

In Memoriam.

When Professor Haverfield accepted office as our President he conferred upon us no small honour. His own reputation was established long before; he was known everywhere as the chief authority on the most important department of antiquarian study, and held a position to which our presidency added nothing. Indeed, there was some doubt in the mind of those who invited him as to his acceptance of a title which would throw upon him the responsibility of maintaining our claim to be called a learned Society. But his reply, in characteristic terms, was "Well, you don't print as much twaddle as some people!" And there were old links between him and us. Early in his career he had been attracted to Roman Cumberland; he had made a close friendship with Chancellor Ferguson, and he had not only given us great assistance but had gained something himself from the study. Such a sketch as we can give here of his life must deal almost entirely with his relations to our Society and district; a fuller biography will no doubt appear in due course.

FRANCIS JOHN HAVERFIELD joined us in 1890, at the age of 30, being then comparatively unknown though already equipped for his life's work. Born in 1860 at Shipton-on-Stour, the son of the Rev. W. R. Haverfield and nephew of Bishop Mackarness of Oxford, he made no distinct mark at Winchester and New College except as one who took a line of his own in his studies, and he left Oxford without a fellowship to be schoolmaster at Lancing. Shortly before joining us he had become a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, for the Roman Wall was one of his chief interests. He contributed to these pages in that year a discussion of the Brough forgery; in 1891 he was elected F.S.A. and next year he wrote another paper for us, and described in *The Athenaeum* our diggings at Hardknot. He had just been recalled to Oxford as tutor at Christ Church, where in 1893 he was elected Student. By this time his reputation was such that Mommsen had given him the British part of the great *Corpus Inscriptionum* to edit; but the Cumberland Excavation Committee claimed him also, and for ten years onward he took a leading part in our work and wrote

the annual Reports in these *Transactions* as well as a number of minor papers and his *Catalogue of the Roman Stones at Tullie House* (1899), to which he added a supplement later. One of his last acts was to offer the cost of reprinting this valuable work with considerable additions: an offer which has unfortunately lapsed owing to the suddenness of his death.

In that year, 1899, we elected him a vice-president. In 1903 the ten years' work of the Excavation Committee came to an end, and for some time he was occupied in other directions. In 1907 he succeeded Professor Pelham as Camden Professor of Ancient History at Oxford, where his lectures were at once most learned and most popular. In 1908 he wrote for the *Cymmrodorion* his "Military Aspects of Roman Wales." He became member and officer of many learned societies—Hon. F.S.A.Scot., LL.D., Litt.D. of Leeds, President of the Society for Roman Studies, vice-president of the Society of Antiquaries, Fellow of the British Academy, etc.

But in 1910 he resumed active connexion with us, addressed us at Corstopitum, and recommenced contributions with the important paper on "Cotton Iulius F. VI." and other articles, including additions to Mr. F. G. Simpson's report on High House milecastle, which he also described in the *Jahrbuch* of the German Imperial Institute, for he kept in touch, before the war, with all foreign movements for Roman research. In 1912 he addressed our Society at Plumpton Wall (*Voreda*) and in 1913, when the exploration of Ambleside Fort was begun, he shared the work and opened our great meeting at the site with a short general address, handsomely leaving the description to his young associate, Mr. R. G. Collingwood. Each year following he spent time at Ambleside, and in the district, giving much help to our work, as in his supervision of Mr. Bailey's *Catalogue of the Netherhall Collection*.

In September, 1915, on the resignation of Mr. T. Hesketh Hodgson, he was elected President of our Society, and showed himself more eager than ever to forward our interests in many details—attention to Council business, assistance to the editor, gifts for which he desired no acknowledgment—and by representing us outside our district. But about Christmas of 1916 his health broke down with a sudden attack or "stroke." He recovered sufficiently to show active interest in the preparation of Messrs. May and Hope's *Catalogue of Pottery at Carlisle* and to speak at the meetings of the British Association and ourselves at Newcastle, Chesters and Carlisle. His papers on *The First Days*

of *Carlisle and Fibulae* (1917), *The Roman Name of Birdoswald* and *The Provisioning of Roman Forts* (1918), and *Old Carlisle* (1919) were received in his absence, though in August last he was revising inscriptions in Cumberland and intended joining our excursion, but was obliged to go home through ill health. He did not know, up to the last, that he was suffering from angina pectoris, from which he died at Winshields, Headington Hill, Oxford, on October 1st, 1919.

