I.B.A., seconded by Mr. Patrickson of Scales, supported by the Rev. Cæsar Caine, and carried with acclamation, that Mr. Dymond be elected an Honorary Member of the Society.

At Muncaster Church Dr. Parker of Gosforth read the following paper :—

#### MUNCASTER CHURCH.

Ravenglass with its fine harbour was a great Viking resort, and in this churchyard is a Norse cross bearing a vertebrate pattern like that at Gosforth which is dated late tenth century. We therefore infer that there was here a church of wood and wattle as early as the year 1050. The Church of Muncaster, dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels, was given to the Priory of Conishead by Gamel de Pennington about 1150 : yet the advowson remained with the family, or at any rate there was a dispute about it, as in 1270, Sir Alan de Penington, Gamel's great-great-grandson, quitclaimed it to the Prior for 50 marks. The nave appears to be older than the chancel, and was originally entered by the present doorway, immediately opposite to which may be seen on the outside of the building traces of the North or "Devil" door. According to the late Charles Ferguson these twin doorways were not built later than 1125. If this be so we have left part of the Church which succeeded the early Norse building and was given away by Gamel.

In the transept are four brasses, the earliest dated 1301, with an inscription stating that Sir William Penyton was Sheriff of Cumberland. Nicolson and Burn make him Sheriff from 1297-1301, but he was living in 1318, when he had a dispute with the Abbot of Furness. The second is to his grandson William and states that he married the daughter of Thomas de Multon of Egremont and was heired by his son Alan, who wedded Katharine de Preston, 1390. William really married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Thomas de Malton of East Givendale, co. York. It was his father Sir John who married Joan, probably the Joan sister and coheir of John de Multon ; and 1390 is the date of Alan's marriage, William having died before 1382.

Over the chancel arch is a turret for a sanctus bell, of course

pre-Reformation, and at the west end a turret with two bells, one bearing the name of Wm. Pennington, and the other S. MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS. Near the east end of the south wall is a niche for a piscina, and as the chancel arch was formerly smaller there would be room for a side altar. Above is a small early window, too high to light the altar much, but possibly intended to light the pulpit which stood under the chancel arch on that side. The south door of the chancel cannot now be seen. The north door is pointed and is inscribed under the heavy hood-mould "*Ita vive quod summum nec metues diem nec optes.*" The east window is perpendicular and is considered to date from about 1450. The dripstone ends in two shields, on the south Pennington, on the north a coat with two bars, and a canton charged with a fleur de lys, an unknown coat. It must be a blunder for one of the seven coats of the Barony of Kendal group, or for Derwentwater ancient. It does not seem possible that the carver could mistake the lion of the de Lancasters (too early), the mullets of Lancaster and Kirkby, the cross moline of Kirkby, or the maunch of Bardsey for a fleur de lys. This leaves us with the cross fleury of Broughton and the cinquefoils of Preston and Derwentwater, which might possibly be mistaken for a fleur de lys.

Sir Alan Pennington married Katharine Preston, 1390.

John Pennington married Elizabeth Radcliffe, circa 1435.

Sir John Pennington married Isabel Broughton, circa 1457.

Preston is too early and John Pennington died in the lifetime of his father. I therefore think the arms must be intended for those of Isabel, daughter of John and sister of Sir Thomas Broughton. Dr. Haswell writes:—"I think I could forgive a mason for the mistake of a cross flory for a fleur de lys: one sees extraordinary things sometimes. The Radcliffe coat is in later times Arg. a bend engrailed sable: but earlier it was Barry of five, arg. and gules, on a canton of the second a cinquefoil of the first. I cannot give my authority, but I think it was about 1452 that the former coat was adopted."

In the floor of the chancel is the gravestone of Sir John de Pennington, either the Sir John who received King Henry (1461), or his grandson, who was knighted in Scotland in 1482, but was not at Flodden, as he died in 1512.

The church was valued in the reign of Henry VIII. at £8 8s. 8d. per annum.

A third brass, dated 1533, is to Sir William Pennington and Frances Pgrave his wife.

A fourth, dated 1543, is in memory of their son William, stating that he was called out for service of the borders. 1543 is the date of the foray. William died in 1573.

The registers begin in 1593.

In 1658 William Thomson of Thornflat, J.P., committed Richard Robinson and Joseph Nicholson to gaol for disturbing Mr. Andrew Thomson in the church of Muncaster on the Lord's day.

There are a pair of pewter flagons and a pewter dish. The chalice, dated 1680, has Elizabethan ornament and was "bought at York by William Tubman. Price five pounds. 16 oz. weight." It was made to order.

From 1608-1844 and perhaps earlier the curate of Muncaster was also rector of Waberthwaite, morning service at Waberthwaite being held "of a suitable time and of a suitable length" to allow the rector to cross the river Esk by the stepping stones "free of tide" for afternoon service at Muncaster.

