

REPORTS  
OF  
**The Society of Antiquaries**  
OF  
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

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ANNUAL MEETING, M.DCCC.XC.

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THE Council of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in presenting their seventy-seventh report, have to congratulate the society on the prosperity which continues to mark its course, and on the evident signs of a sustained and increased interest in archaeological science in the counties of Northumberland and Durham. The number of members of the society is now 291, 21 being honorary and 270 ordinary, and of these a very considerable portion are regular attenders of its meetings. Many valuable papers have been read before the society during the course of the past year, several of which have given rise to interesting discussions. The chief works of archaeological exploration during 1889 have been those undertaken by Lord Armstrong at Cartington Castle, and by Sir Wm. Crossman at Holy Island, in both cases under the direction of Mr. Hodges. We are glad to say that both the gentlemen who have furnished the necessary funds and the architect who has superintended the work, are members of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries. At Cartington Castle, a paved court-yard to the north of the castle, previously unknown, has been cleared out. In this court is a well with a beautifully formed ashlar lining and a raised kerb, as well as a stone trough for watering horses. At Holy Island (where the excavations have been proceeding for several years) the considerable area of the outer court was cleared last year. Though the buildings surrounding it do not possess any architectural beauty, they are of great interest, and bring before us in a very striking manner the domestic, and even the agricultural economy of the monastery of Lindisfarne. There have also been some excavations

of sepulchral mounds on the slopes of Simonside at the expence of Lord Armstrong, and under the direction of Mr. Dixon, of which an interesting account has been rendered to the society.

The subject of the preservation of Ancient Monuments is one which should occupy the attention of every local Society of Antiquaries. As is well-known, an Act of Parliament has been passed, an inspector has been appointed, and certain ancient monuments have been scheduled, but the sum of money annually voted for the inspector's expences is so small that, without energetic co-operation on the part of local archaeologists, there is a danger of the Act becoming almost inoperative. In this connection, we may mention that the inspector, Gen. Pitt Rivers, was present in Newcastle last September, during the visit of the British Association, and paid an interesting but unofficial visit to the camp at Chesters. No part of the Roman Wall and its camps has yet been scheduled as a 'National Monument.'

During the past year the society has lost by death Mr. William Dodd, for many years its faithful and courteous treasurer. He will further be remembered as the compiler of the Index to Brand's *History of Newcastle*, and the useful but tedious work of preparing an index to the *Archaeologia* was also undertaken by him.

The Council think that the efficiency of their body might be increased by a change in the rules which should provide for the yearly retirement of a small number of members who have been least diligent in their attendance during the past year. In order to prevent their thus losing the valuable assistance of some of their eldest members, whose health does not allow of frequent attendance during the winter months, the Council suggest a further alteration of the rules, so as to admit of an increase in the number of vice-presidents.

Lastly, they wish to bring before the society the consideration of the important question of the preparation of a new and complete County History of Northumberland. The *magnum opus* of the Rev. John Hodgson, a work which has been called by a competent authority 'the ideal County History', has long been quoted in book catalogues at a price which is practically prohibitive to all but very wealthy book-buyers. And even Hodgson's History, with all its excellence, embraces not much more than half of the county, and is, of course, in some points rendered obsolete by the additions to our knowledge that have

been made during the last half century. The valuable stores collected by the venerable historian for the completion of his work would, we have reason to believe, be kindly placed by his descendants at the disposal of the society; but we think in the circumstances no mere publication of these 'Mémoires pour servir' would meet the necessities of the case. What is now required is an entirely new history based upon Hodgson, and naming in its title-page its obligations to that monumental work. It can only be the result of combined labour, and for such co-operation the present roll of our members offers almost unequalled advantages. We have still among us the venerable historian of the Roman Wall, and the author of the *History of Darlington* would, we doubt not, lend us his counsel. Many others of our younger members, whose names we will not attempt to enumerate, could, we are persuaded, lend most valuable assistance, and in this way we might hope to produce a new County History, which should maintain the high position taken half a century ago by the vicar of Hartburn's *History of Northumberland*.

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The year 1890 has been one of melancholy interest to the society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, since two of our oldest and most valued members have in the course of it been removed from us by death. By the decease of Mr. John Clayton, at the venerable age of 98, not only has our society lost its oldest vice-president, but the science of archaeology, especially the archaeology of Roman Britain, has lost one of its most persevering and successful votaries. Mr. Charles Roach Smith, whose death we have also to deplore, was, by birth and residence, connected with the South of England, but he took a keen interest in all antiquarian discoveries in our county, and we have reason to believe that he prized his honorary membership in our society.

Reverting to the subject of the lamented death of Mr. Clayton, we may mention that his successor, Mr. N. G. Clayton, is about to build a museum at Chesters, in which the abundant Roman remains there collected will be more satisfactorily housed than has hitherto been the case, and a full catalogue of the contents of the museum is in course of preparation. We have no doubt that the loving care which for

more than half a century has been extended to the great camps and the line of the Wall on the Clayton property will be continued by the present owner.

