

PROCEEDINGS, 1945.

A MEETING of the Council was held in the Public Library, Kendal on Thursday, March 22nd, 1945. The deaths of the President, Mr. W. T. McIntire, two valued members of Council, Mr. Paul V. Kelly and Dr. W. Goodchild, and of Mr. George Aitchison (one of the Society's Auditors) were reported, and the Council stood for a minute to their memory. Routine business was transacted, plans prepared for a short summer meeting at Carlisle and nominations made for vacant offices. It was resolved that subject to confirmation by the General Meeting the President henceforth be not re-elected consecutively more than once. It was arranged that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. W. T. McIntire.

After a Council meeting the Annual General Meeting was held at Tullie House, Carlisle, on Friday, Sept. 17th, 1945.

The Chair was taken by Mr. I. A. Richmond, who referred to the great loss the Society had sustained by the death of the late President and Editor of the *Transactions*, Mr. W. T. McIntire, and the meeting stood for a minute in silence to his memory.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, confirmed and signed on the nomination of the Council, Lt.-Col. O. H. North, D.S.O., F.S.A., was unanimously elected President for the session 1945-6 and the Council's motion that in future a President be not re-elected more than once consecutively was approved. Lt.-Col. North having taken the chair, Mr. J. C. Dickinson was elected Editor of the *Transactions*.

Mr. R. E. Porter's resignation from the position of Excursion Secretary, owing to pressure of business, was announced and it was resolved that a copy of the following resolution be sent to him "That the Council of the Society accepts Major Porter's resignation from his office as Excursion Secretary with the very greatest regret and expresses its high sense of gratitude for his many years of untiring and successful service."

The following elections were also made:—Lt.-Col. North, Secretary for Antiquarian Correspondence, Mr. T. W. Cleasby as Auditor of the Society, and Miss C. Fell as member of Council. Other officials were re-elected *en bloc*.

The following were elected as members of the Society:— Birmingham University Library; Com. P. E. W. Townshend, Caton; Major Titterton, Penrith; Miss Tice, Yealand Conyers; Mrs. M. Read, Burgh-by-Sands; Rev. Dr. Moorman, Brampton; Capt. and Mrs. Maples, Natland; Rev. R. Lees, Carnforth; Capt. A. E. Johnson, Grinsdale; Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, Seathwaite; Rev. F. B. Greenwood, Flookburgh; Mrs. G. Goodchild, Milburn; Dr. R. Fawcitt, Ulverston; Miss Ellis, Scotby; Mrs. Eckersley, Millom; P. Bromley-Boorne, Gilsland; Mrs. Bromley-Boorne, Gilsland; Mr. M. Barratt, Millom; Mrs. Rooke, Carlisle; Institute of Archaeology, London; Mr. R. P. Wright, Durham; Mrs. S. T. Ware, Casterton

Mr. T. E. Casson presented to the Society a stone axe-head found at Swarthmoor and a MS. Diary of the Rev. Edward Jackson, Vicar of Colton, 1775.

The following papers were then communicated:—"Recent Work at Watercrock," by Lt.-Col. O. H. North and E. J. W. Hillyard (Art. XIII); "A Roman Lead Tank from Ireby, Cumberland," by I. A. Richmond (Art. XIV); "Excavations at Birdoswald" and "The Roman site at Cardurnock," both by Mr. F. G. Simpson and Miss K. Hodgson.

After an interval for lunch a large number of members assembled in CARLISLE CATHEDRAL where they were welcomed by the Dean (the Very Rev. Cyril Maine).

The history of the cathedral was outlined by Mr. J. C. Dickinson, who pointed out evidence of the importance of Roman Carlisle and of a flourishing church life there in the time of St. Cuthbert. In the following two and a half centuries the history of the town is a blank but in 1092 William Rufus took Carlisle and fortified it. The establishment of the priory was apparently mooted about 1102 but only made effective after Henry I's visit to the city in the winter of 1122-3, when the king founded here a house of regular canons of St. Augustine.

