



Photo: H. R. Hulbert.

W. G. Collingwood
(1854-1932).

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In Memoriam

WILLIAM GERSHOM COLLINGWOOD (1854-1932) will long be remembered with gratitude and affection by the members of this Society, to which he contributed so generously throughout the forty-five years of his membership. In particular, the New Series of our *Transactions* owes to him its inception, and the standard which subsequent Editors have been glad to keep before them as an exemplar; there is no branch of our activities which does not owe much to his influence, whether by personal research and writing or by the encouragement and support of other members; and though the outer world thought more highly of his brilliant son, Robin George Collingwood (1889-1943), posterity will perhaps reverse the judgment of their contemporaries. An obituary notice, clearly from the pen of R.G.C., was printed in our *Transactions* soon after his death (which took place on 1 October 1932): see CW2 xxxiii 308-312; and reference may also be made, for a more recent assessment of his influence, to CW2 li 189. But there is no portrait of him to be found in any volume, and the Editors are therefore all the more grateful to our Vice-President, Mr R. E. Porter, F.S.A., for placing at their disposal the photograph here reproduced, which it seems appropriate to include in the volume of *Transactions* to be issued in 1954, the centenary of his birth. Mr Porter contributes the following note: "W.G.C. did not like being photographed, but many years ago, at the Ravenglass Roman fort, our late member H.R. Hulbert of Rydal managed to take a snapshot of W.G.C., R.G.C. and Miss Fair standing by the Roman bath-house. From this, Hulbert had an enlargement made of the W.G.C. part, and gave me this copy, which I have always treasured. So far as I can remember, this is the only photograph I have of the Grand Old Man, and I think it does give a likeness of him."

Dr EDWARD PARKER HAYTHORNTHWAITTE, who died on 21 September 1953, aged 84, had been a member of our Society since 1915. He was the third son of the Rev. Richard Haythornthwaite, sometime vicar of Cleator Moor, and was educated at St Bees School and Queens' College, Cambridge; he then studied medicine in Edinburgh, and in 1905 he entered into practice at Rowrah in West Cumberland, remaining there until 1948, when he retired, making his home with his elder son at

Kirkby Thore. He had a profound knowledge of the antiquities of his native county, though he never contributed to our *Transactions*; he was an excellent shot, an angler second to none in his knowledge of the best trout pools of Ennerdale, Calder and Loweswater, and in his younger days he used to enjoy combining sick-visiting with a day's hunting over the western fells. But above all he will be remembered for his wise understanding of human nature, and for his lively wit.

Canon CHARLES EDWIN WHITING, D.D., D.Litt., F.S.A., Emeritus Professor of History in the University of Durham, who died on 24 March 1953, aged 81, has left an abiding memorial in the Durham school of history, in his own writings, and in the records of several of our sister societies. He was a Past President of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne and of the Durham and Northumberland Society, and President of the Yorkshire Archæological Society, contributing much to their publications; this is not the place for a full memoir of him, but it may be recorded here that he became a member of our Society in 1929, and that, as the first secretary of the Durham University Excavation Committee, he was primarily responsible for that committee's generous and active collaboration with our Society in the excavations at Birdoswald, from 1927 onwards, which did so much to solve the problems of the history of the Wall. Though his own special studies lay mainly in the seventeenth century, he had a sympathetic interest in the Roman archæology of the north of Britain; it is no secret that it was he and his colleague in the Newcastle Division of the university, the late John Lyle Morison, who were mainly responsible for the creation of the initial teaching posts and courses of study in the history and archæology of Roman Britain, which have given the University of Durham a leading and distinguished place in that field. Many members will have happy memories of his learned and entertaining addresses to the Society, on the occasion of its visit to Durham in 1935 (CW2 xxxvi 212 ff.); and his former colleagues will never forget his wisdom, his deep sincerity and his buoyant spirit.

