

## EXCURSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JULY 3rd and 4th, 1890.

THE first meeting for 1890 of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society was held in North Westmorland, on Thursday and Friday, July 3rd and 4th. Despite the fact that it was the 22nd annual meeting, fresh ground was explored on Thursday between Tebay and Appleby, a district particularly rich in antiquarian research. The local arrangements were made by Chancellor Ferguson, F.S.A., Major Arnison, and Canon Mathews. The President, Chancellor Ferguson, F.S.A., was unable to be with the party on the first day, having to attend the Assizes at Carlisle, but joined the members of the Society at Appleby in the evening.

The meet on Thursday was at Tebay, a convenient centre for all parts of the district. A start was made shortly after noon amid a lively downpour of rain, which brought umbrellas and mackintoshes into service, and doubtless the villagers, who turned out in great numbers, felt somewhat for the staid and anything but happy-looking antiquaries. At the north end of the village of Tebay a halt was made, and the company proceeded along a lane, through a farmyard and a field, to Castle How, an Anglo-Saxon "burh," or centre of the estate of some great Saxon lord. There are a series of similar mounds in the valley of the Lune, at Sedbergh, Kirkby Lonsdale, Black Burton, Halton, and other places. The one at Castle How appeared to have had half of it washed away by a flood. The Brandling stone should have been visited next, but owing to its position in a hay field, this item had to be omitted.

Carriages were re-mounted, and, amid the pelting rain, the horses bowled along the somewhat indifferently-kept road towards Orton. Colonel Burn, of Orton Hall, whose grandfather, Dr. Burn was the historian of the county, invited the party to make a passing call at his residence, and those who accepted it received a most hearty welcome, and were well repaid for the visit. The grounds looked exceedingly charming, even amid the heavy downpour of rain, and the house is a perfect study for the antiquary and lover of the beautiful. The party assembled in one of the large rooms, where the family paintings hung. The one of Dr. Burn, from the brush of  
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Romney, was of course the most interesting, and occupied a prominent place. There is a copy of the painting at Lowther Castle by Jacob Thompson, and a small one at the vicarage, by Ward. Colonel Burn also produced a drawing of the old vicarage, with ground plan, shewing the favourite rooms of the historian. Dr. Taylor said

The parish of Orton must be especially interesting to the members of that society, as it was the residence and sphere of labour of the celebrated Dr. Burn, who was not only known for his legal writings, which have been introduced into modern standard works, but as the historian of Westmorland and Cumberland. Dr. Burn was born in 1709, held the office of vicar of Orton for 49 years, and died there in 1785. He filled the honourable office of Chancellor of the Diocese, which the President of the Society and historian of Cumberland held at the present time. Dr. Burn obtained a great deal of local matter, was most assiduous in preparing his manuscripts and in conjunction with Joseph Nicolson, nephew of Dr. William Nicolson, Bishop of Carlisle, published a history of the two counties in 1777. His son, Mr. John Burn, was a member of the bar, and extended and edited his father's legal writings. It was a great gratification that they should be welcomed there by a descendant of Dr. Burn, and they all felt honoured by the invitation Colonel Burn had extended to them.

The Colonel returned his thanks, expressing a wish that the company had been treated with a little more sunshine. The next move was to the ancient parish church, where Mr. J. Holme Nicholson read an interesting paper on the registers, which is printed, *ante* p. 250.

Petty Hall was then visited, the party congregating in the spacious hall, now used as a kitchen; here Mr. F. B. Garnett, C.B., read a paper, which is also printed, *ante* p. 300. Dr. Taylor, said that the house was a very good example of an Elizabethan house, very much as it was probably at the end of the 16th century. The date of the building, 1604, was stated over the door; the door itself was very ancient, probably original; at anyrate the ironwork was. He would ask the company to observe the hasp, which was an old-fashioned lifting-up sneck. There was also an old draw-bar behind the door which was used to the present day; the speaker also explained the rooms of the house, its large fire-places, and the "mell doors," between the front and back doors.

The company after inspecting the hall, repaired to the Fleece Inn, where luncheon was provided. Soon the bugle sounded, seats were again taken, and the drive continued to Appleby, the following places being visited on the route:—The Stone Circle at Raisbeck, Sunbegin, earthworks at Little Asby, Great Asby Hall, Caves, and Rectory.

