

## EXCURSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 25th and 26th, 1891.

The first meeting for the season of 1891 of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society was held in the Lake District, on Thursday and Friday, June 25th and 26th. The rendezvous was Keswick and contingents from different parts of the district arrived by the middle of the day. After having luncheon at the Station Hotel, the party, numbering over 50, started *en route* for Grasmere in a four-in-hand coach and three large *char-a-bancs* supplied by Mr. Wilson, at 12-15.

The following is a list of the members and visitors present:--

The Worshipful Chancellor Ferguson, F.S.A.; Rev. T. Heelis, Kirkbythore; Rev. E. E. Stock, Rydal; Mr. J. H. Braithwaite, Kendal; Mr. John Fothergill, Ravenstonedale; Rev. R. Bower and Mrs. Bower, Carlisle; Major W. B. Arnison and Mrs. Arnison, Penrith; Mr. P. de E. Collin, Maryport; Mrs. Jacob Thompson, Hackthorpe; Mr. J. M. Richardson, Mrs. Wright, and Miss Richardson, Carlisle; Mrs. Tandy, Penrith; Mr. and Mrs. T. Hesketh Hodgson, Newby Grange, Carlisle; Rev. J. K. Watkins, Carlisle; Mr. W. O. Roper, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. Deakin, Eller How; Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., and Mrs. Calverley, Aspatria; Mr. Ed. Thomas Pease, Darlington; Mr. and Mrs. J. Swainson, Stonecross; Mr. M. J. B. Baddeley, Windermere; Mrs. Robinson and party, Green Lanes; Mr. W. L. Fletcher, Stoneleigh; Mr. George Watson, Penrith; Rev. J. Brunskill, Threlkeld, Keswick; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitwell and Miss Brown, Kendal; Mr. J. H. Nicholson, M.A., and Mrs. Nicholson, Wilmslow; Mr. William Hewitson, Appleby; Rev. J. Mitchell, Penrith; Rev. Henry Lonsdale, Upperby; Rev. B. Barnett, Preston Patrick; Mr. J. Hepworth, Carlisle; Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Grange-over-Sands; Mr. Robert Blair, F.S.A., South Shields; Rev. James Wilson, Dalston; Mr. Joseph Simpson, Romanway; Mr. J. E. Hargreaves, Kendal; Mr. E. T. Tyson, Maryport; Dr. M. W. Taylor, F.S.A., London; Mr. T. Wilson, Kendal; Miss Carrick, Oak Bank, Scotby; Mr. W. Wilson, Keswick Hotel, &c., &c., &c.

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After a pleasant drive to Bridge End—on the old road—the greater part of the party walked some two miles through a beautiful valley and over heathery turf to Shoulthwaite Castle, a British settlement, situated at the head of two valleys, and defended by a heavy earthwork, with triple rampart, in shape of a *lunette*. The castle is said to have been used by the dalesmen as a place of safety for themselves and their cattle during the incursions of Scottish marauders. From the camp a steep descent brought the party to the foot of Thirlmere, where the works of the great dam, now in progress, were explained by Mr. Hill, jun., one of the engineers, after which Dalehead Hall, a Queen Ann mansion, once the residence of the Leathes of Dalehead, was visited, and a fine staircase much admired. The Manchester Corporation are now the owners, and kindly provided a most welcome tea, over which Mrs. Leech, wife of the vice-chairman of the Manchester Water Company, presided.

After this digression, the journey was continued to Wythburn, where some little time was spent in a visit to the church—

Wythburn's modest house of prayer,  
As lowly as the lowliest dwelling.

The next halt was made at Dunmail Raise, where stands the cairn which is said by tradition to mark the resting place of the last King of Cumberland ("Dunmail"), who was defeated here in 945 by Edmund, King of England. It also marks the division between Cumberland and Westmorland. A delightful drive took the party into the beautiful vale of Gasmere, which was reached about six o'clock, and a short visit was made to the pretty churchyard where the poet Wordsworth and other members of his family lie.