Sir WALTER DE LANCEY AITCHISON, F.S.A., who died on 14 October 1953, had been a member of our Society since 1927, and though he never contributed directly to our *Transactions*, he served on the Cumberland Excavation Committee and did much, by wise counsel and by practical help, to encourage active research in our district. Professor I. A. Richmond contributes the following memoir: "There can have been few who

knew the wild places of the four northern counties better, or who drank in their beauty of scenery, history and wild life with greater zest or appreciation. The wild places and the historic sites appealed to a deeply sensitive spirit — shy, modest and quiet, always on the outside of a crowd though perhaps the most appreciative person in it. His deep interest in our antiquities had its practical side. As founder of the Christian-bury Trust he aided liberally with money many excavations in our area, and he encouraged personally many pioneering efforts, notably Dr St Joseph's campaigns of air-photography and the road researches of Mr Bellhouse and others. In many of these investigations he took an active part, even when thrombosis had struck him. A fuller memoir will be appearing in *Archæologia Aeliana*; but this short tribute is due meanwhile to the memory of a keen antiquary whose premature death is mourned by many members of our Society, which extends its deep sympathy to Lady Aitchison, to his son and heir, our member Sir Stephen Aitchison, and to the other members of his family."

Mr MICHAEL HOLROYD, M.A., F.S.A., Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, who died on 12 October 1953, aged 61, had been a member of our Society since 1930. He took part in the excavations at Birdoswald in the decisive season of 1929, and occasionally managed to attend our excursions, but he had too many commitments in Oxford to be able to play a more active part in the Society's affairs, though he followed its activities with very great interest. Yet his indirect influence on the Roman archæology of the northern counties was very great: it was he who persuaded the writer of this brief memoir to make Hadrian's Wall and the University of Durham his main fields of work—and who took practical steps to enlist the active interest of that university, by writing the private letter to Sir Theodore Morison, then Principal of Armstrong College, which really started the ball rolling. He published very little; but there can have been few teachers of ancient history in Oxford, since Haverfield's day, who exerted so great and lasting an influence over their pupils, or were so greatly loved. E.B.

Mr WILLIAM NORMAN LING, who died in December 1953, aged 80, was elected a member of our Society in September 1907. The son of the late Mr Christopher Ling, a Carlisle corn merchant and one time mayor of the city, he was educated at Winchester and entered his father's business which he conducted until a few years ago. He was a bachelor and lived in rooms

at Wetheral. Apart from his business, his main interest was in mountaineering. During his career, he climbed practically every major peak in Europe and was once invited to take part in an expedition to Mount Everest. The Alpine Club records shew that he was climbing at the age of 75. He was a keen churchman and a regular attender at Wetheral church. From time to time, he attended the meetings of this Society; the last being that in July 1952.

Mr J. W. SHEPHERD, who died on 10 March 1954, was a member of the Society from 1917. Mr Shepherd was born at Ingleton and spent much of his life in Lunesdale but later resided in Sedbergh. He took an active interest in local affairs. He was a magistrate until he retired on reaching the age limit, a governor of Sedbergh School and of Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale. He was keenly interested in the antiquities and history of Sedbergh and district, particularly in the Roman remains, and assisted in the excavations which were carried out at Burrow Roman fort in 1952 and 1953.

Mr ANTHONY BAGSTER WILSON of Thornthwaite Grange, Keswick, who died on 10 November 1953, aged 82, was elected a member of our Society in September 1900. A member of an old Kendal Quaker family, Mr Wilson was a member of the Institute of Mining Engineers. He was a prominent figure in local government and was for many years a member of the Cumberland County Council. It was largely owing to his inspiration that the Keswick "garden city", Greta Hamlet, was built. In politics, he was a convinced Liberal. Though he never contributed any paper to *Transactions*, he was keenly interested in the work of this Society and until recently frequently attended our excursions.

We also record, with regret, the deaths of the following members of the Society, whose dates of joining it are added in parenthesis:—

Mr E. W. GLAISTER, Stainton, Carlisle (1929), a contributor to the Parish Register and Record Publication funds.

Mrs J. C. MACIVER, Orton (1929).

Mrs MORDEN RIGG, Annapolis, Maryland (1930).

Mr W. W. HALLAM, Kirkby Stephen (1949).

Mr BERTRAM PARKES, Carlisle (1950).

Mrs K. B. YOUNG, Newby Bridge (1952).