

PROCEEDINGS.

I. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 1958.

AN extraordinary meeting of Council was held in the Public Library, Kendal, on 16 January 1958. The Chairman of Council, Miss K. S. Hodgson, F.S.A., presided. It was decided, in view of the great and unavoidable increases in the Society's expenditure, particularly in the cost of printing and in postal charges, and after very careful consideration, to submit the following RESOLUTION to the Spring meeting of the Society:

"That the annual subscription be increased from one guinea to two pounds, with effect from 1 July 1958; and that from the same date the composition-fee for life membership be increased from fifteen guineas to thirty pounds."

It was agreed that a special notice in those terms should be sent to all members before the Spring meeting, signed by the President, Chairman of Council and Honorary Treasurer.

The death of Canon Romans, sometime President of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle, was reported and tribute was paid to his valuable work by the President (see obituary notice, AA4 xxxvi 297-299).

II. SPRING MEETING, 1958.

The Spring meeting was held at the Town Hall, Penrith, on Saturday, 19 April 1958, Council having met in the morning, as usual, to transact routine business. The President, Professor Eric Birley, F.S.A., presided. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the President reported with regret the death of the Hon. Marjorie Cross, F.S.A. (see obituary, CW2 lvii 203-204). Ten candidates were elected members of the Society. The RESOLUTION which had been drafted at the extraordinary meeting in Kendal on 16 January was put to the meeting, and, after some discussion, was carried *nem. con.*; it was resolved that the possibility of arranging a reduced subscription for young members should be considered by the Council at its next meeting. It was decided that the Treasurer, General Secretary, Librarian, Curator and Editors should not be asked to pay subscriptions while in office. It was agreed that some back numbers of the Society's *Transactions* should be

supplied to the University of Lund, Sweden, and a regular exchange of publications with that university be made. For the Committee for Prehistoric Studies it was reported that the Hon. Katherine Cross had taken over District 10, previously held by her sister. On the recommendation of Council, it was agreed that the Cumberland Excavation Committee should be known in future as the Society's Excavation Committee, its terms of reference to cover excavations of all periods throughout the Society's territory and its membership being strengthened accordingly. It was agreed that a token grant of £10 should be made to cover expenses incurred in field-work undertaken in 1958 in readiness for the 1959 Roman Wall Pilgrimage. The following papers were then read, or reported: "Further excavations at Ehenside Tarn" by Stuart Piggott and Brian Blake; "A Romano-British farm site near Wolsty" by Brian Blake; "Further Roman finds in the Beckfoot cemetery area" by R. L. Bellhouse and Ian Moffat (Art. IV, above); "An eighteenth-century squire's possessions" by C. Roy Huddleston (CW2 lvii 127-157); "The Millbeck woollen industry" by J. W. Kaye (CW2 lvii 158-172).

III. SUMMER MEETING, 1958.

The Summer meeting was held in Carlisle, in conjunction with the Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, from 14 to 19 July 1958. The Council met in Tullie House, Carlisle, on the afternoon of 14 July, Miss Hodgson presiding. The President reported that agreement had been reached with the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle that the Roman Wall Pilgrimage should be held in September 1959, immediately before the next Congress of Roman Frontier Studies, which was to be held in Durham.

The joint activities of the Institute and the Society opened that evening with a civic reception in the City Hall. The Mayor of Carlisle (Councillor Irving Burrow), the Chairman of the Education Committee (our member Councillor Ritson Graham) and the Town Clerk (Mr H. D. A. Robertson) gave us a very friendly welcome, and were thanked by Professor W. F. Grimes, F.S.A., and Dr Philip Corder on behalf of the Institute and by the President on behalf of the Society.

The joint excursions are reported below in brief form; members are reminded that a full record will be published in the *Archæological Journal* in due course, and that our own *Transactions* contain fuller accounts of most of the places visited.

Tuesday, 15 July.

We first visited NAWORTH CASTLE, where we were privileged to be shown the building by Mr Charles Roberts, who gave a most interesting and spirited talk on the castle and its associations.

From Naworth we went to the ROMAN WALL in GILSLAND village, where Mr John Gillam, F.S.A., described the main features of the remains recently consolidated by the Ministry of Works, and discussed the stratigraphy observed during their excavation and its significance.

From Gilsland we went to BIRDOSWALD ROMAN FORT, where the President gave a brief description of the visible structures and outlined the history of their excavation. The President later described BANKS EAST TURRET.

