

PUBLICATIONS OF THE YEAR.

“The Registers of St. Andrew’s Parish Church, Penrith, Volume V (1770-1812),” 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 it forms Vol. xxx.

Colonel Haswell is to be congratulated upon the publication of this fifth and final instalment of the long and important series of registers of Penrith Church. Present and future students of our local history will have cause to be grateful to him for all the care and labour he has so generously devoted to the compilation of a record which must prove of inestimable value to genealogists and all engaged in historical research. The present volume with its indexes and other matter is more bulky than the general run of its predecessors, containing as it does 339 pages. Its size, as Colonel Haswell notes in his preface is due to the large increase in the population of Penrith between the years 1770 and 1812, the period covered by the volume. The town at that time was occupied by a garrison in billets and a number of followers as well.

This concluding volume of the Register lacks perhaps some of the striking features which added a special attraction to the earlier instalments. The curious miscellaneous entries of former volumes are reduced to lists of vicars and churchwardens which as they are already printed and exhibited in the church are here omitted. Local place-names have assumed their modern form; older families, with the exception of the Whelpdales, have, as Colonel Haswell notes, ceased to reside in Penrith; the carefully compiled index of professions and trades, contains no curious obsolete terms. On the other hand one is able to trace in the register the first appearance in connection with Penrith of many families now well known in Cumberland. An interesting entry among the burials is that relating to March 11th, 1778, “Mrs. Wordsworth wife of John Wordsworth, Esqre., of Cockermouth, aged 30.”

It is no small achievement on the part of the Parish Register Section to have produced this substantial volume in the midst of wartime difficulties and distractions, and it is to be hoped that

further and sorely needed financial support may be afforded them in the valuable work upon which they are engaged. It is proposed to print the Brougham Parish Register next year and to continue with Westmorland parishes for a period.

"The Lakeland Poets. A short study of the lives, principles and influences of the Lake School," by David Horne. Arthur H. Stockwell, Ltd.; 3/6 net.

This book should appeal to all lovers of the literature of the Lake District, written as it was by one who though still only in the eighteenth year of his life had already made an unusually close study of the lives and achievements of the Lake poets and acquired a thorough knowledge of the district which inspired their poetic genius. Readers of the book cannot fail to be impressed by the charming personality of its author, the son of our member the Rev. H. B. Horne, and to lament the terrible accident on the Pillar Rock which cut short so promising a career in literature. This posthumous publication of his work is a fitting tribute to his memory. The book is divided into two parts, the first dealing with the combined lives of the poets and bringing into prominence the points of connection between their respective works; the second, which shows the writer at his best, containing a sympathetic but by no means indiscriminate estimate of the value of their poetry. The interest of the book is further enhanced by its illustrations, also the work of the author, special praise being due to that depicting Cockley Beck. It may be added that any royalties earned by the sale of the book will be devoted to endow a cot in Dr. Barnado's Homes in memory of the author, and we hope it will meet with the reception it so well deserves from the public.

"Physiographical Notes from Lakeland," by Thomas Hay. *The Geographical Journal*, Vol. C, No. 4, October, 1942.

We are deeply indebted to our member, Mr. Thomas Hay, for yet another contribution to the geological study of our district, nor can a knowledge of geological conditions fail to be of advantage to anyone who takes an interest in its pre-history. The writer first deals with the high-level erratics and boulder trains—the "felsenmeere," or "blockspreads" as he prefers to call them, such as are to be found in such places as the top of Hartside. Among other subjects treated are those of summit weathering, stratification phenomena on the fells, high-level local drift, moraines, rock fissures, screes, fans and slopes and the windward

trend in deltas such as that at the mouth of the beck at Glenridding. The article is illustrated by a series of excellent photographs. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hay will, in addition to his welcome articles upon the archaeology of the Ullswater district, continue to add to our store of knowledge of its geological features.

“The Journal of the Lakeland Dialect Society” (No. 4, November, 1942).

With this its fourth annual issue, under the able editorship of Mr. E. R. Denwood, the Journal of the Lakeland Dialect Society may be considered still further to have established its position in the current literature of our district. The present volume maintains the excellent standard of articles set by previous issues. Members of our Society will turn with special interest to the article “Some Old Westmorland Folk-Singers,” by our member Miss Anne G. Gilchrist, F.S.A., while Cumberland readers will appreciate Mrs. Warwick’s “The Bonny Watter,” dealing with the “Haarf Net Fishermen” of Bowness-on-Solway. Since the publication of this volume, we note with sincere regret the death of Mr. Lancelot Salkeld Porter, a vice-president of the Lakeland Dialect Society and one to whose work the foundation of that society is due in no small degree.

“Proceedings of the Teesdale Record Society” (No. 9, 1943).

We welcome this latest instalment of an interesting series of records. Among the articles included therein is one by our member, the Rev. William Oliver, F.S.A., upon “The Rokeby Brief Book.” This book contains a record of sums of money collected between the years 1661 and 1708 in the ancient and now vanished parish church of Rokeby, which once stood in the park near the junction of the Greta with the Tees. The places for which these collections were made and the causes for which the respective briefs were granted offer many points of interest. They range from moneys contributed to necessitous places and people in the district, to aid given to such causes as those of “Protestants in Lithuania,” “Captives in Algeria,” etc. There is but one entry relating to Cumberland—a collection on March 14th, 1685, which yielded 2s. 3d., the cause not being specified. There is a fourth instalment of an interesting and beautifully illustrated record of local grave slabs.

“ St. Cuthbert’s Church, Edenhall,” by W. T. McIntire.

A pamphlet for the use of visitors to Edenhall church, describing the building, its principal monuments and its heraldic painted glass windows.

“ St. Mary’s Church, Rokeby and St. Mary’s Church, Brignall,” by the Rev. William Oliver, F.S.A., Rector of Rokeby with Brignall; 9d. each.

These two interesting pamphlets, the work of our member, are admirably adapted to the requirements of visitors to the Rokeby district. Any profit derived from their sale will be devoted to the maintenance or improvement of the respective churches to which they refer.