The annual meeting was held at the King's Head Hotel, Appleby, in the evening. The corporation regalia, and plate were displayed  
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in the room, and were frequently referred to in terms of admiration. The Worshipful Chancellor Ferguson presided over a large assemblage. The following officers were elected for the year:—

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

**PRESIDENT AND EDITOR:**—The Worshipful Chancellor Ferguson, M.A., LL.M., F.S.A.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:**—James Atkinson, Esq., E. B. W. Balme, Esq., The Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness; The Earl of Bective, M.P.; W. Browne, Esq., James Cropper, Esq., The Dean of Carlisle, H. F. Curwen, Esq., Robert Ferguson, Esq., F.S.A., The Earl of Carlisle, W. Jackson, Esq., F.S.A., G. J. Johnson, Esq., Hon. W. Lowther, M.P., H. P. Senhouse, Esq., M. W. Taylor, M.D., F.S.A.

**ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:**—W. B. Arnison, Esq., Penrith; Rev. E. Bower, Carlisle; Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., Aspatria; J. F. Crosthwaite, Esq., F.S.A., Keswick; H. Swainson Cowper, Esq., F.S.A., Hawkshead; C. J. Ferguson, Esq., F.S.A., Carlisle; T. F. I'Anson, Esq., M.D., Whitehaven; Rev. Thomas Lees, F.S.A., Wreay; Rev. Canon Mathews, Appleby; Alfred Peile, Esq., Workington; Rev. H. Whitehead, Newton Reigny; Robert J. Whitwell, Esq., Kendal.

**AUDITORS.**—James G. Gandy, Esq., Heaves; Frank Wilson, Esq., Kendal.

**TREASURER:**—W. D. Crewdson, Esq., Helme Lodge.

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

The following new members were elected:—Mr. Christopher Fairer, Fairbank, Penrith; Rev. F. J. McCormick, F.S.A., Scot., St. James', Whitehaven; Mr. Robert Williamson, 65, Crosby St., Maryport; Mr. William Townley, Hard Crag, Grange-over-Sands; Rev. G. B. Armes, The Vicarage, Cleator; Rev. R. W. Metcalf, Ravenstone-dale; Miss Elizabeth Noble, Beckfoot, Penrith; Mr. F. Haverfield, Lancing Coll., Shoreham; Mr. John Powley, Langwathby Penrith; Mr. Robert Graham, The Luham, Penrith; Rev. A. A. Williams, the Vicarage, Colton; Mr. John Fothergill, Browner, Ravenstone-dale; Mr. George Frederic Brown, 28, Portland Square, Carlisle; Mr. William Carrick, Oak Bank, Scotby, Carlisle; Mr. Reginald Dykes Marshall, Castlerigg Manor, Keswick; Mr. James Park, Southgate, Ulverston; Mr. C. Telford Smith, Rothay Bank, Ambleside; Mr. J. S. Fulton, Appleby; Mr. William Hewitson, Town Clerk, Appleby; Mr. C. R. Rivington, F.R.G.S., Castle Bank, Appleby.

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It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Lancaster, in September, the date being left to the discretion of a committee appointed to make the arrangements. Owing to the absence of the treasurer no formal balance sheet was presented, but the president said that there was a balance in hand of £189, which was an improvement, the year having been begun with £160. The Society had been rather extravagant of late years, but had managed to keep the balance well up.

The following papers were communicated to the Society :—Appleby Charters, Mr. Hewitson; Some Manorial Halls near Appleby, M. W. Taylor, M.D., F.S.A.; The Hudlestons of Hutton John, W. Jackson, F.S.A.; The Episcopal Seals of Carlisle, Mrs. Ware; The Baronies of Cumberland, The President; Local Heraldry, The President; The Bears at Dacre, The President; Mounds at Asby, Rev. Canon Mathews; The Misereres in Carlisle Cathedral, Miss R. and Miss K. Henderson; The Parish Registers at Orton, J. Holme Nicholson, M.A.; Roman Roads in Westmorland, Rev. Canon Mathews; The Dalston Transcripts of 1589-1590, Rev. J. Wilson; The Carlisle Medals of 1745, Mr. E. F. Bell; Knock and Dufton Pikes, J. G. Goodchild, F.G.S.; A Book of Accounts of the Parish of Stanwix, Rev. R. J. Wood; Pre-Norman Cross Shafts at Bromfield and Workington, and the Cross at Rockliff, Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A.; The Appleby Chained Books, C. R. Rivington; A Note on Sandford's Cumberland, by Geo. Watson.