We regret that we have no great antiquarian discoveries to record in connection with 1890. In the spring of the year there was a considerable find of Roman bronze vessels at Prestwick Carr. Photographs of these vessels and a report of the circumstances in which they were discovered will appear in a future part of the *Archaeologia*. Some additional interest is imparted to this discovery by the fact that Prestwick Carr was, till within the memory of the present generation, covered by a lake which is believed to have been there all through the Middle Ages, and probably also during the Roman occupation of Britain.

The society is indebted to the curators for much successful effort to improve the condition of the Museum, to increase its educational value. The interesting and satisfactory report of those gentlemen is printed at the end hereof; and we would especially direct attention to their request for help towards making the Museum a depository of such articles of furniture and implements of domestic industry as have now been rendered obsolete by the progress of manufacturing art.

Your curators report that satisfactory accessions have been made to the Museum during the past year, all of which have been duly entered and labelled. The following is a list of these additions:—

Jan. 29. From JAMES HALL, Tynemouth—

Two hammer picks and a spike nail, which were found in the San Thiago Mines, at Casa Bianca, Alentejo, Portugal, belonging to Mr. Wall. These tools were discovered in the ancient workings of the Romans (*Proc.* vol. iv. p. 193).

Feb. 12. From W. G. LAWS, City Engineer, Newcastle—

A large stone ball, brought up by the grab at Newcastle Quay, from a depth of 35 to 36 feet below low water spring tides, on the 4th January, 1890. The ball was found about 20 feet in front of an old quay wall, of the date of which there is no record, and about 10 feet behind the present line of quay front, 210 feet east of the 60 ton crane (*ibid.* p. 201).

Feb. 26. From D. D. DIXON, Rothbury—

A square tobacco box of brass, about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches long by 2 inches wide, dated 1789. Found at Ryehill, near Rothbury (*ibid.* p. 205).

- Mar. 28. From C. L. BELL, Woolsington—  
 A mummy hand, brought from Mexico about twenty years ago by Lady Walsham (whose husband was Secretary of Legation), and presented by her to the late Captain Bell (*ibid.* p. 209).  
 From Mrs. DODD, Newcastle—  
 The knife and shears formerly belonging to the late Emerson Charnley, the Newcastle bookseller, and latterly to the late Mr. Dodd.
- From THOMAS BLANDFORD, Corbridge—  
 A riding pillion (*ibid.* p. 209).
- July 30. From J. CHAPMAN, Eales House, Corbridge—  
 A large plaster cast of a restoration of the common seal of the burgesses of Corbridge.  
 From CHAS. L. BELL, Woolsington—  
 Eight bronze vessels of Roman date, being a portion of a find of twelve vessels turned up in ploughing on the site of Prestwick Carr (*ibid.* p. 253).  
 From Signora MONTIROLI—  
 Coloured drawings by the late Signor Montiroli, showing a supposed restoration of the Arch of Tiberius in Rome (*ibid.* p. 253).
- Aug. 30. From HENRY THOMPSON, Newcastle—  
 (i.) Two constables' staves, inscribed 'St. Giles.'  
 (ii.) A pair of handcuffs, formerly, with the above, belonging to the parish of St. Giles, Durham.  
 From J. GIBSON, Old Castle—  
 Two Roman first brass coins, found in the excavations made in pulling down the Back Row, Newcastle. One of the coins is apparently a coin of Commodus.  
 From R. Y. GREEN (by desire of his sister, the late A. J. GREEN)—  
 Two old tables for the use of the society. One of these, in mahogany, is a *multum in parvo* table.  
 From the Rev. CANON TROTTER, late of Alnwick—  
 A large collection of rubbings from brasses made by him. (See *Proc.* vol. iv. page 260.)
- Sept. 24. From JOS. ELLIOT, Hightown, Haltwhistle (per Dr. EMBLETON)—  
 A circular bronze object, found near Chesterholm (*ibid.* page 269, figure 2).  
 From J. N. WILSON, Tynemouth (per C. W. HENZELL)—  
 A silver pipe-stopper, found near Tynemouth Castle with coins of Charles I. (since missing), at a depth of 16 feet below the surface (*ibid.* p. 269, fig. 3).
- Oct. 29. From J. T. SOUTHERN, Newcastle—  
 Stone celt, from Canada (*ibid.* p. 276, fig. 1).

