

## EXCURSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

JUNE 4th AND 5th, 1878.

THE Society met on Tuesday, June 4th, 1878, at Staveley Railway Station, for a two days' excursion from Windermere as headquarters.

The Society had their usual weather, but the drive to Kentmere, spite all drawbacks, was a pleasant one. Kentmere was first visited, where Dr. Simpson read a portion of the report made by Mr. J. S. Crowther prior to the restoration of the church in 1866. Mr. Crowther assigned the church to Saxon or Norman times, but this opinion was not concurred in by many present, who considered it of much later date, and that its peculiarities were due to the materials employed, and common to many lake churches. A careful comparison of these churches would elicit some valuable conclusions.

There are two tablets on the north wall, one of which informs the reader that "This church having fallen into a state of decay was restored by subscription: and the tower rebuilt at the sole cost of Admiral Wilson, of the Howe, Windermere, who was also one of the chief subscribers.—A.D. 1866." The inscription on the other runs as follows:—

A.D. 1756.

This C of Kentmere was augmd	£
And A.D. 1757, Lands purchd with	400
whereof given by	
On Anne's Bounty ... ..	200
By Execrs of Wm Stratford, LL.D.	100
By other Benefrs ... ..	100

The old font, which was removed on the restoration of the church, was of wood. On the south side of the church may be seen traces of the old "priest's door," which has since been built up. Near the wall outside is a large solitary yew tree, looking weather-worn and strangely old, and like a tree grown weary of the world and its troubles. A walk down the hill and along the road for some three hundred yards, brought the party to the next place of interest, Kentmer

mere Hall, of whose former possessors, the Gilpins, Mr. Jackson gave a graphic sketch. The Hall has had its beginning in a peel tower still standing at its western end.

After luncheon at the Inn, the party proceeded to Ings, where they visited the church, a roomy substantial structure, remarkable for its flooring of variegated marble. This marble was provided by Robert Bateman, who rebuilt the church about the year 1740. Bateman was a native of Ings, and went thence a poor lad to London, possessing nothing but a basket of pedlar's wares with which the neighbours had provided him. On a brass tablet over the chancel are engraved the lines in which Wordsworth tells of Bateman's journey to London; how he

“ Found a master there,  
Who out of many chose the trusty boy,  
To go and unlock his merchandise  
Beyond the seas, where he grew wondrous rich,  
And left estates and monies to the poor,  
And at his birthplace built a Chapel, floored  
With marble, which he sent from foreign lands.”

Bateman on his voyage home was poisoned by the master of the vessel he had chartered.

Troutbeck was the next point, where a paper by Mr. George Browne, of the Townhead, was read by the Rev. C. E. E. Appleyard, the Incumbent, and Mr. R. S. Ferguson made some remarks on Mr. Browne's valuable collection of deeds and documents. Speaking from a perusal of the index, which he thanked Mr. Browne for having entrusted to him, he said these deeds contained a perfect mine of information relating to the following local families: — Brownes, Dixons, Flemings, Robinsons, Cumpstones, Rowlandsons, Hoggarts, Braithwaites, Idles, Cooksons, Longmires, Otleys, Ellerrays, &c. Among the deeds are many wills with inventories and funeral lists: many documents and churchwarden's accounts bearing on the history of Troutbeck church, while others refer to heriots, customs of manor of Troutbeck, plantations in the parish, fisheries in the lake, the county bridges in Westmorland, county rates, papists, non-jurors, the rebellions of '15 and '45, &c., &c., ranging from the time of Henry VIII. downwards. They have appended to them some valuable autographs and seals.

Mr. Browne's house was next visited; from its many attractions, of old oak furniture, old arms, and old documents, it was difficult to rally the party, and but scant time was left for a flying visit to Calgarth Hall, the birthplace of Bishop Watson.

A large company sat down to dinner at Rigg's Hotel, Windermere.

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After dinner the annual meeting of the Society was held, when the following officers were elected.