The church suffered the usual debasement. The porch was made into a vestry and a door made in the west end under the fine old window, which was further blocked up by a gallery containing an organ.

In 1874 Lord Muncaster restored the Church and built the transept, which bears the arms of Pennington and L'Estrange. Thus we have evidence of continuous worship here for over 900 years.

After a visit to Walls Castle, where Dr. Parker expounded that remarkable Roman building, so far as it has been investigated up to the present, the proceedings ended with a vote of thanks to the Local Committee.

#### AUTUMN MEETING.

The second excursion was held in the Lake District on September 11th and 12th, 1913. The committee for local arrangements consisted of Messrs. W. G. Collingwood, J. F. Curwen, G. G. Wordsworth and E. Wilson. On the first day a large party was increased, at the Borrans Field, Ambleside, by a number of those who had assisted in the purchase of the site for the National Trust, and had that afternoon attended the opening of "Adelaide Hill," the latest acquisition of the Trust. At Crosthwaite Church on the following day many local residents joined the visiting members to hear Canon Rawnsley's address.

This was the first excursion of the Society in which motor-coaches were used instead of horse-carriages.

On Thursday, September 11th, meeting at Windermere Station,

the Society visited Bowness Church. The Rev. E. J. Nurse, M.A., rector of Windermere, kindly described the building and its history, for which members are referred to Mr. Nurse's booklet on the subject.

After luncheon at the Red Lion, Hawkshead, the party was met at Hawkshead Church by the Rev. Canon Irving, vicar, who exhibited the relics. Mr. W. G. Collingwood read a paper on some points of Hawkshead history, and Mr. J. F. Curwen described the fabric of the church (Art. XVI.). At Hawkshead Hall Mr. Collingwood gave an account of the house and its former occupants.

After tea at the Lecture-room, Ambleside, on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood, to whom Dr. Barnes expressed the thanks of the visitors, the excavations at the Roman fort in the Borrans Field, Ambleside, were visited, and addresses were given by Professor Haverfield and Mr. R. G. Collingwood (Art. XXII.). Mr. T. H. B. Graham proposed the Society's thanks to the speakers.

The General Meeting was held after dinner at Rigg's Windermere Hotel, Professor Haverfield in the chair.

The following new members were elected :—Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle, Boothby Manor House, Brampton ; Mrs. Stephenson, Beanlands Park, Carlisle ; Mr. Norman Maclaren, 23, Portland Square, Carlisle ; Mr. Hubert Coutts, R.I., and Mrs. Coutts, Hammerbank, Windermere ; the Rev. W. J. Ridgway, M.A., Trinity Vicarage, Carlisle ; Dr. Hugh Redmayne, Brathay Hall ; Mrs. T. P. Miller, Merlewood, Grange-over-Sands ; Mr. Richard Grice, Cross House, Bootle, Cumberland ; Mr. John B. Wrigley, Steelfield Hall, Gosforth ; the Rev. H. Hunter Parker, Arlecdon Vicarage ; Mr. McIver Buchanan, 28, Chepstow Villas, Bayswater ; Mrs. Keele, Fir Cottage, Windermere ; Miss Spedding, Mirehouse, Keswick ; Dr. J. R. Burnett, Riverholme, Keswick ; Miss Eva Fenwick, Lingy Acre, Keswick ; Mr. Frank E. Marshall, Hawse End, Keswick ; Mrs. Gordon Falcon, The Red House, Keswick ; the Rev. R. M. Pope, Thornthwaite, Keswick ; Dr. Edward Percy Frankland, B.A., Ph.D., M.Sc., Needlehouse, Ravenstonedale ; the Rev. H. H. Williams, M.A., Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford ; the Rev. W. S. Unwin, Troutbeck Vicarage, Windermere ; Mr. John G. Robinson, The Hoo, Windermere ; Mrs. Charles H. Shaw, Edenhall, Langwathby ; Mr. H. C. Marks, 9, Howard Place, Carlisle ; Mr. W. D. Crewdson, Helme Lodge, Kendal ; Mrs. Ritson, Ellen Bank, Maryport ; Mr. John Ritson, Ellen Bank, Maryport ; Mr. C. R. B. McGilchrist, F.S.A.Scot., 28 Penkett Road, Liscard, Cheshire.

The Rev. C. J. Gordon then read a paper on recent discoveries

of early sculptured stones in the bed of the Eden at the site of old Addingham Church (Art. XIX.). Dr. C. A. Parker exhibited a small barrel-shaped bowl of dark polished wood, pierced at the side for a screw of the same material, the base incised "I.A. 1761." The handle of the screw has a hole in the centre of the end, as if for a ring. Dr. Parker said "It must have belonged to some Allan fore-elder of mine, and is, I think, a nutcracker."

A paper by the Rev. W. Baxter on the Granges of Holm Cultram (Art XI.) and proposals for a paper on the Court Rolls of the Manor of Egremont by the Rev. Cæsar Caine were submitted by the Editor.

Mr. H. Penfold exhibited a piece of Samian.