The party, to the number of over sixty, dined at the Prince of Wales Hotel, and the annual business meeting was afterwards held under the chairmanship of the Worshipful Chancellor Ferguson. The annual report and financial statement was read by the hon. secretary, Mr. T. Wilson. The accounts showed that the receipts from all sources during the year, together with a balance of £186 18s. 9d. brought forward from the previous year, were £383 7s. 2d., while the expenditure for printing the "Transactions," circulars, postage, and all other matters had amounted to £154 19s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £228 8s. 1d. The report stated that the society, which had now attained its majority of 21 years, was never more robust than at present, and was increasing in numbers. The condition of the society was due in a great measure to the indefatigable efforts

efforts of the President and Hon. Secretary. Both the report and the statement of accounts were adopted.

The following list of officers for the year 1891-2 was adopted:—

**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 Right Rev. The Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness; The Earl of Bective, M.P.; W. Brown, Esq., The Very Rev. The Dean of Carlisle, The Earl of Carlisle, James Cropper, Esq., H. F. Curwen, Esq., Robert Ferguson, Esq., F.S.A., G. J. Johnson, Esq., Hon. W. Lowther, M.P., H. P. Senhouse, Esq., M. W. Taylor, Esq., M.D., F.S.A.

**ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:—**W. B. Arnison, Esq., Penrith; Rev. R. Bower, M.A., 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. H. Hodgson, Esq., Newby Grange; Rev. T. Lees, M.A., F.S.A., Wreay; Rev. Canon Matthews, M.A., Appleby; E. T. Tyson, Esq., Maryport; Rev. H. Whitehead, M.A., Lanercost; Robert J. Whitwell, Esq., Kendal.

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

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

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

And the following new members were elected:—Mr. William Little, Chapel Ridding, Windermere; Mr. Edward Thomas Pease, Oak Lee, Darlington; Mr. James A. Farrar, Ingleborough; Mrs. Farrar, Ingleborough; Mr. T. W. Powell, Rylands, Grasmere; Mr. James Watt, Knowefield, Carlisle; Mr. Nathaniel G. Clayton, The Chesters, Humshaugh-on-Tyne; Mr. Charles H. Whitehead, Appleby; Mr. Robert Burra, Gate, Sedbergh; Miss Johnson, Lathom Street, Preston; Mr. William Dobson, Tarn House, Brampton; Mr. Richard Carruthers, Eden Grove, Carlisle; Mr. T. M. A. B. Butler, 3, Chiswick Street, Carlisle.

After the conclusion of the business the following Papers were laid before the society, and most of them read:—The Roman Roads and Camps of the Lake District, The President; Piscinas in the Diocese of Carlisle, Rev. R. Bower; Some Local Turf Notes of the 16th and 17th century, Rev. J. Wilson; Recent Local Finds at Carlisle, Wigton.

Wigton, Brackenhill, and Tebay, The President; A Bay-Window in Penrith Churchyard, G. Watson; Ancient Villages near Yanwath and Hugill, C. W. Dymond, F.S.A.; On some Old Halls in the vale of Keswick, M. W. Taylor, M.D., F.S.A.

