

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

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**ANNUAL REPORT.**

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Your council have pleasure in presenting the ninety-fourth annual report of the society.

The past year has been marked by incidents of special interest in the history of the society; but before alluding to these we have to record, with deep regret, the inroad made in our membership by death. Mr. George Irving, a member of our council, joined our society in 1886, and, up to the time of his death, was unvarying in his interest in and unremitting in his attendance at its meetings. By his profession he had become possessed of a unique acquaintance with lands and tenures in the North of England, and his detailed knowledge was, on many occasions, brought to bear with signal advantage to our investigations. Nor was his experience of less value to our society at times when its business negotiations received the benefit of his counsel and sagacity. Of literary work his chief memorial will remain in his account of the Lairds of Hoddum, a Scottish border stock from whom he was himself descended. We shall most miss the old world courtliness of his genial presence, and the quiet constancy with which he supported all our undertakings.

In Mr. George H. Thompson, of Alnwick, our society has lost another colleague who had many claims upon our regard. He joined our society in 1888. From 1877 he had been an active member of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club. That society's volume of transactions for 1884 contains an account by him of a British barrow, with urns and skull, discovered at Amble. Ten years later he recorded the further discovery of an urn and flint at the same place, in the Berwickshire society's volume for 1894. Although distance prevented him from an active share in our meetings, he followed all our proceedings as a keen participator in our pursuits. Retiring and unobtrusive to a degree, he was chiefly known to those who had come into close contact with him. To them he was ever ready to communicate from his vast store of knowledge, the results of his own study and observations on the archaeology, folk-lore, dialect, and general history of his native county. Mr. Thompson had reached his eighty-second year.

Our obituary also includes the names of Mr. John Thompson, of Bishop Auckland; Mr. Matthew Bigge, of Stamford; Mr. J. R. D. Lynn; and Mr. John Bolam, of Bilton. To the last-named the Parish Register Society is indebted for his transcript of the Register of Lesbury.

In the past year honorary membership of the society has been conferred upon George Neilson, LL.D., of Glasgow; and H. F. Abell, of Ashford, Kent.

Whilst the ordinary meetings have been held as usual in the Castle, country meetings have been held at the following places:—On July 28th, an afternoon meeting at Burradon, Seghill, and Seaton Delaval; on August 23rd, a meeting at Ripon and Fountains; on September 27th, at Raby castle, Winston, Gainford, and Staindrop; and on October 6th, an afternoon meeting at Lanchester. Besides these, the entire week, from Saturday, June 23rd, to Saturday, June 30th, was

devoted to a pilgrimage along the Roman Wall, from Wallsend-on-Tyne to Bowness-on-Solway. It was the successor of earlier progresses made by members of the society from sea to sea, *per lineam valli*. The first of these began on the 25th of June, 1849, intimated by a circular issued in the preceding month announcing that 'A party of ladies and gentlemen, desirous of enjoying an antiquarian ramble in the summer of the present year, have resolved upon taking the course pursued by the far-famed Roman Wall.' The title of 'a pilgrimage' applied to the original peregrination, as well as the project itself, were due to the inspiring example and organization of the late Dr. J. Collingwood Bruce, and the proceedings, successful throughout, formed a memorable precedent. Not until after a lapse of 37 years, however, was the project repeated, when, in 1886, our member, Mr. W. N. Strangeways, advocated its revival. Its renewal in that year, under the personal direction of Dr. Bruce, was an occasion to be remembered. It attracted 'pilgrims' from far and near, eager to examine the Roman military works, and it gave opportunity of seeing the whole fortified line, and the relation of its parts to each other, such as no isolated visit afforded. When a period of ten years had elapsed a third pilgrimage was decided on. Dr. Bruce had meanwhile died in 1892, and his name had become so popularly identified with the elucidation of the subject that the pilgrimage of 1896 took upon itself the character of a memorial function. It differed from previous observances in being made in reverse order, so that Bowness became the starting point and Wallsend its termination. One of its results was a tacit understanding to repeat the function at the end of ten years. This decennial period was reached in the summer of 1906, when arrangements were entered into, as on the last two occasions, with the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society to carry out another pilgrimage in conjunction with members