Thanks for these communications and exhibits were returned by the Chairman. Another paper sent by Mr. George Browne of Troutbeck failed to reach the Editor in time for the meeting, but is printed as Art. XV.

The weather of the first day had been brilliantly fine, but the second day, Friday, September 12th, was showery, though not so wet as to prevent a large number of members from carrying out the programme. At Grasmere Church they were met by the rector, the Rev. M. F. Peterson, and Mr. Curwen read a paper on the history of the church (Art. XVII.) to which further remarks were contributed by Mr. Fuller. An interesting carved stone from the church was exhibited on which Mr. T. H. B. Graham remarked that the figure appeared to be that of St. Oswald, the patron saint of the church.

At Wythburn Church Mr. W. G. Collingwood read a paper on the history of the dale, and later in the afternoon described Shoulthwaite Castle, to which a large number of members climbed, in spite of a storm of rain, and were rewarded by seeing the ancient promontory fort in its most romantic aspect.

Crosthwaite Church was described in detail by Canon Rawnsley, from whose address a part, not hitherto published, is given in Art. XIV. Here this meeting broke up; some members leaving by train from Keswick, and others returning by motor coach to Ambleside and Windermere.

#### SPRING MEETING.

The meeting was held on April 24th at Carlisle; and included a visit to the ancient Court-house in King's Arms Lane, arrangements for which were kindly made by Dr. Barnes.

At two o'clock the General Meeting was held at Tullie House, Dr. Barnes in the chair. The following new members were



elected :—The Rev. J. Lowther Bouch, Ackworth Rectory ; Mr. James Walter Brown, Carlisle ; Mr. Thomas Browne, Windermere ; Mrs. Bruce, Windermere ; Miss Rotha M. Clay, Ambleside ; Mr. F. C. Danson, Grasmere ; Mr. Alexander Foster, Pooley Bridge ; Mr. J. Hodgson, Junr., Yelverton, S. Devon ; Mr. Joseph Huntrods, Workington ; Col. H. A. Inglis, Dalston ; Mr. John D. Kenworthy, St. Bees ; Mr. W. B. Leigh, Heaton Mersey ; Mr. Herbert Lester, Firbank, Penrith ; Mr. W. B. Little, Carlisle ; Mrs. Stephen Marshall, Skelwith Fold ; Miss Cordelia Marshall, Skelwith Fold ; Mrs. Nelson, St. Bees ; Miss Mary Newton, St. Bees ; Mrs. Ragg, Lower Boddington, Byfield ; Mr. George Sandys, Graythwaite Hall ; Mr. Gerald Spring Rice, Gowbarrow Old Hall ; the Rev. N. Stick, Maryport ; Mr. H. L. Sweeten, Penrith ; Mr. Jacob Vickers, Wetheral ; Mr. Cranston Waddell, Warwick Bridge ; Mr. Lothrop Withington, London.

The Editor read a report on exploration at the Ambleside Roman fort in March and April, 1914 (Art. XXII, part 3) and submitted a catalogue of Roman Antiquities at Netherhall by Mr. J. B. Bailey, adding a short account of some exploration of the small "camp" at Netherhall at which he had been present on the previous afternoon, when fourteenth century pottery, a piece of bronze (perhaps the rim of a vessel of 14 inches diameter) and fragments of coal were found in the rampart, which proved to be a bank of earth and stones, and not a wall of masonry.

The Rev. Cæsar Caine read part of his paper on the Manor Court of Egremont Castle.

The following papers were submitted :—"The Family of Denton" and "The Kirkbrides of Kirkbride," by Mr. T. H. B. Graham ; "Poor Relief in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries," by Mr. Francis Grainger ; "Records of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith," by Mr. Percy H. Reaney, M.A.

Dr. Barnes exhibited photographs illustrating Roman Medical Inscriptions, kindly presented by him to the Society, and to be kept in the Society's cabinet at Tullie House.

Mr. J. H. Martindale showed a stone bearing a cormorant and a lizard sculptured in high relief, found in the bastion of Carlisle Castle, and perhaps originally brought from the Cathedral *temp.* Henry VIII., when the bastion was built.

Mr. L. E. Hope exhibited a stone axe-hammer of unusual size ; a Roman bottle of the second century, given to the Carlisle Museum by H.M. Postmaster-General ; an arquebus found on Solway Moss, probably a relic of the battle of 1542 ; a stone from Mawbray with the rebus of Robert Chamber and a Roman

altar from Beckfoot, both given by Mr. Thomas Carey to the Museum; and Roman bronze objects from Maryport, lent for exhibition by Mr. J. B. Bailey.

At three a move was made for the Courthouse in King's Arms Lane, which was described by Canon Rawnsley. The paper embodied notes and measurements by Mr. J. H. Martindale, F.R.I.B.A., and was discussed by Major Spencer Ferguson and Mr. Martindale. The thanks of the Society were returned by the Editor.

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