On the second day carriages were taken to the camp at Ambleside of which the President gave an account, stating his belief that the Romans used Windermere as a water way. Troutbeck Town End was next visited, and that fine specimen of a Westmorland statesman, George Browne of Troutbeck Town End—the eighth George Browne of Troutbeck Town End in lineal succession—exhibited his charming house with its vast stores of carved oak, and his valuable documents relating to Westmorland, on which the Historical MSS. Commissioners have reported. A short stay was made at the famous Mortal Man public, which, horrible to say, has been rebuilt, and capped with a sky sign, “THE MORTAL MAN,” in huge gilt letters! Troutbeck might have been spared this atrocity. The expedition was then piloted by Mr. George Browne through an intricate mesh of narrow roads to the farmhouse at Troutbeck Park, and passing through the foldyard, for three miles more, over no roads in particular, to Bluegill, which was reached not without difficulty, one carriage smashing a trace, and another being nearly upset. Here horses were unyoked and an *al fresco* lunch laid out, after which some of the party climbed to the Roman Road on Kentmere High Street: most contented themselves with the climb to the High Steet, and then returned to Bluegill, but half a dozen, including a lady, guided by Mr. M. J. Baddeley, traced the street for a considerable distance, and descended direct to Troutbeck Park, a very creditable piece of mountaineering, the descent being by no means easy. Three hours were allowed for this, and all the party united at Troutbeck Park for a substantial tea. The return was made by the east side of the valley, past Troutbeck Church to Allan Knott, where the programme said “entrenchments.” None could be found, but a fine view of Windermere was obtained. Windermere Station was reached about 5 p.m. and the party broke up thereto after two most successful days. The arrangements reflect the highest credit upon the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Wilson.

#### THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th and 21st, 1891.

The members of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society assembled at Carlisle on Thursday and Friday, August 20th and 21st, for the purpose of having their second excursion for 1891. The Council of the Society met on the morning  
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of the first day, and discussed the question of printing "the Wills of the Diocese of Carlisle," recorded in the Pre-Reformation Episcopal Registers. Upon the desirability of under-taking the work all were agreed, and the only doubt was about the expense. Ultimately the subject was referred to the President (Chancellor Ferguson), the Rev. W. S. Calverley, the Rev. T. Lees, and Mr. T. Hesketh Hodgson, who are to get estimates and take steps to publish.

At noon the members of the Society assembled in the Fraternity, under the presidency of the Chancellor, and spent about an hour and a half in the consideration of papers on various subjects of local antiquarian and archæological interest. Rubbings and drawings by the Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., of early cross shafts and sculptured stones were hung upon the walls, and several objects of interest were exhibited; but the great feature of the meeting was the display of wrought iron candlesticks collected in Cumberland, Westmorland, and Furness. A paper upon the subject had been prepared by Mr. H. Swainson Cowper, F.S.A., who had greatly enhanced the interest of his collection by preparing pen and ink sketches of the most interesting specimens.

Among the party who had signified their intention of being present at some part of the two days' proceedings were the following:—The Lord Bishop of Carlisle (who did not attend the Fraternity meeting), Miss Goodwin, Mrs. Maxwell Spooner, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spooner, Miss Kennedy and Miss Julia Kennedy, Miss Mackarness, Mr. Albert Hartshorne, F.S.A., all from Rose Castle; the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, Mrs. Henry Ware, and Miss Margaret Gibson, of Whelprigg; Dr. M. W. Taylor, F.S.A.; the Rev. Thomas Lees, F.S.A., Wreay, and Miss Lees; Mr. H. Swainson Cowper, F.S.A., Yewfield Castle; Mr. MacInnes, M.P., and party, Rickerby; Rev. J. Brunskill, Threlkeld; Mr. W. J. Mason, Carlisle; Mr. W. L. Fletcher, Stoneleigh; Mr. and Mrs. T. Hesketh Hodgson, Newby Grange; Rev. W. B. Grenside, Melling; Mr. F. B. Garnett, C.B., and Mrs. Garnett, and Mr. Garnett, jun., London; Mr. H. B. Lonsdale, Carlisle; Mr. George Watson, Penrith; Mr. Alfred Hine, Maryport; Dr. Beardsley, Grange-over-Sands; Mr. G. B. Elliott, Penrith; Mr. W. H. Porter, Headsnook; Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, jun., Stanwix; Major Irwin, Lynehow; Mrs. Williams, Holme Island; Mr. Titus Wilson, Kendal (secretary); Mrs. Alice Rea, Hayton; Miss E. Noble, Beckfoot; the Rev. W. S. Calverley, F.S.A., and Mrs. Calverley, Aspatria; Mr. R. Blair, F.S.A.; Mr. Hippolyte J. Blanc, Edinburgh; Colonel Bellamy, the Misses Henderson, The Deanery, and Miss Ferguson, Lowther Street, were among the visitors; and the following

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new members were elected during the day:—Mrs. Henry Scott, Bank House, Carlisle; Mr. John Holiday, Gas Works, Carlisle; Rev. G. E. P. Reade, Skelsmergh; Mr. J. S. Remington, Ulverston; the Rev. E. Gabriel, Rockcliffe; and Mr. G. H. Curry, St. Nicholas, Carlisle.

