

EXCURSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

JULY 23RD AND 24TH, 1885.

THE seventeenth annual meeting of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society was held on Thursday and Friday, July 23rd and 24th, the head-quarters being Carlisle. On the first day an excursion was made to Liddell Moat, Netherby, and Kirkandrews and Arthuret Churches; on the second the members of the society visited Caerlaverock and Comlongan Castles, and the Ruthwell Cross. At this meeting the antiquarians were favoured with fine weather, and the excursions were most enjoyable.

Amongst those present during some part of the first day's meeting were Canon Simpson, F.S.A., and Mrs. Simpson, Kirkby Stephen; Mr. Ferguson, F.S.A., Carlisle; Archdeacon Prescott and Canon Richmond, Carlisle; Dr. Munro, F.S.A. (Scot.); the Rev. Thomas Lees, F.S.A., Wreay; the Rev. W. Lowthian, Kirkbampton; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Arnison, Penrith; Mr. and Miss Rigge, Wood Broughton, Grange; Mr. W. Browne, Tallentire; Mr. Cory, Botcherby; Mr. Cartmell, Mr. J. Nanson, and Mr. W. Nanson, F.S.A., Carlisle; Mr. R. Crowder, Stanwix; Mr. A. B. Moss, Carlisle; Mr. W. Jackson, F.S.A.; the Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., Aspatria; the Rev. J. Greenwood, Uldale; Professor Hughes, F.S.A., and Mrs. Hughes, Cambridge; Mr. and Miss Horrocks, Eden Brows; Major Irwin, Lynehow; the Rev. Mr. Lyttelell, Longtown; the Rev. W. Jackson, Carlisle; Mr. Leavers, Carlisle; Canon Weston, Crosby Ravensworth; Mr. T. Wilson, Kendal; the Rev. J. Brunskill, Threlkeld; Mr. Hannah, Stanwix; Mr. Watson, Penrith; the Misses Nicholson, Clifton, Penrith; &c.

At noon on the first day a preliminary meeting for the reading of papers was held in the Fraternity. In the absence of the president, Mr. Ferguson took the chair.

Archdeacon Prescott, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, welcomed the members of the Archæological Society there, and said the body he now represented were glad to be able to put that room at their disposal. He knew that the Dean and Chapter, as at present constituted (he could not say anything as to what their successors might do), would always be glad to welcome the society
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there on any similar occasion. On the agenda of the proceedings of the Society it was stated that a paper would be submitted on the letters recently found in Carlisle Cathedral. The paper on the subject was to come from the Dean and Chapter, and from Mr. H. Bradshaw, the librarian of the University Library at Cambridge. He was afraid it was rather rash to make such an assertion in the agenda, because antiquarians knew very well that they were not always to be depended upon when they had valuable antiquarian property in their hands. (Laughter.) The letters or papers had not yet come to hand. Mr. Bradshaw was a very busy man. No one understood old documents better than he did, and no one understood better than he did that they must be treated with very great care, and only by those who were thorough experts in the business. He the (Archdeacon) was afraid that those who were so anxious to secure the letters as treasure trove would not find them of the excessive value they supposed. Mr. Ferguson wrote to him that Lord Herries and Professor Gardner were anxious to see the letters, and the latter gentleman went to Cambridge for the purpose. He found in them nothing valuable for historical purpose.

The two copes belonging to the Dean and Chapter were exhibited, and Mr. Ferguson read a paper upon them, which will be found printed at p. 233. After the transaction of some other business, an adjournment for lunch was made.

At half-past one the members of the society and their friends mustered at the Citadel Station, and proceeded by train to Riddings Junction on the North British line. There they were met by carriages belonging to the Carlisle Carriage Company, and were driven to Liddell Moat, upon which a paper was read by the Rev. Mr. Lytteleil, Longtown; and Professor Hughes and Mr. Ferguson made a few remarks, the purport of which will be printed as a separate paper. The church of Kirkandrews-on-Esk was next visited, where a paper by the editor on the registers was read. From a note written by Mr. C. J. Ferguson it appeared that the church was built from the designs of Mr. Telford, the great engineer. Kirkandrews Tower was then visited, after which the party proceeded to Netherby, which was kindly thrown open for inspection. The fine family portraits, including that of the late Duchess of Somerset, "The Queen of Beauty," attracted much attention. The party next drove to Arthuret church, but the lateness of the hour prevented any but a hurried inspection. Mr. William Nanson's paper on "the Battle of Solway Moss," which it had been intended to read there, was postponed to the evening. Mr. Ferguson drew attention to the following extracts from the registers:

Anno 1640 Rebellion began to be hatched that yeare by the Long Parliament begun Nov 31 this yeare and continued xij years.

