

ART. II.—*A Notice of the late Mr. John Hill, of Bankfoot, and his Westmorland MSS.* By the Rev. RICHARD BEVERLEY MACHELL, M.A., Canon of York, and Rector of Roos in Holderness.

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AT the last meeting of the Cumberland and Westmorland Archæological Society held at Appleby, on the 22nd of September, 1885, a wish was expressed for some notice of the late Mr. John Hill, of Castlebank, and in acceding to the request made to me, the opportunity has also been taken of adding a table of contents of his Westmorland manuscripts, which may serve to indicate to the Society the extent of his labours in the field of antiquarian research.

John Hill of Bankfoot, or Castlebank, Appleby, was the only surviving child of John Hill of Bankfoot, J.P., and D.L., for Westmorland, by Margaret daughter of William Bainbrigg, and was born 19 August, 1797. His grandfather, the Rev. John Hill, was for over 50 years vicar of St. Michael's Appleby, or Bongate, and married Emma, the elder daughter and eventual coheir of Richard Hill, of Crackenthorpe, of a family long resident in that township and in close proximity to the hall; one also that contributed worthy sons to Queen's College in 1591, 1693, and 1721.*

The subject of this notice was first sent by his father, along with William his elder brother, to Appleby school, and after William's early death in 1812 to a school at Warrington, kept by a Mr. Fell. Later on he was placed under a private tutor, the Rev. John Bird, with two other

* See Transactions vol. II., p. 197.

pupils, one of them Sir Richard Sutton. In due course he proceeded to St. John's College, Cambridge, matriculated at the University 24 June, 1816, and subsequently migrated to Jesus College.

At this period he developed a great delight for Shakespeare, and when in town diligently attended any performances of his plays at the theatres. Christmas he often spent with his uncle the Rev. Dr. Hill, at Southampton, from whose daughter, Miss Ann Newell Hill, of Castlebank and Asby, various particulars of her cousin have been obtained.

In 1821 Mr. Hill took his degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1824 that of M.A. On the first of July in that year he was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn; and on succeeding his father at the latter's decease in 1829, his connection with, and interest in his native county materially increased. He became Recorder of Appleby, Alderman of that borough, a Justice of the Peace, and Deputy Lieutenant, and in 1855 he filled the office of High Sheriff for Westmorland. He was further associated with his county as being Lord of the Manor and Patron of the advowson of Asby Winderwath, or Great Asby.

Mr. Hill entered warmly into politics as a Conservative, and his death, which took place at Castlebank, 19 Oct. 1861, is deplored by his friend the second Earl of Lonsdale in a letter to Mr. Bell of Appleby, as an irreparable loss to the Conservative cause.

For the late Mr. Hill I entertained a sincere personal regard. He was, (as all who remember will confirm), a pleasant and cheerful companion, hospitable and friendly, full of information, and possessing a quaint and unconventional way of communicating it. With a practical and very decidedly business-like side to his character, he was essentially an antiquary, a compiler of facts and notices. These were left for others to arrange. He did not possess that love of precise order and method which would have
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made the assortment of his collections so much easier a task for himself and for others. Probably he felt this, and I remember his showing me his vast accumulations of manuscripts, and saying that some day he must put them all in order, a day alas! that never came. Mr. Hill's frequent visits to London were occupied with investigations at the Record Office and the British Museum, more especially with reference to the history and antiquities of Westmorland. He made copious extracts too from the MSS. of the Rev. Thomas Machell, Rector of Kirkby Thore, and Chaplain to King Charles II., which are so extensively used by Nicolson and Burn, in compiling their county histories and are now preserved in six volumes in the Dean and Chapter's library at Carlisle. He also examined the original deeds and papers of Machell in my own possession, and frequently refers to them. An index to most of these documents is contained in the fourth volume of his collections.

As I have stated, Mr. Hill, like Machell himself, never lived to arrange his MSS. They were, however, carefully preserved by his cousin Miss Hill, who placed them in the hands of the Rev. John Edward Jackson, M.A., Honorary Canon of Bristol, Rector of Leigh Delamere, and Vicar of Norton, Wilts, who assorted them in nine volumes with a general index of places, and a special table of contents for each volume. The latter accompanies this brief paper.

The volumes, bound in Russia leather, are nine in number, or eleven, including his annotated "Nicolson and Burn" in Miss Hill's possession. The first eight volumes are large folio, and the ninth small quarto. These are entitled:

Collections for the History and Antiquities of the County of Westmorland by John Hill Esqr of Castle Bank near Appleby.

Should a new history of the county be written, these collections may doubtless prove of considerable value. In
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the meantime as an illustration of his work, and the character of his MSS. we give, as an appendix to this short paper, the table of contents of the nine first volumes, in the hope that it may help to lighten the labours of any future historian of Westmorland, while turning to account the life-long labours of John Hill of Castlebank.

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