He married in 1907 Miss Winifred Breakwell, who survives him; but he leaves no children, unless we may reckon as his spiritual children the group of younger scholars who have been formed under his teaching and will surely carry on the work he began so brilliantly.

THE REV. CANON HUDSON of Crosby House, Carlisle, had been a member since 1888. He was curate of St. Mary's, Carlisle, vicar of Troutbeck, and then vicar of Crosby from 1879 to 1895. In 1900 he was appointed to an honorary canonry, and died at an advanced age on November 14th, 1919.

On our excursion of September 8th, 1904, we were shown the "pit-dwellings" at Castle Carrock and entertained at Gelt Hall by His Honour Judge Steavenson, who also contributed to these *Transactions* a paper on Hallsteads (N.S., viii.). Mr. DAVID FENWICK STEAVENSON was born in Northumberland and educated at King William's College, I. of Man, and Trinity Hall. He rowed in the Cambridge eight against Oxford in 1864, 1865 and 1866. After being called to the Bar he practised on the North-Eastern Circuit and was appointed County Court Judge for Cumberland and Westmorland in 1891, and J.P. for Cumberland in 1893. In 1896 he joined our Society and was elected a vice-president in 1899. In 1912, on account of ill health, he retired, and spent the rest of his life in the South, dying at the age of 75 at Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

To the REV. JOHN D. HENDERSON, M.A., these *Transactions* owe the illustrations to the late Canon Bower's papers on Grave-slabs in N.S., vii., ix. and xii., though he did not become a member until 1918. The second son of the late dean of Carlisle, he was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Queen's College, Oxford, of which he was a scholar: B.A. in 1881, ordained in 1882, and M.A. in 1893. He was a keen antiquary and skilled in drawing, carpentry, wood-carving and bookbinding. During his vicariate of Porchester he wrote and illustrated a guide to Porchester

Castle, and the sketches in the Guide to Carlisle Cathedral are from his hand. Never very robust, he was eventually obliged to retire, but threw himself into such work as that of the Carlisle Citizen League and for the prisoners of war, and was beloved by all. He died at Headsnook aged 63 years.

The death of Archdeacon and Chancellor Prescott on February 17th, 1920, at the Abbey, Carlisle, removed a very important figure from Cumberland and from our Society. He was elected a member as long ago as 1875 and a vice-president in 1897; in 1911, still interested in our work, he joined the newly formed Committee for Parish Registers. Though he was not often seen of late years at general meetings he was rarely absent from the Council, where his word was of great weight. So also was his influence felt among students of medieval history; and if his papers in our *Transactions* are few, they are important and his helping hand is often seen in our pages. Of his *Wetherhal* he said in the preface, "This book cannot be expected to have many readers," and there were, in fact, only 105 copies subscribed; but no book has been so diligently read by students or so frequently quoted as authoritative.

Wetherhal was published in 1897. Dr. Prescott had already printed his *Visitations in the Ancient Diocese of Carlisle* (1880) and his translation of the *Statutes of the Cathedral Church of Carlisle* (second edition, 1903). His later contributions to these *Transactions* were *Notes on a MS. Register of Wetherhal* (1897), *The Officers of the Diocese* (1910), *Notes on the Rectors of Aikton* (1914) and *The Grammar School of Carlisle* (1915).

JOHN EUSTACE PRESCOTT was born at Wakefield in 1832, the son of a Gibraltar merchant and a Yorkshire lady. From Peterborough Grammar School he went with a scholarship to Corpus Christi, Cambridge, and graduated twelfth wrangler in 1855. He was then elected fellow and lecturer in divinity at his college and after holding curacies at Whissendine and Hawk-hurst he was appointed in 1868 to the vicarage of St. Edward's, Cambridge, previously held by Harvey Goodwin, who on becoming bishop of Carlisle invited him to be his examining chaplain and appointed him canon in 1870. In 1873 he took his D.D. at Cambridge, and in 1883 succeeded Archdeacon Boutflower in the archdeaconry of Carlisle. In 1900 he became Chancellor on the death of our president R. S. Ferguson. He was a preacher of great influence; his lectures on Hymns and Hymn-writers attracted admiration; his vigorous personality, supported by

close knowledge of facts, commanded respect in the many departments of activity—educational, philanthropic and administrative—which engaged him in the life of the city and diocese. It is not to be forgotten that he was also an enthusiastic angler on the Eden and in Scottish waters, and a genial host in his house at the Abbey. He married in 1858 Miss Rosalie Alcock of Skipton, whose death in September, 1919, was a very severe blow to him ; and he is survived by four sons, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. J. R. HIGHMOOR, of the Chantry, Ravenstonedale, a member since 1909, died on February 17th, 1920, aged 71 years.