- Oct. 29. From WALTER C. CORDER, North Shields—
- (i.) A Saxon cinerary urn, 5 inches high, found by the donor in a field called 'the king's burying place,' near Castle Rising, Norfolk; also a bronze *fibula*, much fused (*ibid.* p. 276, fig. 2).
  - (ii.) Fragments of Roman pottery, from the site of the Roman Station, Wallsend.
- From Rev. W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH, Edmundbyers—  
A clay pipe stopple, having the orifice moulded on a reed, found at Edmundbyers.
- From CAPT. J. R. CARR-ELLISON—  
A cross of sandstone, found near Chew Green, at the head of the River Coquet (*ibid.* p. 277).
- From Miss KAYGILL, as residuary legatee to the late Mrs. Mountain, of Newcastle—
- (i.) A collection of casts in sulphur from medieval seals.
  - (ii.) Miscellaneous plaster casts (*ibid.* p. 278).
- Nov. 26. From T. HALLIDAY—  
Earthenware vessels discovered by Captain Tung, of the Imperial Chinese Navy, on the site of an ancient pottery in Corea.
- From JOHN COMMON, Harbottle (per D. D. DIXON)—
- (i.) Light holder, or cresset, used for salmon fishing in Upper Coquet, date 1800 to 1815.
  - (ii.) Salmon leister, of same date.
- From D. D. DIXON, Rothbury—
- (i.) Salmon leister from Upper Coquetdale, found at Windyhaugh, 1860.
  - (ii.) Salmon cleek, from Rothbury.
  - (iii.) Salmon gaff, from Rothbury.
- (The above implements illustrate Mr. Dixon's paper on 'Salmon Poaching in Upper Coquetdale.'  
-See *post.*)
- From TYRIE & GRAHAM, Redheugh, Gateshead—  
Medieval grave cover, found near the Stephenson monument, Newcastle, near the site of the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin. (See paper by Mr. Knowles, *post.*)
- From JONATHAN J. WILSON, West Boldon—
- (i.) Half-crown of William and Mary, 1689.
  - (ii.) Small, thick halfpenny of George I., 1718.
- Dec. 17. From ANDREW OLIVER—  
Photo-lithographs of rubbings from brasses.
- From Rev. W. B. EAST, Matfen—  
MS. catalogue of inscriptions on gravestones in churchyard of St. Andrew's, Newcastle.

A special stand has been provided for the valuable collection of Saxon stones in the possession of the society.

By instruction of the Council your curators arranged for a temporary attendant at the Castle during the fortnight's summer holiday of the warden, Mr. J. Gibson, and they themselves visited the Castle and Black Gate daily during his absence. Your curators record the valuable co-operation which has been rendered them by Mr. Gibson, and they suggest the continuance of an annual holiday.

The services of Mrs. Cutter, attendant at the Black Gate, have been in every way satisfactory.

Your curators suggest the desirability of increasing the attractions of the Museum. Many domestic and other articles, which have, or are about to, become obsolete, are found to excite the greatest interest among a large class of visitors. The spinning wheel, the tinder-box, the link, and the man-trap are instances of items which greatly help to popularise the collection. It is thought that many articles of this class might be added were an appeal specially made for donations.



THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LATE  
WITH THE SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING

Balance from previous year—				Expenditure.			Receipts.		
In hands of Treasurer ... ..				£	s	d.	£	s.	d.
Do. Secretary ... ..				0	8	9½			
									81 16 8
<i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ... ..						48 3 0			
<i>Proceedings</i> ... ..						58 2 0			
Illustrations ... ..						19 6 11			
Castle ... ..						70 6 9			93 15 0
Black Gate ... ..						39 8 3			20 15 6
Books ... ..						16 19 3			28 14 3
Bucks' Views sold ... ..						.....			16 1 0
Sundries ... ..						79 8 3			
Secretary (Clerical Assistance) ... ..						40 0 0			
Subscriptions ... ..						.....			276 3 0
Balance in Bank ... ..				£	133	1 5			
Do. Treasurer's hands ... ..				12	9	7			
							145	11	0
							£517	5 5	£517 5 5
<b>'ARCHAEOLOGIA AELIANA'—</b>									
Andrew Reid, Sons & Co., for Printing ... ..						45 0 0			
Index to Volume XIII. ... ..						3 3 0			
							£48	3 0	
<b>PROCEEDINGS—</b>									
Nicholson, for Printing ... ..						54 19 0			
Index ... ..						3 3 0			
							£58	2 0	
<b>ILLUSTRATIONS—</b>									
Grigg, Engraving ... ..						3 0 0			
Downey & Son, Photographs ... ..						1 4 2			
Direct Photo. Engraving Co. ... ..						4 9 4			
Cooper, Photos. and Engraving ... ..						1 12 6			
Photograph of the Ilkley Stone ... ..						0 1 1			
Utting, Electros ... ..						0 6 7½			
Waterlow & Sons, Blocks ... ..						1 2 5			
Akerman, Photo-Lithographs of Rothbury Camps ... ..						4 10 0			
Römmler & Jonas, for Collotypes ... ..						1 17 6			
Waterlow & Sons, Blocks ... ..						0 9 0			
Ready, for Casts of Seals ... ..						0 2 4			
Archaeological Institute, Electros ... ..						0 12 0			
							£19	6 11½	
<b>BOOKS—</b>									
Waters, for Binding ... ..						5 2 6			
Burns & Oates, for Payne's Records ... ..						0 10 7			
G. Bell & Sons, Book on Sundials ... ..						0 10 8			
Griffin & Co., Year Book of Societies ... ..						0 7 6			
Asher & Co., <i>Antike-Denkmäler</i> , &c. ... ..						2 5 0			
Catalogue, Cotton Library ... ..						0 7 6			
Thorne, for Corporation Accounts, Bell Collection ... ..						0 3 6			
Bull & Auvache, <i>Church of Our Fathers</i> ... ..						5 5 0			
Nightingale, <i>Dorset Church Plate</i> ... ..						0 6 0			
Douglas & Foulis, <i>Domestic Architecture of Scotland</i> ... ..						1 15 0			
Stahlschmidt's <i>Church Bells of Surrey</i> ... ..						0 6 0			
<b>BOOKS SOLD</b> ... ..						.....			28 14 3
							£16	19 3	£28 14 3



WILLIAM DODD, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT  
OF ANTIQUARIES.  
DECEMBER 31, 1889.