The Chancellor exhibited a curious relic which he had lately obtained in Newcastle. It was a small brass box, about four or five inches long, probably of the time of William the Third, covered with inscriptions in Dutch and scenes from the Old Testament, ranging from the Creation to the death of Abel, and this is said to have been found in pulling down a portion of Carlisle Castle about sixty years ago. The box contained a human thumb. The suggestion was that it was the thumb of a murderer, which had been cut off a dead body, and had been used by some thief as a talisman.

The Bishop of Barrow exhibited a curious wooden figure, which had been lent him by Miss Norman, of Burlington Place, Carlisle, and which had belonged to her father. It was believed to have been taken from Carlisle Cathedral about the end of the last century or the beginning of the present one. The figure looked like a portrait, and the Bishop suggested that it might have been that of one of the Black Canons to whom the Cathedral belonged.—Mr. Hartshorne thought the figure was that of an official of the Abbey. The costume was, generally, that ordinarily worn by a franklin about the year 1400. The effigy has since been presented to the Dean and Chapter by Miss Norman. An illustration will be given in these Transactions with the remarks made by the Bishop and Mr. Hartshorne.

Mr. H. Swainson Cowper submitted a paper on “The Domestic Candlesticks of Iron in Cumberland, Westmorland, and Furness.” Of these a large number were exhibited, and drawings of many others were shewn upon the walls. The paper displayed a great amount of research into a curious subject, and at the close the President conveyed the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Cowper. The paper will appear in these Transactions.

The Chancellor read a paper on “The Dummy Grenadiers at the County Hotel, Carlisle,” which was written for the Archæological Institute, and is printed in full in the Archæological Journal, vol. xlvii. p. 321. We give a *precis*. The figures, he observed, are painted on planks or boards joined together, and are cut out, or shaped to the outline, like figures cut out of cardboard. They are the property of the County Hotel Company, Carlisle, and as they usually occupy positions on the main staircase of the hotel, they are well known to travellers, and inquiry is often made at the office as

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to who and what they represent. The usual answer is, that these figures represent two of the Duke of Cumberland's guards, and that they are in some way or other relics of the campaign of 1745. That these figures are of an earlier date, and that they represented grenadiers of the 2nd or Queen's Regiment of foot, now the Royal West Surrey Regiment, he hoped to show. Having given a detailed account of the uniforms, accoutrements, and arms of the figures, the Chancellor continued—Little is known of the history of these two figures. They were brought in 1853 to the County Hotel by Mr. Breach, from the Bush Hotel, when he moved, as landlord, from one house to the other. The Bush Hotel was a famous place in the coaching and posting days. How these figures came there no one seems to know, but there they had been as long as memory of them runneth. The late Lord Lonsdale (Earl St. George) professed to have found, at Lowther Castle, some memoranda showing that they were made from the wood of a tree grown in Lowther Park. It is to be feared that this clue to their history is now lost. The lamb and the motto, "*Pristinæ Virtutis Memor*," clearly identify the figures as belonging to the Queen's or 2nd Regiment of Foot, now the Royal West Surrey Regiment. The tall caps identify them as belonging to the grenadier company. The limits of time are defined by the feather badge on the caps, which the regiment carried from 1714 to 1727. The regiment was on service in England from 1712 to 1729. It is probable that it was in the north of England, and at Carlisle about the time of the rising of 1715. The regiment was raised in 1661, as the first Tangier regiment. In 1685 "John Synhouse" occurs as ensign in the list of officers of the regiment. This gentleman was one of the Senhouses of Netherhall, and nephew to Captain Richard Senhouse, who, from having served in Tangier, is known in the family as the "Tangier Captain", and whose portrait is at Netherhall. After giving other information as to the regiment, the Chancellor said it was to be regretted that so little was known of the history of those dummies. Probably some ex-grenadier of the Queen's settled at Carlisle as landlord of some or other hostelrie, and after the quaint fashion of the early part of the eighteenth century adorned his hostelrie with picture board dummies of his old comrades, which have had the luck to survive to this day,—to excite our wonder and admiration. They are most valuable landmarks in the history of English military costume.

