

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"Some Old Wells, Trees and Travel-tracks of Wordsworth's Parish," by George Middleton (Ambleside, The St. Oswald's Press, 1918; pp. 51). A little book in popular style on some features already of historic interest—the Holy well at Grasmere, the Nab well and oak at Rydal, old trees at Ambleside and footpaths in the neighbourhood.

"An outline history of the Kirkby Lonsdale Grammar School," by Col. W. H. Chippendall (Kirkby Lonsdale, H. Morphet, 1918; pp. 39). The school was founded in 1582 and therefore does not appear in Leach's "Schools of Mediæval England"; but it deserves its historian. No doubt further details could be collected; the vicar kindly contributes additional names of schoolmasters from the Registers:—Peter Magson, married Aug., 1617 [and probably the son, baptized at Hawkshead Aug. 4, 1594, of Peter Magson, M.A., schoolmaster there until his death in 1616 when he was succeeded by his elder son Francis]. William Richardson, M.A., buried March, 1625-6. Richard Jackson, M.A., married Dorothy Otway, Nov. 27, 1627; their children were baptized—William, Sept. 4, 1628; Thomas, Sept. 3, 1629; John, Dec. 26, 1630. John Bowerdall, buried April, 1634. Henry Carr, married Nov., 1634, and buried Dec., 1637.

"History of Windermere Parish Church," by the Rev. Euston J. Nurse, M.A.: rector of Windermere: second edition (Windermere, A. W. Johnson & Sons, 1919; pp. 119, 18 illustrations, 2s. 6d.). Beside the author's description of his church we have in this booklet sections on the church plate by Canon Rawnsley, on the early clergy by Mr. A. P. Brydson (see Art. xi. of this volume), on the later clergy by the late George Browne of Troutbeck (see these *Transactions*, n.s., ix.) and on "The Washington Arms" in the east window by Canon Solloway of Selby Abbey. Chancellor Ferguson (these *Transactions* o.s., iv., p. 63) suggested, with hesitation, that the shield might be attributed to Lowick and Lawrence; Mr. H. F. Wilson corrected the reading to Washington and Lawrence, a position argued at length by Canon Solloway, and later (in the *Westmorland Gazette* of Sept. 6, 1919) by Mr. J. Pape. The somewhat puzzling statement at

the foot of p. 3 can be corrected by turning to p. 80 ; but we are unable to find the evidence for a wooden church dating back to 1000 years ago, or for the existence of "Registers prior to the 15th century." On the other hand, Dr. J. C. Cox in *County Churches ; Cumberland and Westmorland*, p. 176, seems to give too little weight to the real argument for the destruction by fire and the reconsecration in or about 1483.

"The Date of the Bewcastle Cross," by Wm. Peters Reeves, Kenyon College (*Modern Language Notes*, Baltimore, U.S.A. ; vol. xxxv, no. 3, pp. 155-160 ; March, 1920). The chief feature in this article is a new reading of lines 6 and 7 of the main inscription, thus :—(5) . . .ÆFT ÆLCFRI (6) THU EL(. .F?) GUIN (king) (7) EAC OISIEU (king) : taking the rune-stave usually read "ing" at the ends of the two lines for "king," and identifying ELFGUIN with the Ailguin of Nennius, i.e. Ælfwine, brother of Alchfrith and Ecgrith, and OISIEU with Oswiu, their father. If this is accepted it makes the cross dedicated to the memory of Alchfrith, Ælfwine and Oswiu, and "as Ecgrith's name does not appear in the memorial inscription the cross may be reasonably conceived to have been erected in his lifetime, somewhere between 679, the death of Ailguin, and 685, the year of his own death in battle against the Picts." The difficulties in accepting this date, as pointed out in these *Transactions* N.S., xv., 129, are not discussed.

"Erminois : a Book of Family Records," compiled by Rev. C. Moor, D.D. (Kendal, Titus Wilson & Son, 1918 ; 50 copies privately printed ; quarto, pp. xii., 144, with many illustrations). The Moors or Moores of Irton were among the old 'statesman families described by Dr. Moor in his paper in these *Transactions* N.S., x. In this volume he amplifies the short account, tracing the descent of his household from the Cumbrian stock, and adding notices of other families in Cumberland and elsewhere connected with the Moors. As a collection of pedigrees and biographies by an expert in such research it is a book of value beyond its immediate purpose, and many members will be glad to know that it can be consulted at the Jackson Library, to which Dr. Moor has presented a copy.

"The Registers of the Archdeaconry of Richmond, 1361-1442," edited, with introduction and notes, from the abstract made by Matthew Hutton (B.M. ; MS. Harl. 6978) by A. Hamilton Thompson, M.A., F.S.A. (*Yorks. Archaeol. Journal*, xxv., pp. 129-

268, forming part 98). There is no need to say how valuable to students of our district this transcript of all that remains of the Register, with abundant and scholarly notes, will be found. Some use has already been made of it above, in Art. xi., and the preferments to many churches in the present diocese of Carlisle are similarly registered and annotated.

“The Constitutional Growth of Carlisle Cathedral,” by the Rev. Canon Wilson (*Scot. Hist. Rev.*, April, 1920). A learned sketch of the early history, describing the canons before 1133, the Augustinian canons and bishopric of that date, the priory and archdeaconry of the later 12th century, and following struggles and readjustments from which the modern organisation has grown by continuous development.