50 . . . 1641 K Charles the first beheaded That Long Parliament dissolved by O^p Cromwell ye Protector Anno 1653.

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Anno 1649⁵¹ (sic) K Charles the second abscond . . . hid himself in a oak and fled secretly beyond seas for safety of his life

May 29 his Restoration May 29 Anno 1660

Nov 30 The Booke of Com Prayer voted down anno 1644.

The foresaid K Charles the Second his Return to his Kingdom 29 May an 1660
And the Book of Comon Prayr was revived

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A necessary observation. The Booke of Common Prayer being voted down by the Long Rebellious Parliamant, and not revived until Anno 1660 During that time of Rebellion marriages were made by secular magistrates and Births registered by Officers appointed by them.

The following entries are from the registers :—

Thomas Story son of Richard Story senr of Heward (?) unhappily pistol'd at Longtown by one Rynion Scott Buried July 23 1681

Andrew Latimer and Robert Batie of Stagmire two lusty young men drowned in Eske 1681

April 06 1683 That most unhappy Accident of Little Jackey Haddock's death
1724 Archibaldus Duke of Douglas ex parte Britannia Septentrionale Bapt.*

The cariages were then re-entered, and Carlisle was reached about eight o'clock.

In the evening the members of the Society dined together at the Central Hotel, Carlisle, after which there was held the annual meeting for the appointment of officers, &c., when the following business was transacted :—

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The secretary presented a printed copy of a new index of the first seven volumes of the Transactions which had been prepared by W. B. Arnison, Esq., and asked for instructions as to the mode in which it was to be published, when it was resolved that five hundred copies be printed, and that each member be supplied with a copy gratis.

The sub-committee appointed to co-operate with the Rev. G. F. Brown, M.A., of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, in procuring a list of the early Sculptured Stones and having them photographed, were not ready with their report, and were requested to continue their labours.

* Archibald 3rd Marquis of Douglas succeeded to the title in 1700, and in 1703 was created Duke of Douglas: he married in 1758 Margaret daughter of James Douglas of Mains, and dying without issue in 1761, his dukedom became extinct. His Grace must therefore have been baptised into the English church, when an adult.

Mr. Ferguson reported that another volume of the extra series, on the Municipal Records of Carlisle, was now in hand, and would shortly be issued.

The following new members were elected:— Rev. W. F. Gilbanks, Great Orton; Mr. Percy Hibbert, Plumtree Hall; Rev. J. Ostle, Crosthwaite; Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's, Keswick; Mrs. Douglas, Lairthwaite; Rev. Richard Taylor, Bromfield; Rev. W. Lowthian, Kirkbampton; Dr. Sanderson, Penrith; Mr. George Watson, Penrith; Mr. W. O. Roper, Lancaster; Mr. G. B. Elliot, Penrith; Mr. A. G. B. Pearson, Kirkby Lonsdale; Miss Creighton, Carlisle; Mr. Edwin Jackson, Keswick; Mr. John Robinson, Elterwater Hall; Mr. Edwin H. Banks, Highmoor House, Wigton.

The following officers were elected, viz:—

PATRONS:—The Right Hon. The Lord Muncaster, Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland; The Right Hon. The Lord Hothfield, Lord Lieutenant of Westmorland; The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

PRESIDENT: The Rev. Canon Simpon, LL.D., F.S.A., Kirkby Stephen.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:—James Atkinson, Esq.; E. B. W. Balme, Esq.; The Earl of Bective, M.P.; W. Browne, Esq.; James Cropper, Esq., M.P.; The Dean of Carlisle; H. F. Curwen, Esq.; Robert Ferguson, Esq., M.P., F.S.A.; Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P.; George Howard, Esq., M.P.; W. Jackson, Esq., F.S.A.; G. H. Johnson, Esq.; Hon. W. Lowther, M.P.; H. Fletcher Rigge, Esq.; H. F. Senhouse, Esq.; M. W. Taylor, Esq., M.D., F.S.A. (Scot); Hon. Percy S. Wyndham, M.P.

ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:—W. B. Arnison, Esq., Penrith; G. F. Braithwaite, Esq., Kendal; Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., Aspatria; Isaac Cartmel, Esq., Carlisle; J. A. Cory, Esq., Carlisle; J. F. Crosthwaite, Esq., F.S.A., Keswick; C. J. Ferguson, Esq., F.S.A., Carlisle; T. F. I'Anson, M.D., Whitehaven; Rev. Thomas Lees, F.S.A., Wreay; W. Nanson, Esq., F.S.A., Carlisle; Rev. Canon Weston, Crosby Ravensworth; R. J. Whitwell, Esq., Kendal.

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

AUDITORS: Richard Nelson, Esq., Kendal; and Frank Wilson, Esq., Kendal.

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

SECRETARY: Mr. T. Wilson, Aynam Lodge, Kendal.

During the meeting the following papers were submitted to the Society for publication in the Transactions, and some were read:—

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The Beaumont Hoard. C. F. KEARY and R. S. FERGUSON.

Roman Altar and Sepulchral Slab recently found at Carlisle, with notes on a figure found at Bewcastle in 1795, and now at Netherby. R. S. FERGUSON.

A Stone found recently at Isel Church, showing the Fylfot and Triscele. REV. W. S. CALVERLEY.

Prehistoric Remains on Moor Divock. M. W. TAYLOR.

Rosemary Dacre and the White Cockade. MISS GOODWIN.

The Registers of Kirkandrews-upon-Esk. R. S. FERGUSON.

The Registers of Great Orton. Rev. W. F. GILBANKS.

The Battle of Solway Moss. W. NANSON.

Calder Abbey. REV. A. G. LOFTIE.

Local Folk Lore. REV. H. J. BULKELEY.

Beils in Cumberland Ward. Part I. REV. H. WHITEHEAD.

The Copes, Carlisle Cathedral. R. S. FERGUSON.

The Carlisle Standard Weights and the Carlisle Bushel. R. S. FERGUSON.

On Friday, the members and their friends made a raid into Dumfriesshire, visiting Caerlaverock, Comlongan, and Ruthwell. Besides most of those who were present at the meeting on the first day, the party included the Bishop of Carlisle, Miss Goodwin, and Miss King; Mr. T. Hesketh Hodgson, Newby Grange; Dr. Carlyle, Carlisle; Mr. and Miss Aitken, The Hill; Mr. Barbour, Mrs. Gilchrist, and Mr. J. Wilson (secretary of the Dumfries Antiquarian Society). The weather was again brilliant. Rail was taken to Dumfries, where carriages were in waiting. A lovely drive by the side of the Nith conducted the party to Caerlaverock Castle, where Mr. W. Nanson, described the most interesting remains, and gave its history, dwelling particularly on its famous siege by Edward I., who had his base of operations at Carlisle. Mr. Nanson discussed the question, whether the castle besieged by Edward I. stood on the site of the present castle, or on an older site nearer the sea, and gave reasons *pro* and *con*, after which Mr. Ferguson followed with a brief explanation of the heraldry. An interval was allowed for lunch in the ruins, after which the carriages were resumed to Comlongan Castle, a seat of the Murrays of Cockpool, and now the property of the Earl of Mansfield. This castle is remarkable for the number of its mural chambers, and for the perfect condition of its upper works, parapets, merlons, machicolations, &c. On it the editor had prepared an elaborate paper, but although proper leave had been got, and due notice given of the visit, the ruin was locked and the key not forthcoming.

The famous Ruthwell Cross was next visited, and the sculptures on it were described by the Rev. J. McFarlan, minister of Ruthwell,
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and the Rev. W. S. Calverley. An adjournment took place to the gardens of the manse, where, by the kindness of Mrs. McFarlan, tea was provided for the somewhat tired party. During it the Bishop of Carlisle read a paper by Miss Goodwin on Rosemary Dacre and the White Cockade, printed at p. 237. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. McFarlan for their kindness.

SEPTEMBER 22ND AND 23RD.

The second meeting of the above Society for the present year was held at Appleby, on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 22nd and 23rd. Both days were exceedingly favourable; a large number of members and their friends met at St. Lawrence Church, at two p.m. on Tuesday, and were shewn round the exterior and interior of the sacred edifice by the vicar, the Rev. W. A. Mathews, after which the reverend gentleman proceeded to read a paper on its history, and the changes and alterations it had undergone at different periods. After the reading of the paper, Mr. Ferguson, F.S.A., explained the coats of arms* on the tombs of the Countess of Cumberland and her illustrious daughter, Anne Clifford, Countess of Pembroke. The party next repaired to the castle, where they were met by Lord and Lady Hothfield. Mr. Ferguson read a paper on the earthworks and keep of Appleby Castle, and Dr. Simpson one on Appleby; many ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity of ascending the tower, from which a magnificent view of the surrounding country with its mountain ranges is to be had. Lady Hothfield kindly escorted the party through the great hall and other parts of the interior, pointing out the family portraits and other interesting objects, including the suit of armour formerly belonging to George third Earl of Cumberland, of which an account will be found in this or some future volume of these Transactions; some fine tapestry,† and several racing cups.