Dr. Taylor, F.S.A., next read a paper "On some old Halls in the Vale of Keswick," which will appear in these Transactions, and the meeting adjourned.

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In the afternoon upwards of thirty members of the society proceeded in conveyances to Rockcliffe Church, intending also to visit the Labyrinth on Rockcliffe Marsh, and other places in the vicinity, but the weather proved so inclement that the journey had to be curtailed, and refuge was taken in the Rockcliffe reading room, where Mr. Hesketh Hodgson read a paper on "Rig and Reann," and the Chancellor described the Labyrinth (see these Transactions, vol. vii. p. 69). During a lull in the storm Rockcliffe Cross was inspected, and described by the Rev. W. S. Calverley, and the vicar, the Rev. E. Gabriel gave some account of the church and churchyard. The party then proceeded to Lynehow, where, on the kind invitation of Major and Mrs. Irwin, all partook of tea. There the Chancellor gave some account of "Thomas Story, of Justus Town," now called Lynehow. Carlisle was reached about seven o'clock.

In the evening a large party dined at the Central Hotel; the President took the chair and the Bishops of Carlisle and Barrow-in-Furness were present. After dinner the following papers were communicated to the Society:—The Episcopal Seals of Carlisle, Mrs. Henry Ware; The Heraldry of the Cumberland Statesmen, The President; Notes on Monuments and Heraldry at Millom, H. Swainson Cowper; Carlisle Small Indentures, W. Nanson; Recent Local Finds; Effigies at Cumrew, Great Salkeld, and Ainstable; Inscribed Roman Stones, The President.

Spite of the threatening weather, a party of over fifty, including the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, made an early start for Bewcastle on the following morning: their courage was rewarded by a fine day, with exception of one shower, while at Bewcastle, where shelter was available. The first halt was at Kirkcambeck which was destroyed by the Scots in the 14th century: all that now remains is an archway variously said to be the western door, or the chancel arch, but it was pointed out by Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Grenside, and other archæologists that it was neither, but was a modern make up, probably of the last century, from genuine remains of the old church. The Bishop of Carlisle supplied the *motif* for its erection by relating the legend long current in the parish, that if a part of the old church was kept standing, the old church would some day or other return, a prediction which has been fulfilled by the erection within the last few months of a new church on part of the old site. Askerton Castle was next visited, where the party were cordially welcomed by Mr. Tweddle, and the Chancellor described the building (see these Transactions, vol. iii. p. 178). Bewcastle was reached about one o'clock, when an interval was allowed for lunch, and then they assembled in the church, where Mr. Calverley gave some account of the history of the famous obelisk,

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to which an adjournment was presently made. It was described by Mr. Calverley and the Chancellor, the former dealing with the runes and the carving on it, and the latter with its present pitiable condition and the causes thereof (see *ante* p. 51). The Roman camp was next visited; this the Chancellor explained to have been originally British, but occupied afterwards by the Romans: he then conducted the party to the ruins of the Norman Castle, which were explained, with his usual skill, by Dr. Taylor, pointing out that it was a fortress pure and simple, and had never been the residence of any great nobleman or landowner, beyond the Captain of Bewcastle.

With this the meeting concluded, and carriages were shortly resumed for Carlisle, which was reached a little before seven o'clock, after a glorious expedition.