

PUBLICATIONS OF THE YEAR.

"A History of the Parish of Tunstall," by Colonel W. H. Chippindall. Manchester: printed for the Chetham Society, 1940 (pp. x, 122, being Vol. 104 of the New Series of the Historical and Literary Remains of the Counties of Lancaster and Cheshire).

The parish of Tunstall with its component townships of Tunstall, Cantsfield, Burrow-with-Burrow and Leck offers a wide scope for the labours of the archaeologist and the historian, preserving as it does relics of many ages from the time of the Roman occupation of the fort of Overborough down to the present day. This carefully compiled history of the parish from the pen of our member, Colonel W. H. Chippindall, will therefore appeal to a wide circle of readers, the wider inasmuch as the district with which the author deals has many intimate connections with that with which the activities of our own Society are concerned. Colonel Chippindall has accomplished his difficult and complicated task with his accustomed skill. Some of the information, notably that concerning the Tunstalls of Thurland Castle, the Tathams of Tunstall and Cantsfield and the Tathams of Hipping Hall has already appeared in articles contributed by Colonel Chippindall to volumes of these *Transactions*, but these particulars have, where necessary in the light of further information, undergone revision. Lovers of ancient buildings will find excellent descriptions of Tunstall Church, Leck Church, Thurland Castle, Cantsfield Hall, Hipping Hall, Upper Burrow Hall and many other houses of historical interest, but perhaps the chief value of the book is the large amount of genealogical information it contains. The author has dealt with characteristic thoroughness with the history of the Tunstalls and their successors in the ownership of Thurland Castle, with the Tathams, Carringtons, Gernets, Welches, Parkes, Swainsons and other families associated with the district. These family histories are supported by copious pedigrees, and the work should prove a most useful addition to the library of any local genealogist. It should be added that the book is well and attractively produced and that it contains an excellent series of photographic illustrations depicting the principal buildings and other monuments of historical or antiquarian

interest within the boundaries of the parish. One can only wish that more of the parishes in our district may find an historian as capable and accurate as the author of this valuable addition to our local histories.

"The Story of the Ancient Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Kirkby Lonsdale," by Alexander Pearson. W. M. and H. Wolfenden, 1940, 2s. 6d.

The many readers who value Mr. Pearson's excellent book on Kirkby Lonsdale and its neighbourhood will welcome this little monograph upon one of the most interesting of our Westmorland parish churches. Mr. Pearson writes with knowledge and enthusiasm upon a subject with which he is thoroughly competent to deal. To the summary of the history of the church with which the book commences, the author adds an interesting note upon the pre-Norman church. Mentioning the discovery in the graveyard, towards the end of last century, of a number of large blocks of freestone dressed with hammer and axe, and that of similar blocks in the garden at Abbot's Brow, and comparing these stones with those in the pre-Norman portion of the church at Heysham, he points out a striking resemblance in form and method of jointing and suggests that in these fragments of masonry we possess a relic of the Anglo-Saxon church at Kirkby Lonsdale—the original church granted by Ivo de Tailbois to the Abbey of St. Mary at York some time before 1093. The building of the Norman portion of the existing church he ascribes to c. 1100, though as one of the massive piers supporting the arcade bears a centaur, the badge of King Stephen, the date may be rather later. An architectural description of the church follows and the value of this portion of the book is enhanced by the excellent photographic reproductions of detail from water colour paintings by Mrs. F. Chance and by line blocks from drawings by Mr. Wilfrid M. Harris. An account follows of the various restorations and alterations undergone by the building in the Tudor, Stuart and Georgian periods, including a description of the Middleton chapel. In dealing with the church furniture and ornaments, Mr. Pearson, mentions the recovery from a farmyard of a font which probably once stood in the 14th century chapel at Killington but has now been re-erected and placed in the baptistry at Kirkby Lonsdale. There is also included an account of some of the most interesting of the many epitaphs upon monuments in the church. The book concludes with some amusing anecdotes of some of the old-fashioned vicars of Kirkby Lonsdale and their parish clerks. This beautifully

produced little volume should be consulted by all who purpose to visit Kirkby Lonsdale Church. In purchasing it they will have the satisfaction of knowing that all profits from its sale are being given towards the upkeep of that beautiful and historic building.

"The Agricolan Fort at Fendoch," by I. A. Richmond, M.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot. and James McIntyre, F.S.A. With contributions by J. A. Stanfield, Eric Birley, M.A., F.S.A. and A. Raistrick, Ph.D., M.Sc. Proceedings of the Antiquaries of Scotland, Vol. lxxiii, Seventh Series, Vol. i, pp. 110-154.

This interesting report upon the excavation of a Roman fort situated upon the fringe of the Scottish Highlands is the work of two of our members Mr. I. A. Richmond and Mr. James McIntyre, while another member, Mr. Eric Birley contributes a note upon some of the pottery found during the course of the work of excavation. This report which is copiously illustrated by photographs, plans and diagrams will be welcomed by all who have followed the reports upon the excavation of forts in Scotland which during the last few years has shed so much new light upon the subject of the Roman occupation of North Britain.

"Gretna Green Marriages," by W. T. McIntire. A lecture given at the June meeting, 1940, of the Society of Genealogists, and printed in its *Transactions*.