After a picnic lunch in the grounds of LANERCOST PRIORY Mr P. K. Baillie Reynolds, F.S.A., Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments, gave a most stimulating description of the Priory, incorporating the results of recent study; we hope to be able to print an article by him in an early volume of *Transactions*.

In the afternoon the first visit was to ASKERTON CASTLE, by permission of Lady Henley, where an excellent description of the building was given by the Hon. Michael Eden. The last place visited was BEWCASTLE where Mr Gillam described the Roman fort and the series of excavations there, including his own examination of the internal bath-house, and Mr C. A. Ralegh Radford, F.S.A., gave a most inspiring talk on the BEWCASTLE CROSS. He pointed out that the identification of the names carved on the cross dated it to *c.* A.D. 670-80, and that the figures and ornament were consistent with this dating. It is hoped that Mr Radford's forthcoming book on the Anglo-Saxon period will be noticed in detail in an early volume of *Transactions*.

In the evening, Mr Robert Hogg, the Society's honorary Curator, gave a lecture at Tullie House on "Excavations in Carlisle, 1953-56", with lantern slides.

Wednesday, 16 July.

Members of the Institute and the Society first visited CARLISLE CASTLE. Unfortunately, owing to the serious illness of his daughter, our member Mr John Charlton, F.S.A., Secretary of the Institute, was not able to take part in the meeting, and at very short notice Mr R. S. Simms, F.S.A., of the Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments, acted as guide and described the building. From the Castle we walked to CARLISLE CATHEDRAL, which was described by the Dean (the Very Rev. Cyril Mayne) and Mr C. G. Bulman.

In the afternoon the first visit was to RUTHWELL CROSS, which was described by Mr Ralegh Radford; here, too, a most stimulating address encouraged us to await with eager anticipation the publication of his forthcoming book.

We next visited CAERLAVEROCK CASTLE where our guide was Mr S. H. Cruden, F.S.A., Inspector of Ancient Monuments for Scotland, who not only described the Castle, one of the most interesting examples of military and domestic architecture in Scotland, but also reported on recent discoveries made there.

After tea in Dumfries the party divided. One group visited SWEETHEART ABBEY, which was described by Mr Cruden, and the other group BURNSWARK ROMAN CAMP where Professor Birley described the site and discussed its problems.

Thursday, 17 July.

Miss Hodgson was the guide to LONG MEG AND HER DAUGHTERS on the first visit of this day, and, as well as describing the remains, she gave a most interesting account of their antiquarian history, quoting some entertaining descriptions by 17th and 18th-century visitors.

At BROUGH UNDER STAINMORE Professor Birley spoke briefly about the ROMAN FORT (see Art. III, above), and Mr Simms described the MEDIEVAL CASTLE (for which reference may be made to the paper by Dr Douglas Simpson in CW2 xlvii 223 ff.).

At APPLEBY we first visited ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH where we were welcomed by Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, and Mr Norman Ward gave a stimulating talk on the history of the building and of the parish.

After a picnic lunch Mr Simms described APPLEBY CASTLE, and then we drove to BROUGHAM CASTLE, where, in the absence of Mr Charlton, Mr Simms and Professor Birley spoke respectively on the medieval monument and on the adjacent Roman site (see *RCHM Westmorland* 54 ff., and CW2 xxxii 124-139). A small party of members was also able to hear Canon Bouch, F.S.A., describe THE COUNTESS'S PILLAR.

After tea at Penrith, Miss Clare Fell, F.S.A., described MAYBURGH and KING ARTHUR'S ROUND TABLE, where an interesting discussion developed, some stimulating suggestions being made by Professor Grimes and other members of the Institute.

In the evening, the General Meeting of the Society was held in Tullie House, and some members of the Institute also were present. Professor Birley presided. After the minutes of the last

meeting had been read and confirmed, six candidates were elected members of the Society. It was reported that Council had recommended that special provision be made for the payment of the old rate of subscription (one guinea) by students and young members, and that a formal resolution would be submitted to the Annual General Meeting in September. It was reported that an agreement was being drafted with the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society for a joint research project on sites of native character in the Solway region. It was agreed to make grants to Miss Hodgson and Mr Blake for the purchase of equipment and towards the cost of further excavations, initially at a farm site at Maryport: namely from the Research Fund £30 for equipment, and £25 for excavations, and from the Roman Wall Special Account a further £25 for excavations. The following papers were then read, or reported: "The Poll tax of 1377 for Carlisle" by J. L. and A. D. Kirby (Art. X, above); "Two medieval Westmorland Speakers" by J. S. Roskell; "Brocavum, Ninekirks and Brougham" by W. Douglas Simpson (Art. VI, above); "The church bells of Isel" by B. L. Thompson (Art. XI, above); "Extracts from Southampton Cloth Hall Book, relating to Kendal cloth merchants" by Bruce Jones; "The Dalstons of Acornbank" by C. Roy Hudleston (Art. XIV, above).