of their own and our societies. As details of these joint meetings are fully reported in the *Proceedings* of the past year, it is only necessary to allude here to the way-marks afforded by the repeated pilgrimages over the well-worn ground. The personal element is naturally a striking feature. Of the original pilgrims who formed the party of 1849 only two remain with us to-day; they are the Right Hon. Sir Gainsford Bruce and the Rev. Canon Greenwell, both, happily, continuing to take the liveliest interest in the work of our society. At the revived pilgrimage of 1886, and in those of 1896 and 1906 silver badges were worn, and the possession of an entire set served to distinguish those members who had been present on all the three later occasions. That the period of twenty years interval between 1886 and the past year had wrought manifest changes in the ranks was evidenced by the comparatively few who were in the possession of all three badges. Another contrast afforded by the past year's pilgrimage was the number and variety of new problems presented in the vestiges of Roman occupation. To a great extent they have arisen as results of examination by spade and pickaxe, notably through the persevering excavations carried from point to point by Dr. Haverfield and by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hodgson. These were especially directed to ascertain the relation of the Vallum to the great stationary camps; to trace the continuation of the Wall fosse within the area of certain camps where the line of the Wall forms their axis; to find and record the actual lines of the works that have been obliterated in parts under cultivation; and particularly to discover the nature and relation of the supplemental mound and ditch lying to the west of Birdoswald (AMBOGLANNA). The results obtained by these investigations and by the excavations at Great Chesters (AESICA) and at Housesteads (BORCOVICUS) may be said to open out entirely new considerations in the record of the rise and progress of these military structures.

Not the least of these was the demonstration to the pilgrims of 1906 of the cespitious character of the supplementary line of defence at AMBOGLANNA.

The general arrangements for the pilgrimage in Northumberland devolved upon Mr. Blair, one of the secretaries. These included an evening meeting in the Castle, where a crowded and enthusiastic audience assembled to commemorate the first day's march, and were entertained by a most successful programme of old English glees and madrigals, by choirs under the direction of Mr. McConnell-Wood and Mr. E. J. Gibbon, and by traditional melodies rendered on the Northumberland small pipes by Mr. Richard M. Mowat and Mr. James Hall, who wore his official Percy uniform, and was present by special permission of our noble president. During an interval allowed for promenade through the structure, light refreshments were served in the library, and many of the guests at the end of the programme adjourned to the battlements to listen to a second and extemporized concert on the roof of the Keep.

Your council would record the services rendered by Mr. W. S. Corder as conductor of the party from Wallsend to Newcastle, and would express acknowledgment of the privilege to enter their premises granted at the former place by Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson and Co., Ltd. They are also specially indebted to Dr. Hodgkin and Mr. J. P. Gibson for their services extending from Benwell (CONDERCUM) to the Poltross burn, and they would recognize their obligations to the committee of the Cumberland and Westmorland Society for the excellence of their arrangements during the progress through Cumberland to the western sea, and for the cordiality of their co-operation throughout. To Mr. T. Hesketh Hodgson, F.S.A., and to Mrs. Hodgson an especial acknowledgment is due for their admirable elucidations and descriptions as Cumberland was entered by the pilgrims.

The New County History Committee, anticipating the section of their work embracing the parish of Corbridge, realized the highly important character of the site of the Roman *CORSTORPITUM* and the comparative absence of information respecting its condition and character. Its entire area, considerably exceeding twenty acres, has long been under the plough, so that only its site is visible, and little more is known of it beyond the fact that *CORSTORPITUM* was the second halting place given in the first iter of the Antonine road-book relating to Roman Britain. Its civil character, as distinguished from that of a military town; its former richness in material, as the probable quarry from which Wilfrid drew his ready-hewn ashlar for his great church at Hexham; its cosmopolitan population in Roman times, evidenced by its Greek and Roman inscriptions; its sumptuous appurtenances, shown by its 'Lanx'; all these were considerations adding to the fact that neither the city nor its many-piered bridge had hitherto been systematically investigated under expert direction. But the advanced stage of the new county history itself made it imperative that operations should be commenced on the site forthwith. Fortunately a most cordial ally was found in Captain Cuthbert, the owner of the Beaufront estate, who not only gave permission to excavate but added to his generosity further facilities for carrying out the work. This was begun under the immediate direction of Dr. Haverfield, superintended by Mr. Wooley, and assisted by a committee, the members of which were all members of our society. The results obtained during a single summer's excavation in so wide a field have been, necessarily, tentative only; but so much has been already revealed as to warrant a development of the work on an extended scale to lay bare, in the course of succeeding summers, the whole area of the city. To this project Captain Cuthbert lends his most valuable support, and appeal is now being made to meet the considerable annual outlay that

will become necessary. Our society has responded by a promised contribution of £25 per annum for five years, and this example is being followed by public and private support promised by kindred societies, and by individual subscribers throughout the country. There is, therefore, every prospect that the important and urgent work of exploration at CORSTORRUM will be resumed during the summer of this year, and continued for at least four ensuing years. Its efficiency will be guaranteed by the presence and personal direction of expert investigators and by the representative character of the committee responsible.