Afterwards, the alms houses founded by the Countess of Pembroke for twelve widows received a passing visit, and the ancient Moot Hall was next inspected. The massive mace and sword were laid on the council table, together with seals and silver plate belonging to the corporation, a set of Elizabethan standard weights, and a number of measures of various kinds which formerly were used for taking the tolls, &c., in the market. The Grammar School was

* See *ante* p. 174.

† See these *Transactions* vol. i., p. 237.

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next visited, where a paper was read by the Rev. John Heelis of Kirkbythore, on the school, and the Roman inscriptions (some genuine, others not,) collected by Mr. Roger Bainbridge, one of the masters of the school, were inspected.

Dinner was provided at the King's Head Hotel, after which a meeting for the election of members and for the reading of papers was held. Dr. Simpson, F.S.A., occupied the chair, and there were also present: Mr. Thomas Wilson, Bongate Cottage (Mayor of Appleby); Mr. Ferguson, F.S.A., Carlisle; Rev. W. H. Wilkinson, Hensingham; Major and Mrs. Arnison, Penrith; Mr. Edward Bellasis, Lancaster Herald, the College of Arms; Rev. J. Greenwood, Uldale; Mr. and Mrs. Parker Dixon, London; Miss Pigott, London; Mr. Robert Walker, Windermere; Rev. H. Whitehead, Newton Regny; Miss Nicholson and Miss Lister, Clifton; Rev. John Bell and Mrs. Bell, Matteredale; Mr. T. Carrick, Appleby; Miss Preston and niece, Settle; Mr. Alfred Peile, Workington; Mrs. Simpson, Kirkby Stephen; Mrs. Hewartson, and Mrs. Beardsley, Grange; Miss Mawson, Lowther; Rev. T. Clark, Ormside; Mr. Alexander Hogg, Appleby; Canon Machell, Crackenthrope Hall and Roos Rectory, Hull; Rev. W. A. Mathews, Appleby; Mr. Horrocks, Eden Brows; Rev. G. W. Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson, Culgaith; Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., Aspatria; Rev. W. Lowthian, Kirkbampton; Mr. Simpson, Roman Way; and Mr. T. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Kendal.

The following new members were proposed and elected:— Colonel the Right Hon. Lord Ellenborough; Mr. W. Wilson, Keswick; Mr. W. J. Pennington, Windermere; Miss Farrer, Carlisle; Mr. Edward Ecroyd, Low House, Carlisle; Rev. E. Holme, Orton; Rev. W. J. Wainright, Aspatria; Rev. J. B. Norman, Whitchurch; Rev. C. B. S. Gillings, St. Nicholas, Whitehaven; Rev. Thomas Clark, Ormside; Rev. J. Heelis, Kirkbythore Rectory; and Rev. Canon Machell, Roos Rectory, Hull.

The Editor read the following letter addressed by his brother to the senior member for Carlisle:—

50, English Street, Carlisle, Sept. 17th, 1885.

CARLISLE CASTLE.

DEAR MR. FERGUSON,—Going round the Castle walk to-day, I noticed that the walls are being repaired, defective stones are being taken out and new ones put in their places; that is well, but I see also that they have commenced to chisel off the projecting plinth; that is much to be regretted, and if possible to be stopped. The Castle has few architectural features, and such as remain are of interest in determining old levels, dates of walls, and rebuildings. The stone which the mason was chiselling off, was the plinth of the antient walled-up gateway giving access from the Castle Green to the holmes below, its antient face was intact, and the stone as sound as when quarried.—I am, yours faithfully,—C. J. FERGUSON.