On the same evening members of the Institute were taken by Mr Robert Hogg for a tour of places of interest in the city.

Friday, 18 July.

On this day the party divided and two separate excursions were organized. The first party visited RAVENGLASS BATH-HOUSE (WALLS CASTLE) where the President discussed the ROMAN FORT and its problems (see Art. II, above) and Mr Gillam described and discussed the BATH-HOUSE, expressing the hope that it might be possible to excavate this unique building further in the near future, to provide a basis for a definitive account of it.

After lunch in Ravenglass the party visited HARDKNOTT ROMAN FORT which was described by the President. He referred briefly to previous studies of the fort, described the visible remains and spoke in warm praise of the work of consolidation, now in progress, adding a brief account of a recent small excavation there by Mr George Jobey, on behalf of the Ministry.

From Hardknott we went to GOSFORTH where the pre-Conquest sculpture was described by Mrs Trenchard Cox, F.S.A., with special attention to the hogbacks. Mrs Cox spoke at the

shortest of notice, deputising for Mr Raleigh Radford (who had been knocked down by the coach, fortunately only suffering slight shock).

The other party meanwhile were visiting ROSE CASTLE, by permission of the Bishop of Carlisle and under the guidance of Mr Bulman; HUTTON-IN-THE-FOREST, by permission of Mr W. M. F. Vane, M.P., who also kindly and expertly described the house; GREYSTOKE CHURCH, the largest and possibly the finest parish church in Cumberland, described by Mr Bulman; and DACRE CASTLE, where Major E. W. Hasell acted as guide. After tea, the last visit of the day was to CORBY CASTLE, by permission of Lt-Col. H. Levin, who kindly showed the party round the house and its delightful grounds.

Saturday, 19 July.

A full and most interesting week ended with a visit to HUTTON JOHN, by permission of Mr N. Hudleston. Mr Hudleston took a great deal of trouble to show the members the house and its treasures, and on a splendid summer morning, in the leisurely peace of one of Cumberland's most delightful dwelling-houses, members of the Society said farewell to the friends they had made during the week amongst the members of the Royal Archæological Institute. The President of the Institute, Professor Grimes, thanked the Society for its efforts and hospitality, and in the absence of the President, who had had to return to the Durham University training excavation at Corbridge, Mr Blake thanked both the Excursion Secretaries for their excellent programme, and the Institute and its members for their company in Cumberland and Westmorland.

IV. AUTUMN MEETING, 1958,

The Autumn meeting was held in the Kirkby Lonsdale district on Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 September 1958. Arrangements for the meeting were made by a committee consisting of the President, Mrs O. R. Bagot, Miss Jane Ewbank, Mr Roger Fulford and Major R. Scott-Little (Excursions Secretary).

Thursday, 11 September.

The meeting began with a visit to THURLAND CASTLE by permission of Mrs Nuttall. The Rev. J. C. Dickinson, F.S.A., described the castle and its history, particularly in the Civil

Wars. A short account of the castle, which is outside our territory proper, will be found in CW2 v 280-282.

We were next welcomed at BURROW HALL by Earl Temple of Stowe, who described his house. In connection with this visit it may be permitted to quote the words of Rauthmell in his dedication to Robert Fenwick in 1739, when the Georgian front was being added to the Jacobean hall which his father John Fenwick had purchased from Colonel Edward Briggs in 1690: "The houses which these two old *Romans* [Agricola and Count Theodosius — the former having chosen the site, Theodosius having repaired and garrisoned it just after 'it had been demolished by the *Caledonian Picts of Scotland*'] built here were shut up within a fortress, to keep everybody out; the house which you are building is designed to be always open to your friends and acquaintance. To approach this hill in the time of its *Roman* proprietors, the kindest salutation that could be expected was to be hailed with a javelin from the hand of a jealous *Roman*; to approach it now, and its proprietor, we may depend upon being highly obliged, either with the kindest acts of friendship, or the most generous offices of humanity", a sentiment which our members warmly echoed. The President then gave a description of the ROMAN FORT OF BURROW, ending with a tribute to the late Colonel Oliver North, to whose enthusiasm and detective genius and unselfish hard work the solid foundation of our knowledge of this fort was primarily due, and noted with pleasure the presence of Mrs North and members of her family. He regretted that the Ordnance Survey Map of Roman Britain and some modern writers follow Horsley's misspelling (Overborough), perpetuated by Rauthmell, instead of using the correct local usage, Over Burrow.