CASTLE—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gas, Coals, Firewood, Carriage, &c.	...	4	4	3			
Dotchin, for Broom	...	0	1	9			
Insurance	...	0	7	6			
Rent	...	0	2	6			
Watson, for Plumbing Work	...	0	8	3			
Cartmen	...	0	2	6			
Gibson, Salary	...	65	0	0			
COLLECTIONS AT CASTLE	...				93	15	0
		£70	6	9	£93	15	0

BLACK GATE—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gas	...	2	3	8			
Attendant	...	20	16	0			
Water, one year	...	1	0	0			
Rent	...	0	10	0			
Fire Insurance	...	5	5	0			
Moor, for Repairing Locks, &c.	...	1	14	0			
Harris, for Repairs to Building	...	4	7	7			
Rent, half-year	...	0	10	0			
Carrying Coal	...	0	2	0			
Insurance	...	3	0	0			
COLLECTIONS AT BLACK GATE	...				20	15	6
		£39	8	3	£20	15	6

SUNDRIES—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash Book	...	0	1	0			
Harleian Society Subscription	...	1	1	0			
Hardy & Co., for Frames	...	1	7	3			
Potts, for Table	...	0	16	5			
Bainbridge & Co., Matting	...	1	0	0			
Halliday, Gas Stove	...	2	3	0			
Postage, Carriage, Cartage, &c.	...	6	5	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>			
Surtees Society Subscription	...	1	1	0			
Sundries paid to Secretary	...	5	6	4			
Reporting at Two Meetings	...	0	14	0			
Secretary's Expences to London	...	3	10	0			
Expences of Lanchester Meeting	...	0	5	0			
Do. York Meeting	...	2	1	6			
Do. Haughton-le-Skerne	...	0	5	0			
Dotchin, Sundries	...	0	10	4			
Moses & Co., Serge	...	0	1	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>			
Subscription, Thornton Brass Cleaning	...	1	1	0			
Cheque Book	...	0	2	6			
Carver & Co., Carriage of Papers from Seaton Sluice	...	2	10	0			
Ormerod & Son, Casting Bell Inscriptions	...	0	7	5			
Income Tax	...	0	8	6			
Lambert, for Printing Bucks' Views	...	14	7	6			
Postage and Sundries	...	4	18	5			
Treasurer's (Mr. Dodd) Percentage on Collection of Subscriptions, 5 per cent. on £275 2s. 0d.	...	13	15	0			
Nicholson, General Printing	...	15	8	6			
BUCKS' VIEWS SOLD	...				16	1	0
		£79	8	3	£16	1	0

SHERITON HOLMES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
Dr. BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on Jan. 1, 1891 ... .. .				135	1	0
Members' Subscriptions ... .. .				271	19	0
<b>BOOKS SOLD—</b>						
At the Castle ... .. .	19	12	0			
Thompson, G. H., for <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ... .. .	8	17	6			
Reavell, Geo., Jun., for <i>Proceedings</i> ... .. .	0	1	1			
Boyd, Miss, for <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ... .. .	3	7	6			
Forster ... .. .	1	4	6			
Asher & Co., for <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ... .. .	1	2	6			
Balance from the Longstaffe Portrait Fund ... .. .	2	8	6			
Haynes, H. W., for <i>Account of Roman Wall Pilgrimage</i> ... .. .	0	2	6			
Allgood, Miss, for <i>Bucks' Views of Northumberland &amp; Durham</i> ... .. .	1	1	0			
Lady Carlisle, for do. ... .. .	1	1	0			
Chancellor Ferguson, for <i>Lapidarium Septentrionale</i> ... .. .	7	7	0			
Forster, for <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ... .. .	0	10	0			
Calvert, Rev. T., for do ... .. .	2	17	6			
				49	12	7
<b>CASTLE RECEIPTS—</b>						
Collections ... .. .	101	18	0			
Pharmaceutical Society, for Admissions ... .. .	1	1	0			
Accountants' do. for do. ... .. .	1	1	0			
				104	0	0
<b>BLACK GATE RECEIPTS—</b>						
Collections ... .. .				20	10	3
Carried forward ...				£581	2	10

## SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

ENDING DECEMBER, 1890.

