REPORT

OF

The Society of Antiquaries

OF

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

ANNUAL MEETING, M.DCCC.XCII.

THE Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne continues to flourish and increase. The number of members has now risen to 317, and the crowded meetings at the Castle show that the proceedings have lost none of their interest for the members.

In one respect, however, the year 1892 will always possess a melancholy interest for the society, marked as it has been by the death of its venerated vice-president, John Collingwood Bruce, LL.D. and D.C.L. It is not necessary here to recapitulate the events of his long and honourable career, which have already formed the subject of a paper in our transactions, but we may once more refer to the sustained and vivid interest which, down to the very end of his life, he took both in the proceedings of the society and in all archaeological discoveries that were made in the North of England. We can best show our veneration for his memory by keeping the society, in whose service he laboured so diligently, in at least as high a state of efficiency as that to which he saw it raised in his lifetime. Two enterprises of an antiquarian kind have lately been commenced with the sanction of the society, if not directly at its bidding. We hope in the course of the present year to be able to congratulate our members on the publication of the first part of the new history of Northumberland, which is designed to supplement and complete the invaluable work of the Rev. John Hodgson. A beginning has also been made with the raising of a fund for a systematic excavation of the Roman camps in

our district. Should this effort meet with the support which it deserves, we anticipate from it valuable results as to the history of the Roman occupation of Britain.

The following is the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1892.

The number of members has now reached 317, which is more than in any previous year. There have been 48 members elected during the year. Only 1 member has resigned, but death has deprived us of 6 of our members.

The total income from all sources has been £498 11s. 4d., and the expenditure £489 17s. $9\frac{1}{2}$ d. The balance of the revenue account carried forward to 1893 is £185 19s. 11d., and there is a balance on the capital account of £44 19s. 10d., of which £42 18s. 5d. is invested in Government $2\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Consols through the Post Office Savings Bank.

The receipts from members' subscriptions has been £317 2s., or £20 more than last year; but the total receipts from all sources falls about £34 short, chiefly owing to the sale in 1891 of the 4to copies of the *Border Holds*, vol. i.

The receipts at the Castle and Black Gate are within a few shillings of what they were in 1891, but the expenditure at both is greater in consequence of some urgent structural repairs done at the latter, and the furnishing of the council chamber at the Castle.

The printing of the Archaeologia Aeliana has cost £121 11s., and the Proceedings £31 0s. 6d. The sum paid for illustrations, £41 5s. 5d., is a considerable reduction on the previous year.

In the purchase of books there has been expended £53 1s. 7d., which is an increase of £31 on the previous year, but this includes the cost of making the card catalogue of the society's books.

The life members remain at three as previously.

SHERITON HOLMES, Hon. Treasurer.

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