After lunch at Kirkby Lonsdale, enjoyed in splendid weather, we went to KIRKBY LONSDALE MANOR HOUSE, which was described by Mr Fulford. In connection with the MOTE HILL the President referred to a passage in Whellan, p. 887: "On the north side of the present vicarage is the remains of what is considered to have been a Roman camp or station. It has been surrounded on all sides except the east by a fosse, the Lune protecting the eastern side. The situation of this camp is much higher than that of the surrounding country. A Roman road passed through the adjoining township a short distance to the east." He suggested that Whellan's informant had perhaps misinterpreted the remains of an outer bailey of the early Norman castle, but stressed that further investigation of the site was required.

We next visited KIRKBY LONSDALE CHURCH, by permission of the Rev. T. C. Ledgard, where the Rev. J. C. Dickinson was the speaker (see *RCHM Westmorland* 133 ff. and the first serious study of the building in CW1 i 189 ff. by Canon Ware).

SEALFORD BRITISH SETTLEMENT, which we next visited by permission of Underley Estates, Kirkby Lonsdale, was described by Miss Clare Fell, who drew our attention to the difference in shape and structure, conditioned by the limestone geology of this more southerly district, in a homestead of the same general character and period as those being investigated by Miss Hodgson and Mr Blake in Cumberland. In connection with this settlement attention is drawn to CW2 liv 100 f. which shows from a MS. note by the late Anthony Moorhouse, that the bronze ox-head attributed to it (Ant. J. xv 79 f.) was really found at Burrow, in 1911.

After the visits of the day COUNCIL met in the Town Hall, Kendal, to transact routine business, Miss Hodgson presiding. Later in the evening the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in Kendal Town Hall at 8.15 p.m. with the President in the Chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the President outlined the agreement reached with the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society which (briefly) establishes a joint group for field-survey and excavation, under the direction of Mr Blake and Miss Hodgson, to study sites of Iron Age character in the territory of the two Societies, and that sets up a joint committee to include the two directors and representatives of both Societies. It was agreed that the President, Mr Robert Hogg and Mr R. L. Bellhouse should be our Society's representatives. An appeal for a grant towards this project was being made to the C.B.A. under the Carnegie Scheme. On the recommendation of Council it was resolved that the following paragraph be added to the Society's Rule IV:

Young people under 21 or still *in statu pupillari* at a University shall be eligible for Associate Membership on payment of an annual subscription of one guinea, which will entitle them to all privileges of membership except the right to vote at meetings of the Society."

A suggestion for setting up a Committee for Medieval Studies was approved, and the following members were invited to serve upon it in the first instance: The Rev. J. C. Dickinson, Mr C. G. Bulman, Mr R. W. Brunskill and Mr R. Hogg. Miss Hodgson agreed to convene the first meeting, pending the appointment

by the Committee of its chairman and secretary. It was agreed that a new INVENTORY OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS OF CUMBERLAND should be prepared and that the Carlisle and West Cumberland Regional Groups should be asked to prepare specimen entries. The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of Major R. E. Porter, F.S.A., from the Treasurer-ship of the Society after holding that office for 26 years. Many expressions of gratitude and good wishes to Major Porter were voiced and it was unanimously decided to make him an honorary member. In view of his long and valued association with the Society, Sir Samuel Scott was also elected an honorary member. Seven candidates were elected members of the Society. Mr. H. Hornyold-Strickland, F.S.A., Lord Lieutenant of Westmorland, was unanimously promoted to the dignity of a Patron of the Society, and Mr J. L. Hobbs was elected a Vice-President. The meeting empowered the President and Chairman to invite Mr R. G. Plint to become Treasurer in succession to Major Porter (Mr Plint has now accepted this office). All other Officers and Members of Council were re-elected. It was reported that Council had made a grant of up to £10 to Miss Jane Ewbank, towards the cost of research on Roman roads in the Kirkby Lonsdale area. Mr Blake gave an interim report on the excavation on which he and Miss Hodgson were then engaged at a 4th-century native farmstead at Maryport.