On Friday morning the elements were more promising than on the previous evening; still some showers were evidently expected and everybody took precautions accordingly. Nine or ten vehicles were needed to accommodate the augmented party, and at a quarter to ten the cavalcade drove away through Colby to Bewley Castle. The President pointed out the principal features of the ruins and its history. Bolton Church was the next stopping place; here the vicar, the Rev. P. Pinnington, pointed out various interesting objects and the President read some notes on the building. Crossing over the Eden a stoppage was made to view Redlands Camp, and the Roman Road, explanatory observations being supplied by the President, Canon Mathews, and others. The President's remarks will be printed on a separate paper. The sites of the camps at Redlands and Kirkby Thore were marked by red and white flags. A paper was read by the Rev. J. Heelis, rector, on Kirkby Thore Church and its history, during the stay of the visitors in that building. Kirkby Thore Hall was next visited, where Dr. Taylor read a paper. Lunch was provided at the Bridge End Hotel, after which the drive was resumed to Newbiggin Hall, Mr. Crackenthorpe, Q.C., having given facilities

facilities for visiting one of the most interesting buildings in the country. Time pressed, and the period allotted was far too short to be satisfactory.

The route was resumed, and during the drive Canon Mathews indicated the course of the Roman Road, known as the Maiden Way, running over the fells. Some time was spent at Howgill Castle, where the great size and strength of the walls, and other features of the structure were pointed out. Rain began to fall heavily as soon as the castle was left, and continued with but a short interval till the arrival at Appleby. A halt was made at Longmarton, and while the gentlemen were examining the church, the ladies had tea at the vicarage. Appleby was reached about five o'clock, thus concluding a two days' tour which had been greatly enjoyed, notwithstanding the awful weather.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th and 19th, 1890.

The members of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society held their second meeting for the year at Lancaster, on Thursday and Friday, September 18th and 19th. A two days excursion was arranged, with a view of visiting and inspecting several places of interest in the locality. The committee who made the local arrangements were the President of the Society (Chancellor Ferguson, F.S.A.), Carlisle; Mr. W. O. Roper, Deputy Town Clerk of Lancaster; and the Rev. W. B. Grenside, vicar of Melling.

The members and their friends assembled at the King's Arms Hotel, Lancaster, about one o'clock in the afternoon, where time was allowed for refreshments. At a quarter to two o'clock, they proceeded to visit the ancient parish church of St. Mary's, the details of which were most graphically described by Mr. W. O. Roper. From the church the party proceeded to the castle, accompanied by Mr. W. O. Roper and Mr. E. B. Dawson. The various features of the historic pile were described by these gentlemen, the famous gateway tower, John O'Gaunt's chair, the Well tower, the dungeons in which many noted prisoners were once confined, claiming particular attention, as did also a Roman altar with a disputed inscription upon it. Later on in the afternoon the party drove to Heysham by way of the marshes. On arriving at the churchyard, they were received by the Rev. C. T. Royds, the rector, who conducted them through the ancient church, and pointed out the various objects of interest. The Rev. T. Lees read a paper called "An attempt to interpret the sculpture on certain stones in the churchyard

yard of Heysham"; this was illustrated by rubbings, from the collection of the Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A. Mr. W. O. Roper described the interior of Heysham Church; and at the close of the inspection the Rev. C. T. Royds hospitably entertained the visitors with afternoon tea at Heysham Old Hall.

In the course of the evening the members and a number of local gentlemen dined together at the King's Arms Hotel, the President occupying the chair.

A formal meeting took place after dinner, when the following resolutions were passed:—The President reported that this Society had joined the "Societies in union" with the Society of Antiquaries of London: it was resolved that an annual subscription (similar to that paid by other Societies), should be contributed towards the expenses the Union. It was also resolved that steps should be taken to make an archaeological map of Cumberland and Westmorland, and Lancashire north of the Sands, according to instructions issued by the Society of Antiquaries of London.

The President called attention to the state of the obelisk at Bewcastle, stating that it had been much injured in an attempt made by a society from outside to take a cast from it: doubts had also arisen as to its stability. Resolved unanimously that steps be taken under proper advice to place the obelisk in a safe condition, and that the President, Rev. W. S. Calverley, and Mr. C. J. Ferguson, be appointed a sub-committee to get it done.\*

The President reported that C. W. Dymond, F.S.A., had offered to make plans of the earthworks at Lowther, Little Asby, and High House, Hugill, on condition that his expenses be paid. Resolved that his offer be accepted.