PRESIDENT: The Earl of Lonsdale.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: The Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

F. A. Argles, Esq.	Hon. C. W. G. Howard, M.P.
E. B. W. Balme, Esq.	Hon. W. Lowther, M.P.
The Earl of Bective, M.P.	Lord Muncaster, M.P.
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(Scot.)	M.P.
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COUNCIL: Rev. Canon Simpson, LL.D.,	Kirkby Stephen, Chairman.
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J. A. Cory, Esq., Carlisle.	Bees.
Isaac Cartmel, Esq., Carlisle.	Rev. Thomas Lees, Wreay.
R. S. Ferguson, Esq., Carlisle.	James Mawson, Esq., Lowther.
C. J. Ferguson, Esq., Carlisle.	H. F. Rigge, Esq., Cartmel.
Professor Harkness, F.R.S., Pen-	Dr. Taylor, Penrith.
rith.	C. Wilkinson, Esq., Kendal.

EDITOR: R. S. Ferguson, Esq., M.A., LL.M., F.S.A., Carlisle.

AUDITORS: John Hudson, Esq., and G. F. Braithwaite, Esq., Kendal.

TREASURER: W. H. Wakefield, Esq., Sedgwick.

SECRETARY: Mr. T. Wilson, Kendal.

The following new members were elected:—Rev. James Harrison, Barbon; Mr. J. E. Hargreaves, Kendal; Mr. Thomas Carey, Maryport; Mr. James Robertson Corner, Maryport; Mr. R. C. Pritchard, Aspatria; Mr. Ernest Trubshaw, Barrow; Miss Platt, Sedbergh; Mr. Charles Parkin, Gosforth; Mr. W. W. Wood, Maryport; Rev. J. Macmillan, Whitehaven; Mr. E. T. Tyson, Maryport; Mr. Joseph Robinson, Maryport; Rev. W. Cockett, Upperby; Mr. Joseph Hannah, Carlisle; Mrs. William Fletcher, Brigham Hill; Mr. George Browne, Troutbeck; Mr. John Bell, Junr., Appleby; and Mr. William Hopes Heelis, Hawkshead.

The following resolutions were passed:—

- 1.—That the next meeting be held at Cockermouth on the 22nd and 23rd of August, and that the following gentlemen be appointed a local Committee to make necessary arrangements, viz., Mr. Isaac Fletcher, M.P., Mr. J. C. Ward, Mr. William Fletcher, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. R. S. Ferguson, and Captain Sewell.

Mr. Jackson having reported that he had received permission from the Dean and Chapter of Chester to print a MSS. called the "Notitia Cestriensis," by Bishop Gastrell, it was resolved:

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- 2.—That a Sub-Committee, to consist of Mr. W. Jackson, Rev. T. Lees, and the Editor, be appointed to make arrangements for publishing the same; and also selections from the Dodsworth MSS., and the Gilpin Memoirs.
- 3.—That the thanks of the members be given to the Rev. John Allen, Vicar of Hawkshead; Rev. H. T. Baines, the Headmaster of the Grammar School there; and to Mr. Thomas Willan, of Sawrey, for the efficient arrangements they had made for the visit of the Society.

The following papers were communicated to the Society, but the lateness of the hour prevented much discussion:—"Wills relating to the Dean and Chapter Library at Carlisle," by the Editor; "Westmorland; its tenures, general history, &c., from the Rawlinson Collection," by Sir. G. Duckett; "Archæological Discoveries in Carlisle," by Mr. C. J. Ferguson; "Local Nomenclature," by Mr. B. A. Irving; "A Plea for the Old Names," by Miss Powley; "The Romans in Cumberland," by the Editor.

The second day was one, in point of weather, such as the Society is rarely indulged in. Windermere Parish Church was first visited: the Rector, the Rev. Canon Stock, kindly explained its history, and pointed out the more interesting parts of the church. Mr. R. S. Ferguson then read a paper on the glass in the east window.

Meanwhile, the conveyances had crossed the ferry over the lake, where they were rejoined by the party, and the route resumed for Hawkshead.

At Hawkshead, the Society was received by the Vicar, the Rev. John Allen, and the master of the Grammar School, the Rev. H. T. Baines, to whom, and to Mr. Willan, of Sawrey, the Society are much indebted. An ample lunch was provided in the Town Hall, and at Hawkshead the party broke up.

For an account of their proceedings at Hawkshead, vide, ante. pp. 28-40.

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#### AUGUST 22d AND 23rd, 1878.

