

town, in which, however copious it may seem, I have inserted only a very small part of the information he has given me.' He rendered substantial help to Mr. J. H. Parker in the preparation of his *Domestic Architecture in England in the Fourteenth Century*, to the rev. J. T. Fowler in the editing of the *Newminster, Chartulary* (the original of which he was the means of rescuing from loss and oblivion and placing with the earl of Carlisle), and to many other writers. After the formation of the Northumberland County History Committee he read most of the proofs of the first two volumes, and rendered to a work which is intended to complete and supplement the labours of the great historian of Northumberland, help not less valuable than that acknowledged by the latter over sixty years ago.

Mr. Woodman's published papers though not numerous are valuable, among them are *Ulgham and its Story*, published anonymously; on 'Chibburn,' printed in the *Archaeological Journal*; 'On a Leaden Seal of Henry IV. found at Catchburn,' in the *Archaeologia Aeliana*; 'Reminiscences and Desultory Notes of Morpeth Social Customs now obsolete,' written in 1894 and printed in the *History of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club*. Among his numerous literary correspondents were numbered Mr. John Mitchel Kemble, Mr. Frederick Seebohm, the rev. Lambert Larking, sir Henry Maine, the second and third earls Grey, sir George Grey, and the duke of Argyle. His magnificent collections of MSS., plans, and drawings relating chiefly to Morpeth and district have yielded documents and facts freely placed by him at the service of other enquirers and writers.

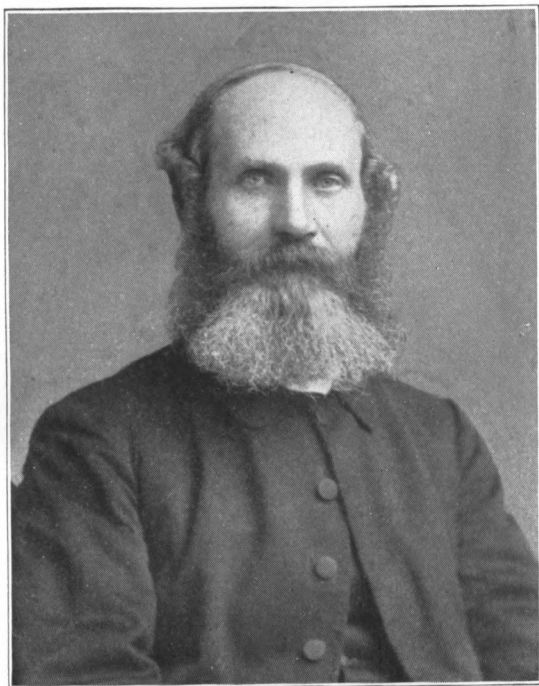
Mr. Woodman was elected a member of this Society in 1848, and subsequently a vice-president. He died at his residence at the East Riding, near Morpeth, *inter sylvas et flumina habitans*, on the 19th September, 1895, in his 90th year, leaving, out of a family of eight sons and daughters, four surviving children.

3.—THE REV. GEORGE ROME HALL, F.S.A., a Vice-President of the Society. By R. CECIL HEDLEY.

[Read on the 27th November, 1895.]

DEATH has lately deprived this society of several of its most respected and most gifted members. We have, as a society, but the poor satisfaction of knowing that they have left the impress of their learn-

ing and personalities not only upon our local, but upon our national archaeology. But who can fill their places with us? Who amongst us that have had the privilege of their friendship or association, but must feel the loss of the scholarly John Clayton? of our genial, kindly, and beloved Dr. Bruce? who was so much a part of, as to be almost synonymous with, the society; of the gentle, unassuming, kindly, and erudite George Rome Hall? the impersonation of all our best traditions of the antiquary of a time that is passing from us. It was my privilege to have frequent association with Mr. Hall, and never have I met one whose every thought was so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of true loving kindness, or one who had such a perfect unselfishness. This, as a man; as an antiquary, the pages of *The Archaeologia* and of the *Archaeologia Aeliana* bear the frequent impress of his learning and research since 1865. He was elected a member of our society on the fourth of January of that year, and was thus one of our oldest members. His archaeological bent was strongly towards the obscure, and somewhat neglected period of our national life, known vaguely as 'prehistoric.' To him we are indebted for the first systematic attempt to examine, describe, and elucidate the life and early history of the Ancient Britons of Northumbria, as it is to be learned from an intelligent examination of their dwellings and fortifications. He did much to rescue this study from reproach as a merely speculative amusement, and to elevate it into a branch of science. It has been the well deserved privilege of Dr. D. Christison, the secretary of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, to obtain for this section of archaeology the recognition it deserves. To all his studies the late Mr. Hall brought a vast store of well digested reading, a persistent patience, and a vigorous intellect, capable of readily seeing, and as rapidly estimating the value of even trivial circumstances in their bearing on any obscure subject. To this he added the faculty of communicating his ideas lucidly and pleasantly to others. In his method of treating any archaeological subject could be seen his natural, thorough, and instinctive love of it. It was an education to converse with him. He was a living proof of how deep learning may be unobtrusive, unassuming, and not dogmatic; of how it may be a source of pleasure to the possessor and to others, and not the incentive to wordy strife. He had by natural



*very Sincerely yours,
G. Romie Hall.*

gentleness and self-culture attained to that best of all Parnassian heights where learning is combined with toleration, and mental attainments devoid of all Phariseism. He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, a vice-president of this society, and a member of the Durham and Northumberland Archaeological Society, and of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Field Club. His library was extensive and well selected. He had a small collection of neolithic implements, and an extensive series of Roman coins, chiefly from Coventina's well at *Procolitia*. His loss will long be felt amongst us, especially at our field meetings. The truest testimony to a man's greatness is the measure of the gap left by his death. To Mrs. Hall and her family the keen and heartfelt sympathy of us all will go forth in their affliction.



FLINT IMPLEMENT FROM CHOLLERFORD.

(Formerly in Mr. Hall's collection.)