The foundation of the cathedral was probably envisaged at this time but was only completed in 1133 when the first bishop was consecrated. About 1140 the regular canons unsuccessfully attempted to join the order of Arrouaise; they were the only Augustinian cathedral chapter in England. Most of the early archives of the cathedral have not survived, so the history of Carlisle is often obscure but was largely uneventful apart from violent interludes due to the town's unavoidable entanglement in Border warfare. The priory of St. Mary was dissolved in 1540

and reconstituted the following year for a dean, four prebendaries and various minor place-holders, as the cathedral of the Holy and undivided Trinity. It was visited by Mary Queen of Scots, James I (who came in 1617 with "all the nobles of England and Scotland"), George Fox (1653) and "Bonnie Prince Charlie," who passed through the town during "the Forty Five." In 1797 Sir Walter Scott was married here.

The cathedral suffered heavily from the Civil War, when most of the nave was pulled down by Scottish Parliamentarians: "Our sufferings in days of Rapine and rebellion equalled or excelled those of any other cathedral of England . . . our chapter house and Treasury turned into a magazine for the garrison and our very charter sold to make a Taylor's Measure," wrote Bishop Nicolson. In recent times the history of the cathedral has been uneventful. (V.C.H. Cumb. ii, and Art. XI above).

Mr. S. Dykes-Bower, M.A., A.R.I.B.A. then addressed the Society on the architectural development of the cathedral. The church is known to have been under construction in 1130-1 and of this first monastic church there survive the remains of the nave and lower part of the piers of the crossing. The speaker suggested that the subsidence of the latter might be connected with the considerable earthquake in northern England in 1185.

In the mid-thirteenth century the rebuilding of the eastern limb on a greatly enlarged scale was begun but before the work was completed the great fire of 1292 wrought great damage to it, though the outer walls, choir arches and St. Catherine's chapel escaped. Work was resumed fairly quickly but evidently went on slowly, the choir arcade being repaired, triforium and clerestory built and great east window inserted. The latter with the ancient glass in its head belong to the middle of the fourteenth century and has strong claims to be held the finest of its kind in the country; the speaker also praised the windows, 19th century glass. The Elizabethan organ case from Carlisle—one of the earliest examples of its kind—is now at St. Lawrence, Appleby. Another fire late in the fourteenth century was followed by the remodelling of the north transept and the addition of the central tower (c. 1410). The fifteenth century also saw the addition of much of the carved woodwork and of the interesting paintings on the back of the choir screens. The cloister buildings have largely disappeared apart from the late fifteenth century refectory and undercroft, and fragments of the eastern range, the gatehouse of prior Slee (begun 1528) and parts of the Deanery (N.S. xxiv, Art. I, N.S. xxxvii, Art. IX, Art. IX above).

The refectory was then inspected under the guidance of Mr. F. Martindale, and the Very Rev. the Dean showed members the DEANERY with its fine medieval pele and fine painted ceiling inserted by Prior Senhouse (a full account of which is given in n.s. vii, Art. XX).

After the President had expressed the warmest thanks of the Society to the Dean and Chapter, members adjourned to Tullie House where Miss M. Elsas, archivist to the Cumberland County Council gave a most helpful address on "Cumberland and its archives," detailing the types of documents found in the county and parochial archives then in process of being surveyed, and pointing out the facilities her office offered for repair and safe custody of any documents deposited. Miss Elsas was thanked by Mr. J. C. Dickinson and Mr. I. A. Richmond, who stressed the importance of ancient records receiving skilled attention and careful custody, and urged their owners to make use of the facilities now offered through the enterprise of the Cumberland County Council. This terminated a very successful meeting which had been arranged by a local committee consisting of the Rev. C. M. Lowther Bouch, the Very Rev. Cyril Maine, Miss K. Hodgson, the Rev. Canon W. J. Phythian-Adams, F. G. Simpson, Esq., the Rt. Rev. Monsignor R. N. Smith, T. Gray, Esq. Secretary).