

PUBLICATIONS OF THE YEAR.

“Lanercost Priory,” by John R. H. Moorman, M.A., D.D., pp. 32, price 9d. (postage extra). Obtainable from the Vicarage Lanercost. Printed by Wright and Hoggard, Beverley.

Dr. Moorman has already established himself as a skilled and learned historian, and many future visitors to his beautiful church of Lanercost will be glad that he has displayed his gifts in a guide-book which is a model of its kind. The scanty available authorities have been judiciously sifted to construct the bird's-eye view of the house's history with which the booklet opens. The account of the architectural remains is made very enlightening for the general reader by the inclusion of useful details concerning the life lived by the medieval regular canons (who included Lanercost amongst their houses). The guide is lavishly illustrated and does the printers much credit. An accurate plan is provided to which in the next edition the author might add scale and dates. Carefully compiled and attractively produced, this guidebook is more than good value for the modest sum for which it is to be had.

“A New Guide to Cartmel Priory Church,” by J. C. Dickinson, M.A., B.Litt. pp. 20, price 9d. (postage extra). Obtainable from the Priory Shop, Cartmel. Printed by A. Holdsworth, Milnthorpe.

The Editor's new guide to Cartmel is of similar scope to Dr. Moorman's booklet and likewise opens with a summary of the little history of the priory which remains on record. His account of the architectural evolution of the church is based on his paper on the subject printed above in this Volume (Art. XV), the first systematic study of the subject. Cartmel priory, unlike Lanercost has lost almost all the monastic buildings but its church was more fortunate in that it survived the Reformation almost unscathed. In consequence the contents of the Cartmel Church are of great interest and are here described in detail, full justice being done to the magnificent choir stalls. Four full page photographs by N. C. B. H. Allen, A.R.P.S., greatly add to the value of the guide. Once again the printers are to be congratulated.

St. Cuthbert and Carlisle.

Much of our scanty knowledge of Carlisle in Anglian times is derived from its connection with St. Cuthbert. The appearance therefore of Mr. B. Colgrave's *Two Lives of St. Cuthbert* (Cambridge 1940) is an event of value and interest to our Society. We have here edited in a fashion it would be impertinent to praise the two chief lives of the Saint, together with extensive notes and a full translation of the texts. Mr. Colgrave had previously put us in his debt by a most interesting article in the *Burlington Magazine* for July, 1938 in which he showed the famous painting of scenes from the Life of St. Cuthbert in Carlisle cathedral were copied from a fine twelfth century MS. (B.M. Additional MS. 39943) made at Durham and probably borrowed from there by Bishop Richard Bell, who was prior of Durham 1464-78 and bishop of Carlisle when prior Gondibour had the stalls painted (see also *Eng. Hist. Rev.* 54, 674-5).

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