R. Ferguson, Esq., M.P.

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The Editor added that he had written to the Secretary of State for War and drawn his attention to the mischief, and had received a reply that the matter would be attended to. He was afraid that before enquiry could be made, serious mischief would be done; serious mischief had already been done by the chiselling of plinths and sets off down to a flat surface. An Edwardian buttress had been rebuilt in an extraordinary manner. A resolution approving of the action taken by the Editor was passed unanimously.*

The following objects of antiquarian interest were exhibited:—

1. Exhibited by Miss Kuper. A very beautiful *fac simile* of the stone of Harald, son of Gorm, sent by Count Moltke of Nörager, Denmark. On it is the following inscription:—

Harald Konge lod gjøre disse Mindesmaerker efter Gorm sin Fader og Thyra sin Moder, den samme Harald, som sig vaudt hele Danmark og Norge og (lod Danefolket) (?) christne.

Translation.—Harald the King had this monument erected to Gorm his father, and Thyra his mother, that same Harald who won for himself the whole of Denmark and Norway and (had the Danish people) christened.

On the other two sides are two panels bordered with cable mouldings knotted at the angles in triquetra form, and worked on the natural face of the unhewn stone are a nondescript four-footed animal, with a serpent twined round its neck and body, and a bearded man standing upright with arms outstretched, feet together, clothed in tunic, and having his head surrounded with the cruciferous nimbus; double strands knotted and passed through a ring entwine about him.

2.—The Editor exhibited a fine impression of the first great seal of Edward IV. attached to a grant of lands in Inglewood Forest to John de Skelton in 1461.

3.—The Rev. W. A. Mathews exhibited a Russian *icon*, or true image of our Lord, recently found in the Eden near Appleby. Such images are worn by most Russian peasants, particularly by soldiers; the present instance is probably a relic of the Crimean war, when many of them were brought to England, and from its unworn appearance cannot have been long in the Eden.

4.—Under the superintendence of Mr. Carrick of Appleby a very large and valuable collection of local antiquities had been drawn together and was on exhibition in the coffee room of the hotel. To it Mr. Bellasis contributed drawings by his grandfather of Appleby a hundred years ago, and Mr. Carrick from his vast stores exhibited

* A most satisfactory reply was afterwards received by the Editor from the Secretary for State; the mischief was at once stayed, and, as far as possible, undone.

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antiquities ranging from prehistoric implements to special constables' staves. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for his trouble.

Canon Machell also exhibited one of the volumes of the Hill MS. collections for a history of Westmorland, formed by the late John Hill, Esq. This beautiful volume excited the warmest admiration among the assembled antiquaries: its sumptuous binding well accords with the value of its contents. A proposal was made by the Rev. Canon Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that application be made to Canon Machell to allow this Society to publish that portion of the collection which relates to Brougham.

THE SECOND DAY.

On Wednesday morning the members met at St. Michael's Church, Bongate, now in course of restoration, where a paper was read by Mr. C. J. Ferguson, F.S.A., and Mr. Mathews drew attention to a dilapidated effigy found built up in the wall. The party afterwards proceeded by the 11 20 train to Barnard Castle. Carriages were in waiting at the station, and the party, about forty in number, were driven through the town to the Bowes Museum, a magnificent building in the French Renaissance style, built by Mr. and Mrs. Bowes of Streatham Castle. The fine collection of pictures, chiefly by French and Dutch artists, the porcelain, ceramics, carved ivory, ancient glass, silver work, and other rarities were hurriedly glanced at, and the parties were then conveyed to the King's Head to lunch. The chairman, Dr. Simpson, proposed votes of thanks to Mr. Carrick and Major Arnison, for their care in getting together the antiquities at Appleby, and arranging the details of the meeting. The party then entered the grounds and ruins of Barnard Castle where, in a sunny corner in the ruins, Mr. Ferguson gave a short description of the castle, taken from Mr. Clark's valuable work *Med. Mil. Arch.*, vol. 1., p. 204. The carriages were then resumed, and a flying visit paid to Eglstone Abbey, and thence to Bowes, where Mr. Ferguson utilised Mr. Clark's account of the castle, *Ibid*, vol. 1., p. 259. The vicar, the Rev. C. B. Wardale, kindly opened the church, a plain Norman structure, which was "restored" a few years ago. There are two ancient fonts, one of undoubted Saxon work, with exquisitely carved ornamental work around the bowl. Another piece of Saxon stone carving is built in a recess on the south side of the altar. In the transepts are placed a Roman slab and a baluster, a stone coffin, a grinding stone, and other relics.

Bowes

Bowes has been immortalised in recent times by Dickens, who has laid part of the story of "Nicholas Nickleby" there. It is said that Cobden spent part of his school-days in the village. The party left by the 5 48 train, having spent a delightful day.