

In reviewing his life, we feel that besides the personal loss of the many friends whom he had made by his bright and cheerful temper and his loving heart, the cause both of antiquarian research and of artistic culture in the North of England is a heavy loser by his premature decease.

He contributed to *Archaeologia Aeliana* (XIII., 285) a valuable paper on Gardner's *England's Grievance Discovered* of 1655, illustrated with etchings by himself. In addition to bearing the cost of the illustrations, he contributed the two plans attached to the paper. In the *Proceedings* (iv., 212) there is a short note by him with an illustration of a pocket dial. He contributed illustrations to the following papers:—The writer's on the *Pfahlgraben* (*Arch. Ael.* ix.), and on the battle of Flodden (*Ibid.*, xvi.), the Rev. E. H. Adamson's on *The Delavals* (*Ibid.*, xii., 215), to Mr. H. A. Adamson's *Tynemouth Castle* (*Ibid.*, xviii., 82), besides many other drawings in *Archaeologia Aeliana* and in the *Proceedings* of the society.

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2.—JOHN VESSEY GREGORY, a vice-president.

BY RICHARD WELFORD, M.A., a vice-president.

[Read on the 26th of July, 1905.]

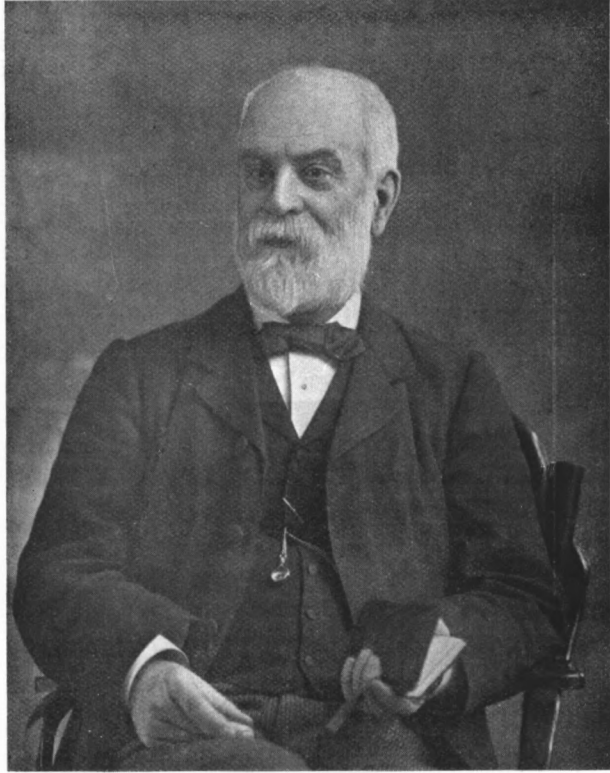
Died, at his residence in Framlington Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 11th of May, 1905, in his 78th year, Mr. John Vessey Gregory, one of the vice-presidents of this society.

A native of Sheffield, Mr. Gregory came to Newcastle in 1845 as a clerk in the Quayside office of a firm which, in its later developments, under the name of John Bowes, esq., and Partners, occupies a leading position in the coal trade of the North of England. With that firm, rising by degrees to the posts of fitter and commercial manager, he remained till his decease.

Although a thorough man of business, Mr. Gregory was of studious and retiring habits. While his days were spent in the strain and struggle of Newcastle Quayside, his evenings were devoted to the cultivation of those gentler arts which add refinement to industry and alleviate the pressure of toil in the busy routine of commercial life. His favourite study was heraldry, and the pursuit of that fascinating science led him by easy transitions into genealogy and archæology. These, in turn, brought him into communion with kindred spirits who were working in affiliated lines of research, and at the same time labouring to improve and extend the usefulness of our society—the then old and languishing Newcastle Society of Antiquaries.

Mr. Gregory joined the society in December, 1877, when the number of members was but 89. Five years later the membership had doubled, and some part of that increase was undoubtedly due to his exertions. It was not, however, until the society was efficiently reorganised that he began to take an active part in its proceedings. His first contribution to the *Archæologia Aeliana*—a paper on ‘Place Names of the County of Northumberland with reference to the ancestry of the people’—was read at the August meeting in 1881. His next contribution was an extension of the subject to the adjoining county—‘Place Names of the County of Durham,’ read at the July meeting in 1884. At the July meeting in 1887 he read a few notes upon a brass medal of Admiral Vernon, which he had presented to the society’s museum. The following year, also at the July meeting, Mr. Gregory read a paper on the Northumbrian burr. These are the principal additions which he made to our literature, but, having a fair knowledge of local topography and chronology and a most retentive memory, he was often able to answer questions at the society’s meetings, whilst most of us were reposing in the silence of ignorance.

Being naturally modest and unobtrusive, Mr. Gregory did



Yours sincerely

J. V. Gregory

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not figure in elucidations of local history and antiquities to the full extent of his knowledge and abilities. Although ready, at all times to unlock his stores of information for the benefit of fellow investigators, he shrank from publicity on his own account. In 1896, when Mr. John Vinycomb published his interesting book on 'Ex Libris,' entitled *Lambert of Newcastle-upon-Tyne as an Engraver of Book Plates, with 58 Selected Examples*, Mr. Gregory was induced to write an appendix of critical notes on the heraldry of the plates. The following year he issued a booklet on Durham cathedral and castle, but this was 'printed for private circulation' only. He was also an occasional contributor of historical memoranda to the old *St. Andrew's Parish Magazine* (edited by the Rev. W. B. East, now vicar of St. Anne's, Newcastle) and the compiler of a very long and elaborate pedigree of the family of Reid of Horse-law in Roxburghshire and Newcastle.

Mr. Gregory was a member of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland, and in our own society he was elected a member of council in 1890 and a vice-president in 1899.

3.—CHARLES BERTIE PULLEINE BOSANQUET.

BY RICHARD WELFORD.

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On the 18th June last, death deprived this society of the sympathetic services of another old member—Mr. Bosanquet, of Rock.

Mr. Bosanquet was a man of high character and accomplishments and although not a frequent attender at our meetings he was at all times interested and helpful in our work. Born December 27, 1834, a descendant of an old Huguenot family, and