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BOOKS BOUGHT—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Beavis & Stewart— <i>Lost Towns of the Humber</i> ...	0 2 9	
<i>Modern Method of Illustrating Books</i> ...	0 3 6	
Gomme's <i>Local Institutions</i> ...	0 3 6	
<i>First Newcastle Directory</i> ...	0 10 6	
Murray's <i>Dictionary</i> , parts 4 and 5 ...	0 19 0	
Gomme's <i>Village Community</i> ...	0 2 9	
Asher & Co.—German Arch. Inst. Publications ...	6 10 3	
Downing—Foster's <i>Durham Visitations</i> ...	0 9 11	
Page— <i>Hull Quarterly and East Riding Portfolio</i> ...	1 1 0	
Griffin & Co.— <i>The Year Book of Societies</i> ...	0 7 6	
Reader—Raven's <i>Bells of Cambridgeshire</i> ...	0 7 9	
Jackson— <i>Heraldry of York Minster</i> , by the Dean of York ...	2 2 0	
Thorne—North's <i>Church Bells of Leicestershire</i> ...	1 0 0	
Do. <i>Church Bells of Rutlandshire</i> ...	0 15 0	
Thorp—North's <i>Church Bells of Northamptonshire</i> ...	0 16 6	
Elliot & Stock—Ferguson's <i>Cumberland</i> ...	0 6 6	
Brown & Brown—Hunter's copy of Bourne's <i>History</i> of Newcastle ...	6 12 0	
Hitchman—Leland's <i>Itinerary</i> ...	5 5 0	
<i>Collectanea Archaeologica</i> ...	1 10 0	
Camden's <i>Britannia</i> ...	0 7 6	
Do. <i>do.</i> (another edition) ...	0 16 0	
Sothern & Co.—Ellacombe's <i>Bells of the Church</i> ...	1 10 0	
North's <i>Church Bells of Lincolnshire</i> ...	1 18 0	
Scott's <i>Antiquarian Gleanings</i> ...	1 5 0	
Waters, for Mounting the Corbridge Map ...	1 0 0	
		36 1 11
<b>CASTLE EXPENDITURE—</b>		
Salaries ...	67 10 0	
Gas ...	0 16 8	
Land Tax ...	1 9 0	
Rent ...	0 2 6	
Insurance ...	3 7 6	
Income Tax ...	0 7 6	
Coal, Wood, and Sundries ...	2 10 6	
Repairs ...	2 11 9	
Cost of laying in Water Pipes ...	4 6 8	
		83 2 1
<b>BLACK GATE EXPENDITURE—</b>		
Salaries ...	22 16 0	
Water ...	1 0 0	
Gas ...	1 13 0	
Rent ...	1 0 0	
Repairs ...	6 8 10	
Furniture ...	3 13 0	
Coal, &c. ...	2 10 9	
		39 1 7
Carried forward ...		£158 5 7

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**SHERITON HOLMES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT**


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**Dr.**

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... ..	581	2	10

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**£581 2 10**
**Capital Account.**

	£	s.	d.
Invested in the Post Office Savings Bank ... ..	5	8	11
Invested in the Purchase of £24 2½ per cent. Consols ... ..	23	1	7
	£28	10	6

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**£28 10 6**
*Examined with the Books and found correct,*

MABERLY PHILLIPS,	}	AUDITORS.
WM. W. TOMLINSON,		

*January 21st, 1891.*


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## WITH THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES.

		Cr.		
		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward ...	158	5	7
<b>MUSEUM—</b>				
	Removal of the Rye Hill Stone ... ..	0	10	0
<b>'ARCHAEOLOGIA AELIANA'—</b>				
	Reid, for Printing ... ..	77	0	3
<b>PROCEEDINGS—</b>				
	Nicholson, for Printing ... ..	33	8	6
<b>ILLUSTRATIONS—</b>				
	Typo Etching Co. ... ..	1	10	0
	Akerman ... ..	9	5	0
	Römmler & Jonas ... ..	24	8	6
	J. P. Gibson (photographs) ... ..	0	4	2
	Direct Photo. Engraving Co. ... ..	6	16	8
	Meisenbach Co. ... ..	1	18	3
	Sprague & Co. ... ..	7	16	0
	Fleming (Photographer) ... ..	3	3	6
	Bacon (Photographer) ... ..	1	1	0
		56	3	1
<b>SUNDRIES—</b>				
	Nicholson, for General Printing ... ..	27	15	6
	Reid, for do. ... ..	8	0	2
	Waters, for Binding ... ..	4	15	0
	Subscription to Harleian Society ... ..	1	1	0
	Mawson, Swan, & Morgan, Sundries ... ..	1	19	10
	Do. do. Gauging Roman Vessels ... ..	0	1	6
	Gibson, for Postage ... ..	6	5	3
	Walker for Brass Rubbing ... ..	0	10	0
	Treasurer for Postage ... ..	3	4	6
	Cheque Book ... ..	0	2	6
	<i>Journal</i> , Advertisement ... ..	0	2	6
	Cards for Library Catalogue, and Curators ... ..	2	0	2
	Secretary, for Postages, &c. ... ..	9	18	8
	Do. for Index, Proceedings ... ..	3	3	0
		68	19	7
	Secretary's Allowance for Clerical Assistance ... ..	40	0	0
	Balance ... ..	146	15	10
		£581	2	10

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

THE accounts show a balance for the year, income over expenditure, of £11 14s. 10d. The amount received having been £446 1s. 10d.; and the amount expended £434 7s.

