

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

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“ Honors and Knights’ Fees: an attempt to identify the component parts of certain Honors and to trace the descent of the tenants of some who held by knights’ service or serjeanty, from the eleventh to the fourteenth century,” by William Farrer, Litt.D. (vol. i, price 15s. net., to be obtained in application to the Author, Whitbarrow Lodge, Witherslack, near Grange-over-Sands, postage and packing extra, inland 1s. 3d., U.S.A., 11d.). The Honors treated are those of Bidun of Lavendon, Bucks., Chokes of Wollaston, Northants, Visdelou of Benham, Berks., Wahull of Odell, Beds., Curcy of Stoke Curcy, Somerset, and Peverel of Nottingham.

“ The Registers of Brough-under-Stainmore: part 1, 1556-1706 ”; Transcribed by Henry Brierley, B.A., LL.D. (Parish Register Section). The issue of this volume has been rendered possible by the generosity of W. E. Nanson, Esq., J.P., of Eccles, a descendant of a Brough family, who has contributed £50 to the cost. Part II, with index, is promised shortly.

“ *Cornelii Taciti de Vita Agricolae*,” edited by J. G. C. Anderson (Oxford, 7s. 6d.), Mr. Anderson, of Oxford, well known as an authority on Roman history and epigraphy, has taken up and completed in a manner altogether admirable the task, begun and left half-finished by Professor Haverfield, of bringing Furneaux’ edition of the *Agricola* up to date. The result is a volume of 85 pages of introduction, 36 of text and 150 of notes. The text is in some ways new and is the best yet issued; but the introduction and notes are what call for special mention. In them the student of Roman Britain will find for the first time a thoroughly adequate digest and summary of the mass of archæological discovery relative to Agricola that has been published in a scattered form during the last generation. Comparing the new work with the original Furneaux of 1898, one hardly knows whether to admire more the archæological activity of the intervening period or the skill and patience with which Mr. Anderson has put together the results. The book is indispensable to everyone whose studies bring him into contact with Roman Britain, and will form the

starting-point for all future discussion of any subject connected, however remotely, with Agricola; and it is a satisfaction to observe that of the numerous periodicals quoted, few are so constantly referred to as these *Transactions*.

"The Notitia Dignitatum," by Professor J. B. Bury, in the *Journal of Roman Studies*, vol. x, is a new discussion of a document whose importance to the antiquary may be judged by referring to almost any volume of these *Transactions*. Professor Bury dates the *Notitia* with new precision at 428, and claims that the inclusion of Britain proves beyond a doubt that Britain was not, as we have always believed, evacuated by the Romans in 407, but held much later; in fact, he thinks, till 442. The question is complicated and cannot be adequately treated here. The author weakens his case by admitting that the Wall cannot have been held till 428, and that the *per lineam valli* section was only by an anachronism allowed to remain in a document of that date. But if the *per lineam valli* section, why not the whole British portion of the *Notitia*? He thinks the Wall was held till 407, though admittedly there is no evidence of its being held after 390; and his treatment of the archæological evidence is arbitrary and confused.—R.G.C.

"Hadrian's Wall," by Miss Jessie Mothersole (John Lane, 1922, 7s. 6d.) is primarily a picture-book, and contains some admirable colour-plates from Miss Mothersole's sketches. Unfortunately a number of monochrome reproductions are included, and these, as always happens with half-tone plates from coloured drawings, are bad. The text describes Miss Mothersole's experiences in a walk along the whole length of the Wall, and is well written; her impressions of the country and people are charming; and the fact of her having traversed the whole line, penetrating into places unreached by most antiquaries, gives her book a certain scientific value as well. But the author is no antiquary, and though she has taken great pains to get up her material, the number of mistakes is fairly large. On the other hand she has had the advantage of generous co-operation on the part of competent authorities, and this enables her to include excellent summaries of the most recent discoveries, especially those of Mr. Simpson, whose helping hand can easily be traced in the pages. The inclusion of this information gives the book great value as a popular account of the Wall and its meaning; and it may be recommended to everyone who wants such an account. As we write, the second edition has appeared; in the third, we understand, a number of errors will be

corrected and the reservations with which we now recommend the book will disappear.

"Are History and Science different kinds of knowledge?" A discussion between R. G. Collingwood, A. E. Taylor and F. C. S. Schiller, at the Manchester Congress of Philosophy, 1922 (*Mind*, Oct., 1922).

"History and Science," a dialogue. By R. G. Collingwood (*Vasculum*, Jan., 1923).

"Hadrian's Wall: A History of the Problem." By R. G. Collingwood (*Journal of Roman Studies*, vol. xi).

"Hardknot Castle and the Tenth Antonine Itinerary," By R. G. Collingwood (*Archæologia*, vol. 71, pp. 1-16). An expansion of the account of Hardknot Castle given in these *Trans.* n.s. xxxi.

"Roman Britain in 1921-1922." By R. G. Collingwood and M. V. Taylor (*Journal of Roman Studies*, vol. xi).

"A Crossbase at Winchester," by Sir Charles Close and W. G. Collingwood (*Papers and Proceedings of the Hampshire Field Club*, vol. ix, part 2).

"The Brailsford Cross," by W. G. Collingwood (*Transactions, Derbyshire Archæological and Nat. Hist. Soc.*, vol. xlv). A study of the series of round-shafted pre-Norman monuments.

"James Cranke the elder; a forgotten Lancashire painter," by E. Rimbault Dibdin (*The Connoisseur*, Christmas number, Dec., 1922) continues the subject of the late Mr. Gaythorpe's paper in these *Transactions*, n.s. vi, 128.

"Wild Lakeland," painted by A. Heaton Cooper, described by Mackenzie Macbride (*Black*, pp.229, with 32 colour plates, 7s. 6d.)

"The Life, Diaries and Correspondence of Jane, Lady Franklin, 1792-1875," edited by Willingham Franklin Rawnsley (Erskine Macdonald, Ltd.; demy 8vo., cloth, with illustrations, post free 13s.)

"A History of the Parishes of Wetheral and Warwick," by Arthur G. Loftie, M.A., Hon. Canon of Carlisle. (Brown and Brown, Scotch Street; Carlisle, 3s. 6d., postage extra).