The members of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society, to the number of fifty or more, assembled at Cockermouth, on Thursday, August 22nd, at 4 30 p.m. Mr. Isaac Fletcher, M.P., F.R.S., was elected chairman of the meeting. The following other members were present during the meeting:—Hon. Percy Wyndham, M.P., Mr. John Whitwell, M.P., Vice-Presidents of the

the Society; Rev. Canon Simpson and Mrs. Simpson, Kirkby Stephen; Mrs. Fletcher, Tarn Bank; Captain Sewell and Mrs. Sewell, Brandling Gill; Mr. H. A. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, Croft Hill; Mr. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, Brigham Hill; Rev. W. Sherwen and party, Dean Rectory; Mr. R. S. Ferguson, F.S.A., Mr. C. J. Ferguson, and Mr. Cory, Carlisle; Mr. W. B. Arnison and Mrs. Arnison, Beaumont; Professor Harkness, F.R.S., and Mrs. Pearson, Penrith; Mr. William Jackson, F.S.A., and Mrs. Jackson, Fleatham House; Canon Knowles, St. Bees; Rev. Thomas Lees, Wreay; Mr. Henry Fletcher Rigge, Wood Broughton; Dr. Beardsley, Grange-over-Sands; Dr. I'Anson, Whitehaven; Rev. W. Blake, Wetheral; Mr. Thomas Varty, and Mr. D. B. Robinson, Stagstones; Mr. William Browne, Tallentire Hall; Rev. Elisha White, Quernmore; Rev. T. J. Cooper, St. Cuthbert's, Carlisle; Rev. E. H. Curwen, Plumland; Mr. H. F. Curwen, Workington Hall; Mr. J. J. Harris, Lindenside; Mr. John Wybergh, Papcastle; Mr. and Mrs. Waugh, Cockermouth; Mr. James Atkinson, Windermere; Mr. T. Wilson (Hon. Sec.), Kendal, and others.

Under the charge of the chairman, Cockermouth Castle was first visited. Here, in the great stone parlour, overlooking the beautiful valley of Derwent, a temporary lecture room had been provided, and the following papers were laid before the Society:—"Cockermouth Castle," by Canon Knowles and Mr. Jackson, F.S.A.; "Cockermouth Hall," by Mr. W. Fletcher; "A remarkable Sepulchral Slab at Carlalton," by Mr. R. S. Ferguson, F.S.A.; "The Lady of Annaside: Notes from Whitebeck and Corney: discoveries at Beckermere," by Canon Knowles; "The Comperda of the local Monasteries," by Canon Dixon; "A Stockade discovered at Carlisle," by Mr. R. S. Ferguson and Mr. Crosby Hetherington.

Mr. R. S. Ferguson also exhibited, through the kindness of Mr. Fisher, of Bank Street, Carlisle, photographs of a stone head, recently found near the London Road, Carlisle, which he thus described:—

"Its execution is of high merit. It has probably been part of a sarcophagus. An 'enamelled vase,' full of bones, is said to have been found near it, but its fate is unknown. It would probably be a glass vessel containing bones, such as Mr. Ferguson, M.P. has in his fine collection at Morton, and which was also found near the London Road, which ran through the cemetery of Roman Carlisle."

Mr. Ferguson also proceeded to say:—

"A most interesting re-discovery has just been made of a Roman Stone, mentioned by Horsley, and by Hutton, in his *Journey along the Roman Wall*, and engraved in *Hutchinson's Cumberland*. From these authorities Dr. Bruce has described it in the *Lapidarium Septentrionale* (No. 484.), and puts it down as "lost." Mr. J. Jackson, of Carlisle, who never loses an opportunity, heard that some one recollected a carved stone in a garden at Stanwix: pursuing the clue  
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thus obtained, he found the stone in a yard at Stanwix, and gave me a description of it. I at once identified the stone, and paid it a visit. It has been cut into the form of a horse-block, as old Hutton describes it, and on the large end is the figure of a Roman bagpiper. On the subject of bagpipes and bagpipers, Roman, Scottish, and Northumberland, I must refer you to Dr. Bruce, but this Society owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. J. Jackson for the re-discovery of this relic of Roman times, which has additional interest from old Hutton's gossiping mention of it."