The receipts and expenditure upon the Castle and Black Gate show almost identical results with the year 1889.

The surplus on the Castle in

1890 being	...	...	£20 17 11	and in 1889	£22 8 3
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The deficit on the Black Gate

in 1890 being	...	...	18 11 4	and in 1889	18 12 9
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Credit balance, 1889	...	£2 6 7	1890	£3 15 6
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The receipts from members' subscriptions show £5 4s. less than the previous year, but the arrears collected in 1889 would more than wipe out the difference.

The printing of the *Archaeologia* has cost £29 more than the previous year, and the *Proceedings* £25 less. There is an additional expenditure on Illustrations of £37; and £10 more under the head of sundries. About £5 more has been received from the sale of publications, and £19 more expended in the purchase of books.

The capital arising from the compounding of annual subscriptions and from entrance fees has been invested in the Post Office Savings Bank and in  $2\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. Consols.

The credit balance on revenue account is	...	...	£146 15 10
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And on capital account	...	...	28 10 6
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Total balance	...	...	£175 6 4
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SHERITON HOLMES,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

R E P O R T S  
OF  
**The Society of Antiquaries**  
OF  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

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ANNUAL MEETING, M.DCCC.XCII.

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THE year 1891 has not been marked by many important events in the history of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne, although the number of the members has increased, and the interest of the meetings has been well maintained.

It will probably be hereafter remembered chiefly as the year in which the first volume of the work on *The Border Holds of Northumberland*, by one of the vice-presidents, Mr. Cadwallader J. Bates, reached completion. We are convinced that this survey of the medieval fortresses of our county will—to use an expression which has lately been worn somewhat threadbare—be regarded as an ‘epoch-making’ work. No previous enquirer has devoted anything like so much time or labour to the subject as Mr. Bates, and his determination to take as little as possible on trust from previous historians, and to verify everything for himself, must inevitably cause his book to take high rank as a historical authority.

In the month of August the Royal Archaeological Institute held its yearly meeting at Edinburgh, this being, we believe, the second time that it had crossed the border. Several members attended the meeting, and much enjoyed the well-planned and instructive excursions which, as usual, formed its chief feature. Perhaps the most interesting of these was that which had for its object the remains, important though scanty, of the Wall of Antoninus Pius,

from Forth to Clyde. The Glasgow Archaeological Society has been for the last two years engaged in a series of systematic excavations of this great work, which has thrown much light on the mode of its construction. One of the foremost in this band of enquirers, Mr. G. Neilson, has recently visited our own mural barrier, and in a little essay, entitled *Per Lineam Valli*, has suggested a new theory of the purpose of the *Vallum*, which is at any rate worthy of serious consideration. It is, of course, impossible here to summarize his arguments, however briefly; but it may be stated that while he agrees with Hodgson and Bruce in looking upon the *Vallum* and *Murus* as nearly contemporaneous erections, he differs from them as to the quarter from which the assailants of the *Vallum* were looked for. They hold that it was intended as a rampart against a southern foe; he believes that *Vallum* and *Murus* alike were intended in the first instance to guard against barbarians from the north. In answer to the question why two such lines of defence should be constructed, he makes the ingenious suggestion that the *Vallum* was a provisional, perhaps hasty, work, intended to guard the quarries wherein the Roman legionaries or the natives whom they employed in the task were hewing out the stones with which the ultimate line of defence, the *Murus*, was to be built. When this was finished he suggests that the *Vallum* was then turned into a defence against the south.

It is no business of this society to pronounce either for or against this cleverly argued proposition, but it may be said that any careful and scholarly attempt (such as this) to explain the perplexing phenomena of the Roman works between Tyne and Solway is welcomed.

The society has to record this year (1891) three very successful country meetings, one at Norham, Flodden, etc.; a second at Brinkburn priory; and the last at Callaly castle. We congratulate the archaeologists of Northumberland on the presence in the county of so noteworthy a collection of antiquities as that which is now housed at the residence of Major A. H. Browne at Callaly.

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Your curators regret that the additions to the society's museum have been few in number in the past year. The following list comprises all the items received:—



1891.