The following new members were elected:—Mr. M. Mackey, 8, Milton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. John Garnett, Windermere; Mr. J. G. Elliott, Carlisle Patriot, Carlisle; Mrs. Hartley, Holmgarth, Morecambe; Mr. E. H. Whinfield, The Hollin, Gipsy Road, West-Norwood, S.E.; Mr. John Henry Johnson, The Mountains, Tunbridge Rev. T. M. Remington, Aynsome, Cartmel; Mr. Ernest Newton Deakin, Park House, Cheadle.

The following papers were communicated to the Society:—Some illustrations of Home Life in Lonsdale north of the Sands, in the 17th and 18th centuries, John Fell, of Dane Ghyll; The Reeans of High Furness, by Rev. T. Ellwood; the Percy connection with

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\* This has now (Oct. 25th, 1890) been done, and a report on the subject will appear in the Society's Transactions.

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Cumberland, G. T. Clark, F.S.A.; Local Heraldry (Cumberland), Miss Kuper; Local Fonts, Rev. J. Wilson.

The second day of the meeting was devoted to an excursion up the valley of the Lune. Leaving the town at a quarter to ten o'clock on Friday morning the party proceeded in carriages to the village of Halton on the north bank of the Lune, and an inspection of the antiquities in the church and churchyard was made: they were described by Mr. W. O. Roper, and by the Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A. Due attention was given to the famous cross, and a strong wish expressed that the *dissecta membra* might be put together, and the cross placed in shelter in the church. The moated mound or "burh" near the church was also visited. Passing over Halton Moor, from which delightful views were obtained of surrounding scenery, Gressingham was next reached, and here they were met by the Rev. W. B. Grenside, vicar of Melling, who pointed out the peculiarities of an ancient doorway in the church. A brief halt was made at another "burh" near Lune Bridge, and in due course the party, having crossed the Lune, arrived at Melling, where Mr. Grenside described the church, and Chancellor Ferguson standing at the foot of the "burh" adjoining the church, described and explained these "moated mounds," of which three were visited during the day; he mentioned that there were several of a similar character to be seen in Westmorland. Whilst here, Mr. Grenside hospitably entertained the visitors to light refreshments at the vicarage, after which they drove to Hornby, where the parish church was inspected and a distant view had of the castle, a full description of the main features of each structure being given by Mr. Grenside. After lunch at the Castle Inn, the party proceeded to the quaint little village of Claughton, where they were met by the Rev. E. K. Green, the vicar. Attention was specially directed to a church bell bearing date 1286, and said to be the oldest dated bell in England. Claughton Old Hall was next inspected, Brookhouse and Caton being also visited. After tea at the Victoria Institute, the party proceeded through the beautiful scenery of the Crook of Lune, along the south bank of the river, and arrived back at Lancaster about half-past five, after a most delightful drive. The weather was fine until four o'clock, when one or two slight showers fell.

The President desires on behalf of the Society to put on record their high appreciation of the excellent arrangements made for their convenience by Messrs. W. O. Roper, E. B. Dawson, and the Rev. W. B. Grenside.

ART. XXIX. *The Roman Camp on Kreiginthorpe (Cracken-thorpe) Common, near Kirkbythore.\** By THE PRESIDENT.  
*Read at the Camp, July 4th, 1890.*

A PLAN of this remarkable camp is reproduced from General Roy's magnificent work "The Military Antiquities of the Romans in Britain," plate xvii. It was re-surveyed by General Roy in 1769 (*Ibid* p. 73), and a comparison, between its condition when surveyed, and its condition at present will show the devastation wrought among antiquities of this class by the enclosure of the commons, and the cultivation consequent thereon. The camp is now nearly ploughed out and obliterated.

General Roy includes in one class the great temporary camps at Kreiginthorpe (Cracken-thorpe), Ray-cross † and Birrenswark. In their dimensions, the multiplicity of their gates and other principal points, they agree so much that it is evident they are all three the work of one and the same legion. As in all their parts they differ from the camps assigned to Agricola, they must therefore belong to the sixth legion, which did not arrive in Britain until the time of Hadrian. By that time most of Agricola's conquests in Scotland had been lost, and Roy suggests that these three camps mark the halting places of the re-conquering expedition, as the sixth legion marched from York.