The RIGHT REV. JOHN WILLIAM DIGGLE, D.D., Bishop of Carlisle, whose death occurred at the age of 73 years, at Rose Castle, on March 24th, 1920, was elected a member of our Society in September, 1905, becoming by the rule then in force one of our Patrons. In September, 1910, he with Mrs. Diggle kindly entertained members at Rose Castle on the occasion of our visit. A Lancashire man, he won in 1866 a mathematical postmastership at Merton College, Oxford, from Manchester Grammar School, and in 1870 he took a first class in Law and Modern History. After curacies at Manchester and Liverpool he became in 1875 vicar of St. James's, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, where he showed exceptional gifts and capacity as a preacher and organiser. In 1892 Bishop Bardsley appointed him Canon of Carlisle and Archdeacon of Westmorland ; but he left the diocese in 1901 on accepting the living of Birmingham parish church. In 1903 Bishop Gore nominated him Archdeacon of Birmingham, and on the death of Bishop Bardsley in 1905 he was raised to the see of Carlisle. As an author he is known best by his volume on Bishop Fraser's Lancashire life ; but it was his energy and effectiveness, his outspoken freshness of thought and his sympathy with all classes that won him the title of " The People's Bishop," and will make his grave in Crosthwaite churchyard a place of pilgrimage for many.

Mr. CHARLES R. B. MCGILCHRIST, F.S.A.Scot., who died at Liscard, Cheshire, on April 5th, 1920, aged 66, had joined our Society in 1913, being attracted by the exploration of Ambleside fort. He was greatly interested in Roman remains, which he had visited in many parts at home and abroad. He had done antiquarian work in tracing roads on the Border, and his summer home in Eskdale gave him the opportunity of investigating the

Roman road to Ravenglass, on which he wrote in these *Transactions* N.S., xix. He wrote also *Birkhill*, a volume dealing with the Border country, published anonymously as "A Reminiscence by a Liverpool Merchant" (Selkirk, 1905), and was well known as a philanthropic and religious worker, as a magistrate and latterly as secretary to the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. With him we lose one who would certainly have become an efficient collaborator in our Society's researches.

THE REV. HARDWICK DRUMMOND RAWNSLEY, M.A., Canon of Carlisle and Hon. Chaplain to H.M. the King, died at Allan Bank, Grasmere, on May 28th, 1920, in his 69th year. A relative of Tennyson the poet, he became widely known by his poems and by his poetical prose writings and addresses on the Lake Country, its beauties, associations and residents, from Wordsworth and Ruskin to the shepherds and cottagers of the dales. After taking his degree at Balliol College, Oxford, he became vicar of Wray (1878) and married Miss Edith Fletcher of Croft, near Ambleside. Together they began, under Ruskin's influence, the teaching of home-industries and were among the first to promote the Crafts movements, which afterwards grew to considerable proportions. In 1883 he became vicar of Crosthwaite, and took a great share in many forms of philanthropic and public work, both in the diocese and in a wider sphere: of these energetic and beneficent activities this is hardly the place to write. After the death of Mrs. Rawnsley, on the last day of 1916, he resigned his incumbency, and in a while settled at Allan Bank, Grasmere, a house which he adorned with memorials of Wordsworth and Coleridge, his predecessors in the tenancy. In 1918 he married Miss Eleanor Simpson, the author of the famous Grasmere plays.

Elected to our Society in 1883 he made many communications and addressed us frequently: as on "William Pearson" (1901, printed in the *Northern Counties Magazine* in the following September); on the Portinscale finds (1902); on finds at Bristowe Hill (1904); on stones from Dunnerbeck (1907); on Christ-Crosses and Crosthwaite Church, and on the Courthouse in King's Arms lane, Carlisle (1913); on a Bronze Spear from Caldbeck (1914) and recently on a refound Roman altar (Art. xiv. in this volume), and he was always helpful in practical matters. When the Ambleside Fort was under consideration he gave great assistance in raising funds for the purchase of the site: and as inceptor and Hon. Sec. of the National Trust he acquired

the Keswick Stone Circle and other items of the greatest antiquarian interest. In acknowledgement of these services he was elected a member of our Council in 1919, and his loss will be very distinctly felt by the Society as well as by the wider public in whose service he was untiring. He is buried in Crosthwaite churchyard.