- Feb. 25. From P. C. TROTTER, West Wylam—  
 A large stone axe-hammer, found by him at West Wylam (*Proc.*  
 vol. v. p. 10).
- From Mr. C. C. HODGES, Hexham—  
 The mouth and handle of a green-glazed vessel of medieval pottery,  
 found at York (*ibid.* p. 10).
- From Mr. WILLIAM ANGUS, Westgate Road, Newcastle—  
 A bronze bowl, found in an excavation behind his premises in West-  
 gate, Newcastle (*ibid.* p. 10).
- From the COMMITTEE OF THE CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE  
 SOCIETY, Limited, Newcastle—  
 Four iron cannon balls, found in the excavation made for the  
 society's new premises in Thornton Street, Newcastle, in 1885.  
 They are cast to fit calibres of 10 inches,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and two  
 6 inches, respectively (*ibid.* p. 10).
- May 27. From ALDERMAN CAIL—  
 A blunderbuss, with brass barrel, as carried by the guard of a mail  
 coach (*ibid.* p. 34).
- From Mrs. NAYLOR, Tynemouth—  
 A mahogany pitch-pipe, from St. Bees Church, Cumberland (*ibid.*  
 p. 34).
- From Mr. ROBERT C. CLEPHAN—  
 Coins brought by the donor from Egypt in 1890. Seven third brass  
 of Constantine the Great, Constantine II., and Crispus. Fourteen  
 brass coins of Ptolemies, Probus, Diocletian, and Maximian  
 (*ibid.* p. 34).
- July 29. From Mr. GEO. W. S. BREWER, Hetton Downs, Fence Houses—  
 A knife-box lid, xvij. century work (*ibid.* p. 74).
- From Mr. JAMES THOMPSON, Shawdon, Alnwick—  
 (i.) Two wrought-iron "bake-sticks."  
 (ii.) A toasting branks.  
 (iii.) A large iron three-pronged fork, found on the garden wall of a  
 cottage at Lorbottle (*ibid.* p. 74).
- Aug. 26. From Messrs. DINNING & COOKE, Newcastle—  
 A metal casting from Shortflatt Tower, being the back of a fire grate,  
 showing a decorative design composed of the royal arms, with  
 fleurs de lis, the initials R.H., and the date 1631 (*ibid.* p. 74).
- Sept. 30. From the Rev. W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH, Edmundbyers—  
 Two "jack-necks" or ridge-tiles of sandstone (*ibid.* p. 97).
- From Mr. ROBERT C. CLEPHAN—  
 (i.) Photograph of Roman remains, Leicester.  
 (ii.) A pair of steel candle-snuffers (*ibid.* p. 98).

The conditions under which the contents of the society's collection are exhibited at the Black Gate museum are unfavourable for the proper classification and arrangement of the various objects. In the absence of sufficient light and of convenient space it is impossible to arrange the museum so as to do justice to the valuable character of its contents, to render it fully available to the student of archaeology, and to make it popularly attractive. To these causes may be largely ascribed the very few and casual visits paid to the Black Gate museum; for, whilst the visitors to the Norman keep continually increase in number, few are disposed to turn aside to visit the museum itself.

Your curators have to recognize the valuable services of Mr. J. Gibson, the custodian of the keep, to whose interest and vigilance in the affairs of the society they are indebted. They also report the satisfactory services of Mrs. Cutler, the attendant at the Black Gate.

It is again desirable to urge the members of the society to assist in obtaining increased donations for the museum. The acquisitions of private collectors are of mere personal interest and are liable to dispersal and loss. The museum of the society is of invaluable public service, and affords an absolutely safe and permanent resting place for relics of our past history. This consideration should lead to a largely increased bestowal of the more valuable remains of antiquity now practically lying hid and lost to the community.

The auditors thus reported:—

We have examined the books and vouchers of the society, and find the same correct. The books are kept in a most careful and precise manner, and contain a record of cash received and paid by the treasurer, members' subscriptions, sale of publications, and the admission fees at the Castle and Black Gate.

Last year your auditors suggested that the accounts of your society were incomplete without a stock account of the various publications issued and held by your society, and your auditors regret that this suggestion has not been acted upon, especially as your librarian recently made out a statement of the publications on hand.

Your auditors take this opportunity of stating that to their mind no audit of the society will be complete that does not include a stock account of the publications, and also a report from your librarian upon the valuable books in the library of your society.

The treasurer then read his report for the year ending December 31st, 1891, as follows:—

The income for the past year has been £532 4s., of which £297 has been from members' subscriptions, and £59 from the sale of quarto parts of the *Archaeologia Aeliana* containing Mr. Bates's valuable papers upon *The Border Holds of Northumberland*.

The expenditure has been £501 13s. 5d., which leaves a balance of £30 10s. 7d. in favour of the society.

The returns for the Castle and Black Gate are more favourable than the previous year, the receipts from these sources having been £134 16s. 9d., and the expenditure £106 1s. 5d., thus leaving a credit balance of £28 15s. 4d. for the year against £2 6s. 7d. for the year previous.

The cost of printing the *Archaeologia Aeliana* is considerably in advance of last year. This arises in a great measure from the expence incurred in the printing of *The Border Holds*. But it scarcely admits of doubt that this and any further cost under this head will be much more than recouped to the society by the sale of the work when it is published in a separate form. The printing of the *Proceedings* has cost £11 more than last year, and there are slight increases under the heads of illustrations and sundries. £14 less has been expended in the purchase of books, and the sale of the society's publications has been £100 against £50 for the preceding year, of which £59 is due to the sale of the quarto volume of *The Border Holds*.

The balance brought forward from 1891 on revenue account is £177 6s. 4½d., and the capital account\* shows a balance of £43 16s. 2d., of which £42 18s. 5d. is invested in 2½ per cent. Consols through the Post Office Savings Bank.

