

Archaeological Intelligence.

The Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian Society are in the habit every now and then of breaking out into the publication of a volume of local interest independent of their Transactions, such as Bishop Nicolson's Visitation of his Diocese, an Account of the Church Plate in the diocese of Carlisle, and it has just had transcribed, with a view to publication when the funds permit, the pre-Reformation Registers of the See of Carlisle. These cover the period between 1292 and 1386, no others up to 1561 being known to be in existence. They contain the acts of five bishops and are in two volumes, one of which contains much of general importance relating to national and diocesan politics, particularly the warfare with Scotland, while locally they must be most interesting as containing 106 local fourteenth century wills of persons of every grade in society. A full report on these records by Mr. J. Brigstocke Sheppard is in a recent report of the Record Commissioners. Mr. Sheppard has done the transcription for the Society.

Roman Lancashire.—We are glad to announce that Mr. W. Thompson Watkin's work on the above subject, reviewed in the *Archæological Journal*, vol. xl. 113, has had the rare honour of being specially ordered by Her Majesty, who expresses herself as much pleased with the work.

Roman Cheshire.—Owing to the great success with which his "Roman Lancashire" was received, Mr. W. Thompson Watkin is now preparing for the press a similar work on the same lines and in the same form on "Roman Cheshire."

The chief feature of this volume will be a detailed description of the numerous Roman remains discovered in modern times in the city of Chester, and of the Roman stations at Kinderton, Northwich and Wilderspool.

The woodcuts of the articles engraved will be of the same high standard which distinguishes those in "Roman Lancashire," while a map of the county, shewing the course of the roads and sites of all discoveries, with plans of the more notable stations, such as *Deva*, *Condate*, etc., will be given.

It is much to be hoped that Mr. Watkin will not be content to stop here, but will add to our knowledge of the neighbouring counties by giving us similar volumes on "Roman Derbyshire," etc.

Owing to the extent of the moors, commons, and other uncultivated lands in Derbyshire the Roman ways remain fairly intact, and the sites of many of the stations are uninjured.

The price of "Roman Cheshire," demy 4to. cloth, is to subscribers £1 5s.—to be raised after the day of issue to £1 11s. 6d. Names may be sent to the author, 242, West Derby Road, Liverpool.