

MONTHLY MEETING, 1 MARCH, 1864.

The Right Hon. Lord Ravensworth, President, in the Chair.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS.—*From Publishing Societies.* Report of the Proceedings of the Geological and Polytechnic Society of the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1863-4. On the Early History of Leeds, by Thomas Wright, read before the Philosophical and Literary Society of Leeds. Annual Report of the same Society, 1863-4. Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny and South-East of Ireland Archæological Society, July, 1864. — *By Lord Ravensworth.* Carmina Latina, partim nova, partim e lingua Britannica expressa, Auctore Henrico Thoma, Barone de Ravensworth, 1865.

MINING RECORDS.—A request having been received from the Mining Record Office, Museum of Practical Geology, permission to have copies made of the Colliery Plans deposited with the Society by Dixon Dixon, Esq., the application is granted.

ENGLISH COINS.—*The Chairman* exhibits a few coins preserved at Ravensworth Castle. Among them are two nobles of Edward III., and a groat of Henry VI., reading on the obverse:—(*cross patonce* mm.) HENRIC' (*leaf*) DI (*leaf*) GRA (*leaf*) REX (*trefoil*) ANGL (*small quatrefoil*) & (*small quatrefoil*) FRANC. The reverse reads:—(*plain cross*) POSVI—DEVM (*small quatrefoil*)—ADIVTOR—E' (*small quatrefoil*) MEVM—CIVI—TAS—(*leaf*) LON—DON (*trefoil*.) Those acquainted with the exertions of the Irish numismatists to raise the study of the English coinage to a science will understand the motive of this minuteness of description.

THE LATE PATRON OF THE SOCIETY.

ADDRESS TO HER GRACE ELEANOR, DUCHESS OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

"We, the Fellows of the Antiquarian Society of Newcastle, beg leave to approach your Grace with an expression of profound sympathy, and with hearts penetrated with sorrow for the great and irreparable loss which this society has sustained by the decease of the illustrious Duke, your Grace's lamented husband, and late patron to this Society.

"We desire to record our humble testimony of the innumerable blessings and benefits conferred upon all classes of society by the generous disposition and discriminating judgment of that noble Duke. His abilities, research, and munificence have largely added to the reputation and contributed to the welfare of this Society, and the grief we feel for his loss is in proportion to the extent of his public services and private virtues."

MONTHLY MEETING, 5 APRIL, 1865.

Rev. E. Hussey Adamson in the Chair.

HONORARY MEMBER ELECTED.—*The Duca di Brolo*, Secretary of the Royal Society of Belles Lettres.

THE LATE PATRON OF THE SOCIETY.—The answer of the Duchess of Northumberland to the foregoing address is read.

BOOK ORDERED.—North's Chronicle of the Church of S. Martin, in Leicester.

MONTHLY MEETING, 3 MAY, 1865.

Martin Dunn, Esq., in the Chair.

GAINFORD.—*The Rev. J. Edleston* presents two photograms of a Roman inscription lately disclosed in alterations in Gainford Church. The dedication is to Jupiter Dolichenus. Declines to remove the antiquities discovered in the repairs of the church from their locale.

ROMAN WAY ACROSS WARK'S FORD.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE NOTE-BOOK OF THE REV. G. R. HALL.

"MR. THOS. ROBSON, Low Shield Green (the Duke of Northumberland's bailiff), tells me there is a "drove" or "drift" road of ancient date, and now much obliterated, passing across Wark ford, and leading, as he believes, from Carlisle to Morpeth.

"At different times he has noticed it when in the hunting field, and in his country rides. Near Birtley village it may be distinctly traced eastwards towards Pitland Hills, where the original construction of this "made road" can be easily perceived. In draining, &c., the stones forming it have often been noticed. Mr. Robson has observed the ancient way at the following points:—

Carraw, on the Roman Wall, where it joins the Military Way.
Goatstones, 2 miles N.W. from Simonburn crosses Ward Lane.
Morrilee Fell, between High and Low Morrilee.

Wark's Ford across North Tyne.

Wark's Haugh Bank, a little to N.