Friday, 12 September.

The second day of the meeting began with a visit to TUNSTALL CHURCH which was described by the incumbent, who amongst other things drew our attention to a recently identified pre-Reformation stone altar carved with consecration crosses. The President described the Roman inscription found during restoration of the Church in 1907 (cf. CW2 xlvi 140 f.). We next visited the excavation of a ROMAN ROAD NEAR CASTERTON, by permission of Mr J. R. Martindale, and Miss Jane Ewbank, one of the Society's youngest members, described the section she had made and its significance. The President, after thanking Miss Ewbank, expressed the hope that this would be only her first report of many, and pointed out that the section was in fact the first to be cut across this Roman trunk-road between Ribchester and Carlisle. The Rev. W. F. Ewbank then described CASTERTON CHURCH, which he pointed out was unusual in being both a parish church and a school chapel, and an interesting example of early 19th-century architecture; he mentioned amongst other things the striking series of wall paint-

ings in the Church, now some forty years old, and exhibited a series of photographs of its interior in earlier periods. Mrs Bagot then described CASTERTON OLD HALL, visited by permission of Mrs Roper. After summarizing the history of the Old Hall from its grant to Edward Wilson by Catherine of Braganza in 1681, Mrs Bagot spoke of the various parts of this typical late 16th-century house with their interesting decoration and amusing and attractive woodwork.

After lunch Mrs Bagot described KIRFITT OLD HALL, CASTERTON, which we visited by permission of Mr Wharton. This house is described by the Royal Commission as being built in the early 17th century on an L-shaped plan, with a staircase tower added late in the century and a south-east wing added in the 18th century. After careful examination of the building, its situation and history, Mrs Bagot suggested that this description was wrong. The small central portion is of completely different character from the staircase tower and south wing, and with its considerably thicker walls still retains the appearance of a small early 16th-century farm. The south wing and staircase tower appear to be of contemporary construction, the staircase itself being most like the back stair at Dallam Tower which is of late 16th century date. In thanking Mrs Bagot for her interesting account of the house and its owners, the President expressed his conviction that her interpretation of the structures was the correct one.

From Kirfitt we went to Barbon, where Mr Fulford described the BARBON PACKHORSE BRIDGE, pointing out that activity and the main concentration of houses in the district had grown up near the bridge, in the days when the water-power of the beck was all important. In thanking Mr Fulford, the President expressed the hope that he would soon give the Society a paper on Barbon in the 17th and 18th centuries. At MIDDLETON HALL, which we visited next, the President spoke owing to the absence through ill-health of Canon C. M. L. Bouch. He described the Hall (see also CW2 liii 236 f.) and the three successive generations of the Askew family, all doctors, the second of whom purchased the estate (as an investment) and left it in his will to his second son, the bachelor incumbent of Plumland, who in turn left it to his nephew, the second son of the third doctor, Anthony Askew, the bibliophile. The President referred to a paper in the *Proceedings* of the Royal Society of Medicine (ix 21-27), on Anthony Askew and his library, by Henry Barnes, M.D., of Carlisle (born near Wigton in 1842, educated at St. Bees and Edinburgh University, d.

1920, member of our Society from 1875 until his death and "the real leader of the Society at its headquarters in Carlisle" according to the obituary notice in CW2 xxi 284); an article on the Askew family would be of real interest for the Society's *Transactions*. Mr and Mrs Wightman, by whose permission we visited the Hall, were extremely kind to our members who, amongst other things, were able to inspect in the library Mr Wightman's fascinating collection of books on natural history. During this visit the President, Mrs Bagot and a small number of members climbed the hill behind the Hall to examine a hitherto unrecorded native homestead, recently revealed for the first time by Mr Wightman's clearance and cultivation of a field previously covered with bracken. The meeting ended with a visit to BRIGFLATTS FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE where a member of the Society of Friends welcomed us and described its history (see CW2 liii 237 f.). The meeting then ended with an expression of our thanks, by the President, to the Excursions Secretary and the members of his special committee, to the owners and tenants who had allowed us to visit sites of such great and well varied interest, and to the speakers whose careful preparation beforehand had ensured the full interest of the programme being brought to our notice.