The list of ordinary members shows an increase of 31 for the year. The number at the commencement of 1891 having been 252, and at the commencement of this year 283. There were 45 new members enrolled during the year, but there have been losses from deaths and resignations of 8 and 6 respectively. There are at present three life members, one of whom has compounded during the year.

\* Compositions for subscriptions.

SHERITON HOLMES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE

Dr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from the previous year	...				146	15	10
MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS	...				297	0	0
BOOKS SOLD AT THE CASTLE	...	41	0	9			
14 quarto copies of vol. i. of <i>Border Holds</i> @ £4 4s. each	...	58	16	0			
						99	16 9
CASTLE RECEIPTS	...				109	15	0
BLACK GATE RECEIPTS	...				25	1	9
R. C. Clephan in repayment for plan of Karnak temple	...					0	10 6
						<u>£678</u>	<u>19 10</u>
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BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC.—	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Foster's <i>Northumberland Visitations</i>	...	1	1	6			
Atkinson's <i>Moorland Parish</i>	...	0	8	6			
Raven's <i>Bells of Suffolk</i>	...	0	16	6			
<i>Year Book of Societies</i>	...	0	7	6			
Transactions of the Imperial German Archaeological Institute	...	5	10	0			
<i>Ephemeris Epigraphica</i> , vol. 8, part 1	...	0	7	5			
<i>English Goldsmiths</i>	...	0	5	0			
Evans's <i>Stone Implements</i>	...	1	5	0			
<i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , part 34	...	1	10	0			
De Gray Birch's <i>Cartul. Sawonicum</i> , parts 26-27	...	0	5	4			
Turner's <i>Domestic Architecture of the Middle Ages</i>	...	2	14	0			
<i>Journal of the Brit. Arch. Assoc.</i> , vol. 22	...	0	18	0			
Hope's <i>Lepers in England</i>	...	0	1	1			
Sir R. Burton's <i>Book of the Sword</i>	...	1	4	0			
Map of Bourne's <i>History of Newcastle</i> (the original copper)	...	2	10	0			
Books, binding	...	3	3	6			
						22	7 4
CASTLE EXPENDITURE—							
Wages of attendant	...	65	0	0			
Rent	...	0	2	6			
Water	...	0	6	0			
Gas...	...	0	13	0			
Insurance	...	0	7	6			
Screen for warder's room	...	4	5	0			
Carpet, etc., for do.	...	1	4	9½			
Coal, candles, and sundries	...	4	0	3			
						75	19 0½
BLACK GATE EXPENDITURE—							
Wages of attendant	...	20	16	0			
Rent	...	1	0	0			
Water	...	1	0	0			
Gas	...	1	6	3			
Insurance...	...	2	15	0			
Repairs	...	1	13	2			
Sundries, Coal, &c.	...	1	12	0			
						30	2 5
Carried forward	...					128	8 9½

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.  
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1891.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... ..				128	8	9½
<i>Archæologia Aeliana</i> —						
Reid & Co., for printing ... ..				155	15	8
PROCEEDINGS—						
Nicholson, for printing ... ..				44	5	0
ILLUSTRATIONS—						
Downey for photographs ... ..	0	2	0			
Sprague & Co. ... ..	4	15	6			
Mawson & Co. ... ..	0	2	6			
Hodges, photographs ... ..	2	3	0			
Sampson & Co. ... ..	0	3	6			
Delgana ... ..	0	3	0			
Direct Photo-Engraving Co. ... ..	20	3	2			
Römmler & Jonas ... ..	22	17	0			
Akerman ... ..	9	15	0			
Meisenbach Co. ... ..	1	2	4			
				61	7	0
SUNDRIES—						
Nicholson, for general printing ... ..	29	0	6			
Reid, for do. do. ... ..	12	3	6			
Postage ... ..	23	6	9			
Subscription to Harleian Society ... ..	1	1	0			
„ to Surtees Society, 1890-1891 ... ..	2	2	0			
Advertisement in <i>Chronicle</i> ... ..	0	3	0			
Cheque book ... ..	0	5	0			
Removal of old fireplace back to Castle ... ..	0	1	0			
Reporter, notes of MS. documents in Hunter's copy of Bourne's <i>Newcastle</i> ... ..	1	10	0			
Lee, for lime-light lantern to illustrate Mr. Gibson's lecture on the Roman Wall ... ..	1	10	0			
Commission on Scotch cheque ... ..	0	0	6			
Secretary's expences ... ..	0	13	9			
				71	17	0
Secretary's allowance for clerical assistance ... ..				40	0	0
Balance in the Bank ... ..	170	2	4			
„ in the Treasurer's hands ... ..	7	4	0½			
				177	6	4½
				£678	19	10

Account of Capital.

	£	s.	d.
1892.			
Jan. 1.—Invested in 2½ per cent. Consols ... ..	42	18	5
Balance in Post Office Savings Bank ... ..	0	14	6
„ 5.—Dividend on 2½ per cent. Stock „ ... ..	0	3	3
	£43	16	2