General Roy says of this camp

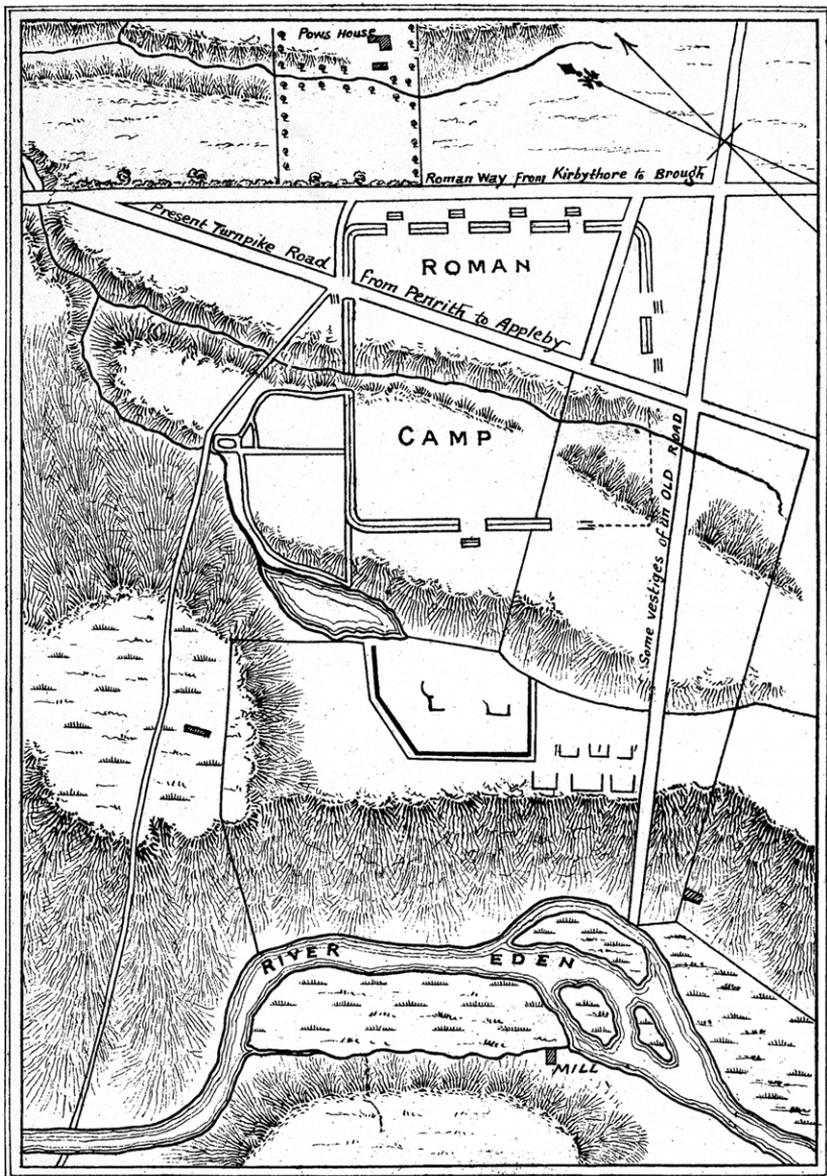
The first of these is situated on Kreiginthorpe common between Kirkbythore and Appleby, near a place called Pows-House on the west side of the Roman Way.‡ It is a square of about three hundred yards, with just such another intrenchment, with regard to profile,

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\* Now known as Redlands Camp.

† For Ray cross, see these *Transactions* vol. v. pp. 69-75.

‡ The railway now runs on the site of the Roman Way, between the camp and Pows-House, which time or the Ordnance Surveyors have improved into Powis House.



“KREIGINTHORP” OR REDLANDS CAMP.

as those at Birrenswark. In the east side, or that nearest the Roman Way, there are no fewer than four gates, two are visible in what remains of the south side, two in the west, and only one in that towards the north. They have, to appearances, all been covered with traverses : one half of that before the north gate is levelled by the present turnpike road, which these enter, and crosses the camp obliquely \* \* \* \* \* These camps (i.e. Kreginthorpe and Ray Cross) being the same in dimensions and other principal points, with the two united at Birrenswark\* which seem only to have been separated that the Romans might be better able to secure possession of that remarkable hill, and all differing from those which we have shown to be Agricola's, it is natural to conclude not only that they were occupied by the very same legion, but that this was probably the sixth, whose stated quarters were at York.

Roy's Military Antiquities, pp. 73-74.

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\* Kreiginthorpe and Ray Cross camps are each 300 yards by 300 yards : one of those at Birrenswark is 300 by 200, and the other 300 by 100.