The members were afterwards conducted round Cockermouth Castle by Canon Knowles. Cockermouth Hall was next visited under the guidance of Mr. W. Fletcher, while many went to see the plaster ceiling mentioned by Mr. Jackson in his portion of the paper on Cockermouth Castle.

The time for dinner having arrived, a move was made to the Globe Hotel, and here about forty-five members and their friends sat down, the chair being taken by Mr. Fletcher, M.P., and the vice-chair being filled by Mr. Whitwell, M.P. After dinner, the usual routine business of the Society was transacted, and the following new members were elected, viz.:—Mr. E. J. Nanson, Castle Street, Carlisle; Rev. John Allen, Hawkshead; Mr. William Burnyeat, Junr., Corkickle; Rev. Jeremy Taylor Pollok, M.A., Brigham; Mr. Jonathan James Harris, Lindenside; Mr. Robert Wilson, Broughton Grange; Dr. Dodgson, Derwent House; Rev. J. H. Ransome, Kirkoswald; Mr. William Miller, Pinner; Mr. W. J. Clutton, Cockermouth Castle; Mr. John Wybergh, Papcastle; Rev. Alfred Curwen, Harrington; Mr. H. F. Curwen, Workington Hall; Mr. J. S. Ainsworth, The Floss; Mr. R. A. Robinson, South Lodge; and Mr. E. L. Waugh, Cockermouth. The following ladies were also added to the list of Members:—Mrs. Sewell, Brandling Ghyll; Mrs. I'Anson, Whitehaven; Miss Sarah Miller, East Croft. The Rev. W. Sherwen then read a paper of great local interest on the Dean Registers, after which a silver communion cup with cover was exhibited by the Editor. It bore the following marks:—standard mark, the lion passant; hall mark, a leopard's head crowned; date mark, a Lombardic capital Q in a shield, for 1613-4; maker's mark, illegible,—like T. C. or T. O., and something below. The cup and cover were of repoussé-work, poor, and had once been gilt. A beaten out inscription still showed faintly round the rim of the cup. The cover had been intended for use as a paten, but the button-handle, which it once would have, has been replaced by a tall crocketed pinnacle of foreign work, roughly soldered on. The cup and cover were formerly used at the Abbey Church, Holm Cultram.

The Editor also exhibited a box of Money changers' weights, which

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are fully described in the Proceedings, Society of Antiquaries, N.S., Vol. 7, p. 295.

On Friday morning the members proceeded, some by road and some by rail, to visit Brigham Church, which is one of unusual architectural interest and afforded an unexpected treat to the visitors. During the visit, a paper, illustrative of the various changes the church had undergone, was read by Mr. Fletcher, M.P., who afterwards pointed out and described the principal features inside and outside the building.

On leaving Brigham, the members proceeded by the 11 15 a.m. train to Cockermouth, where carriages were waiting to convey them to Elva Plains and the Camp of Peel Wyke. Unfortunately the weather, which had been hitherto dull and threatening, now broke into a decided rain, which prevented several of the company from proceeding. After about an hour's drive over a gradually rising ground, the company left the carriages and proceeded on foot to the stone circle at Elva, which is situated on a commanding plateau upwards of 700 feet above the sea level. The inspection of these remains was cut short by the drizzling rain, and the company, regaining the carriages, were soon at Peel Wyke. Here the Camp was briefly visited; after which a substantial luncheon was done ample justice to, the resources of the comfortable little hostelry being taxed to their utmost to satisfy the wants of the hungry visitors. On leaving Peel Wyke the party proceeded to Isel Church, which is undergoing thorough repairs and restoration, and thence to Isel Hall which was kindly thrown open for their inspection. From here the carriages rapidly passed on to Bridekirk, to visit the ruined remains of the old church, a portion of the chancel and the east window of which are left standing, and to inspect the imposing new church recently built from the designs of Mr. Cory. Here Mr. Wm. Browne, of Tallentire, read an able and interesting paper on the Bridekirk Registers. It had been arranged that the company should afterwards visit Tallentire Hall, where they had been kindly invited to partake of the owner's hospitality, but time would not permit, most of the visitors wanting to proceed homewards by the evening trains from Cockermouth. Altogether this meeting was one of the most successful that the Archæological Society has held.

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