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REPORTS

OF

**The Society of Antiquaries**

OF

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

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M.DCCC.LXXXVIII.

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THE year 1887 has been made memorable for all Englishmen, by the celebration of fifty years completed in the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Although at present a certain weariness fills the minds even of the most loyal subjects at the mention of the word Jubilee, still a Society like ours, which deals so largely with the records of the past, cannot absolutely forbear allusion to an event, the like of which has occurred only three times before in English history, and will not probably occur again in the experience of any one now living.

Our own city celebrated this joyful event by an Exhibition of Arts and Manufactures in a building reared for the purpose upon the Town Moor. The Chairman of the Exhibition Council was our President, the Earl of Ravensworth, and to his zeal, industry, and toil, no small share of credit for the success of the Exhibition is justly attributable. Our Society was invited to exhibit some of its archaeological treasures side by side with the marvels of modern engineering skill; but it was decided to decline the invitation, as it seemed unwise to expose articles of value, which are by their nature irreplaceable, to the various risks inseparable from an Exhibition of this kind. Yet archaeology was well represented and contributed not a little to the pictorial effect of the Exhibition. A skilfully designed model of the Old Tyne Bridge, provided by the River Tyne Commissioners, was erected, spanning an artificial lake, and thousands of visitors every day crossed this

structure, treading upon the veritable "Blue Stone" which once marked the frontier between the Counties of Northumberland and Durham. We have pleasure in recording that under the superintendence of Mr. Messent, the Engineer of the Commission, the chief share in erecting this clever imitation of one of the most picturesque features of Old Newcastle, was borne by Mr. W. L. S. Charlton, who is one of our younger members, and whose father Dr. Charlton was for many years a Secretary of this Society.

To turn to our own immediate affairs: our Museum already so rich in Roman monuments has received some valuable additions from the generosity of our friends. Sir Edward Blackett has transferred thither the important collection of sculptured stones (chiefly found at the Roman camp of Hunnum) which have been till now preserved at Matfen Hall. Mr. G. W. Rendel has presented us with the two beautiful altars to a British god (otherwise unknown) named Antenociticus or Anociticus. These altars were discovered about twenty years ago just outside the camp of Condercum. The Rector of Bothal (the Hon. and Rev. W. Ellis) has deposited with this Society twelve fragments of Anglian crosses, which may form the nucleus of a collection of monuments of the period between the end of the Roman and the beginning of the Norman occupation of Northumbria.

We venture to hope that the example set by these generous donors may be largely followed by other possessors of antiquities. In a private house, however zealous an antiquary the owner of it may be, it is scarcely possible for him to impress upon all his dependents the almost religious care with which monuments of this kind ought to be preserved. In our climate any long exposure to frost and rain is fatal to the sharpness of their surface. On the other hand, in our Museum we have a place where they can be safely housed, reverently guarded, and intelligently studied by the increasing number of visitors from England and America who are learning the importance and the value of the Black Gate collection.

We may say a word or two in conclusion as to publications other than those of our own Society for the advancement of archaeological science in our district. Mr. Welford has published another volume of his valuable *History of Newcastle and Gateshead*. Mr. W. H. Knowles and Rev. J. R. Boyle are proceeding energetically with the

issue of their *Vestiges of Old Newcastle and Gateshead*; and the *Monthly Chronicle* is usefully rescuing from oblivion some of these fragments of information as to the manners of past times which till now have too often been buried out of sight in the cumbrous files of country newspapers. To these and all other fellow-workers in the field of antiquarian research we offer our hearty good wishes.

In this connection we may mention that in many parishes of the North of England the old pewter services of communion plate have been replaced by services of silver. We venture to suggest to the clergy and churchwardens of such parishes that this Society will be glad to receive the discarded pewter vessels on loan, if not as gifts, and can guarantee their safe custody.

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No great archaeological discoveries have made memorable the year that has just passed away. The interesting excavations at Holy Island, made by direction of Sir Wm. Crossman, have greatly increased our knowledge of the ground plan of the Monastery of Lindisfarne, and the similar excavations made by Lord Armstrong at Cartington Castle will doubtless add something of value to our stores of archaeological information.- In this connection we may also record the publication, by Mr. C. C. Hodges, of his long-promised and important monograph on the Abbey of St. Andrew at Hexham, a work which will no doubt be the quarry whence all future describers of that noble, but cruelly injured fabric, will derive their material.

The year 1888 has, however, witnessed one event which may be of great importance to the future fortunes of archaeological science, both in our own district and over the whole of England. We allude to the invitation issued by the Society of Antiquaries of London to all the similar societies scattered over the country to attend a conference for the purpose of considering if any scheme of mutual co-operation could be devised to render their labours more fruitful. Few will deny that the science of archaeology is one in which com-

bined and concerted action is greatly needed. At present, besides the venerable society which meets at Burlington House, we have two peripatetic organizations, the Archaeological Institute and the Archaeological Association, independent of each other, and in some degree antagonistic, but which do good service by the interest they arouse in the various districts which become in turn the scenes of their yearly assemblies. In addition to these, there is a considerable number of local associations (among which our own is the oldest, but, we trust, not the least active) which cover a considerable part, but not the whole, of England and Wales. These associations are naturally very much what their members make them—strong where there is a large body of earnest and enthusiastic antiquaries, and weak where there are only one or two archaeologists who use the meetings of the society as an occasion for riding some well-known hobby to death. There is no concerted action between all these societies: no scheme, except the frequent interchange of publications, by which the members of one society may benefit by the labours of another; nothing to prevent one part of the field of archaeological enquiry from being tilled by a dozen husbandmen working in ignorance of one another's labours, while others, quite as important, may be entirely neglected. Much of this waste of labour might certainly have been avoided if, half a century ago, the Society of Antiquaries had shown itself as zealous and enthusiastic for the advancement of archaeological, as the British Association was for the advancement of physical, science. Let us hope that, though much valuable time has been lost, and some opposing interests created, which it may not be easy to reconcile, the Society of Antiquaries may yet prove herself equal to the task which she has been invited to undertake, of combining these various scattered bodies into one organic whole; assigning them their respective functions, and bringing them into profitable and harmonious relations with one another.

The excursions of our Society during the past year have been numerous and successful. The chief battle-fields of Northumberland—Otterburn, Hedgeley Moor, Homildon Hill, and (from a distance) Flodden—have been seen by our members. For the hospitality kindly shown us on these occasions we return our best thanks to our entertainers, and especially to Sir Wm. Crossman, who gave the Society a

most hearty and generous welcome on the occasion of its visit to Lindisfarne.

Thirty-eight ordinary members and one honorary member have been added to our list during the year. But deaths (which have been unusually numerous), resignations, and removals have reduced the net increase of our numbers to seven. Two of our honorary members have died, namely, Mr. J. O. Halliwell-Phillipps, and Commendatore Montiroli. Dr. Bruce has prepared a short notice of each of these gentlemen for the present annual meeting.

Our Society is evidently increasing, both in usefulness and in popularity, and we believe that great as are the services which it has rendered to archaeological science in the past, it has even a more distinguished career before it in the future.



ROMAN, CARLSLE.

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	"	Do. Black Gate	...	...	...	...	25	6	6
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Wm. Dodd	2	2	0			
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Rent	1	0	0			
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	Coals ...	1	17	6
	Gas, 8s. 6d.; Firewood, 10s. ...	0	18	6
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