

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE YEAR.

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“The Registers of St. Andrew’s Parish Church, Penrith, Volumes III (1661-1713) and IV (1714-1769),” transcribed by Col. Francis Haswell, C.I.E., M.D. Privately printed for the Parish Register Section of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian Society; uniform with the series of which they form Vols. xxviii and xxix.

The thanks of our Society and of all students of our local history and genealogy are due to Colonel Haswell for the labour he has expended upon the publication of two further volumes of this important register. It is to be hoped that members of our Parish Register Section and the general public will give generous support to this department of our Society’s work and enable the publications of their annual volumes to be continued in the face of difficulties inseparable from war-time conditions. The present double instalment of the Penrith Parish Registers brings the record down to 1769. During the period they cover the increasing number of entries seems to reflect an expansion of the population of the town. This increase of entries is the more remarkable in view of prevalence of dissenters in the district. Some of their names occur, as Dr. Haswell points out in his preface to Vol. III, in the Miscellaneous entries. The population of Penrith moreover was increased about the year 1745 by the presence in the town of a large number of soldiers and French prisoners on parole.

As Colonel Haswell notes, it is unfortunate that the older families of note in the area, like the Musgraves of Musgrave Hall and the Huttons of Hutton Hall, disappear about this time. There are, however, many features of interest to be observed in this period, including as it does that of the incumbency of Dr. Todd, concerning whose induction in 1699 there is a note among the Miscellaneous entries, signed as archdeacon by his subsequently bitter opponent, the future Bishop William Nicolson.

These miscellaneous entries contain moreover interesting lists of churchwardens and sidesmen, and records of a number of church collections made between the years 1661-63. Among the objects of these collections are the raising of funds for the rebuilding of Pontefract Church, help to the poor of Lithuania, for the church at “Rippin,” for two prisoners “who were taken by the Turks and are prisoners in Bassimania and for John Milner (“a most unthankfull person”).

The local place-names included in the entries have by this date assumed much their present forms and offer no special features of interest. Among the employments mentioned is that of "bedlam" or belter, with the meaning pedler.

It is to be hoped that the editor of these interesting registers will be able to add a fifth and concluding volume to a record which has already proved its utility. Our thanks should be accorded also to Mr. W. H. Leech, who in the absence of Mr. C. S. Jackson has kindly undertaken the important duties of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Parish Register Section.

*The Water-Supply of the Roman Fort at Lyne.* By I. A. Richmond, M.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot., *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, Vol. lxxv, pp. 39-43.

The Roman fort at Lyne, visited by our Society on the occasion of its excursion into the Scottish lowlands in 1935, stands on a plateau the height of which above the water-table of the valley beneath rendered the digging of wells for an adequate supply of water impossible. In this article our member, Mr. I. A. Richmond, gives an interesting description of the remains of a system of water-tanks and stone-lined culverts constructed to deal with this difficulty. The article is illustrated by plans showing the relation of the fort to its surroundings and the fort itself in detail.

"The Rev. James Farrer, Vicar of Brignall, 1739-1780," by the Rev. W. Oliver, F.S.A., Rector of Rokeby-with-Brignall.

In this pamphlet our member, the Rev. William Oliver, gives an account of the ministry of one of his predecessors in the office of vicar of Brigham. The subject of this carefully compiled study, the Rev. James Farrer, was perhaps a native of Orton in Westmorland though there is no documentary evidence to support this statement. His possible connection by birth with Westmorland may perhaps explain his predilection for Cumberland and Westmorland men in his choice of curates. Among these were Richard Barwick, a native of Shap; Joseph Wilson, born at Kirkoswald; Miles Steadman from Musgrave and Alexander Simpson from Kirkby Stephen. The story of Mr. Farrer's incumbency at Brignall and of his connection with the school in that village casts many interesting side-lights upon life in that neighbourhood during the later years of the 18th century.

"St. Peter's Church, Heversham," by W. T. McIntire. A short historical account and general description of the church for the use of visitors.