Your council record with satisfaction the addition to our premises made during the past year. The Heron Pit and the site adjacent, which had been excavated under the direction of our colleague, Mr. W. H. Knowles, were roofed in so as to form a capacious annexe to our museum. The subscriptions raised towards the considerable outlay incurred, in repairs to the Blackgate, in excavating the site of the Heron Pit, and the adjoining moat, and in roofing and flagging the gallery thus formed, were supplemented by the handsome donation of £123 6s. 6d. to cover a deficit on the account. It had been the intention to restrict the expenditure to the sum raised by subscriptions. But the amount realized by these would have allowed of the execution of a portion only of the contemplated scheme and have involved the abandonment of the roof over the annexe as well as of other features contemplated. At this juncture, our vice-president, Mr. F. W. Dendy, announced that an anonymous donor, desiring that the whole of the intended work should be carried out, had authorized him to make good the amount deficient. This reached the large sum above stated, and your council are only expressing a unanimous feeling of the members of the society in recording the gratitude felt for this timely and munificent action, by one whose interest in the work of the

society is so marked, yet whose unobtrusiveness withholds his name from publication. The new building was appropriately opened to the public on the 20th of May last by Mr. Dendy, and has become a feature of great interest to visitors by its display of Roman antiquities, and by its further attraction in exhibiting the character of the historic structures of which our society is the custodian.

During the past year a fresh impression of the *Visitors' Guide to the Castle and Blackgate* has been published and is now on sale. The *Proceedings* of the society have been regularly issued to members, and make up 190 printed pages (not including index) for the year, besides many plates. They include papers by Dr. Allison on farm implements; by Mr. T. V. Holmes and Dr. Haverfield on the Roman Wall; by R. O. Heslop on a Friendly Society or 'Box'; by the late Mr. John Thompson, on Old Park Hall; by Mr. Maberly Phillips on Dog Spits; and by Mr. E. Wooler on Charms and Talismans; besides reports of the meetings and the collectanea of related notes, supplied by the editor.

At our March meeting Mr. W. S. Corder outlined a project for organizing the various photographic societies of the two northern counties with a view to their undertaking a careful, systematic record survey of all objects and subjects of antiquarian interest within their respective areas. The work is one of such magnitude as to involve the enlistment of a large number of skilled photographers, and to call into force a special organization. Its achievement would be attended with such valuable results in the study of antiquities and in forming an archaeological record of the district, that your council unanimously commend its consideration, and would cordially urge the desirability of its realization.

Your council has from time to time concerned itself with the important question of the ancient town walls and towers of the city. The possibility of further destruction of these priceless



relics of our municipal history induced your council to appoint a special sub-committee to deal with the question. A conference with the chairman of the Stewards of the Incorporated Companies ensued. At this the holdings of the Freemen of Newcastle in certain of the structures was discussed with every courtesy by their representative. Subject to their pecuniary interests in the various towers and rights of user on adjoining walls being recognized the Freemen were prepared to negotiate. But at this stage it was ascertained that the city council had intervened; its finance committee having appointed a 'Town Walls and Towers Sub-Committee' to investigate the whole subject. The report of that sub-committee has been submitted to the finance committee and approved by them, and it now awaits confirmation by the council itself. Their ratification is to be desired. Its result would be that the city council would take into their own hands all the remaining Walls and towers with the view of acting as guardians for their preservation. It is needless to say that the issue is being watched with anxiety, not only by a numerous body of our own citizens, but by representative bodies throughout the kingdom; the famous town walls of Newcastle being looked upon far and wide as a national possession of inestimable value.

Your council record in this connexion the enlightened policy pursued in the past by the city council, as exemplified by them in acquiring the Norman Keep and the Blackgate, and in committing these great historic structures to the care and keeping of your society as tenants. By this wise action the intellectual life of the city has been enriched in the access to these unique buildings of an earlier time, and in the educational value of their contents to the historical student. In hardly less a degree will it redound to the wisdom and intelligence of our city councillors, now and for generations to come, if they maintain the same wise policy in securing and preserving for all time the relics of Newcastle's early municipal greatness in its ancient walls and towers.

TREASURER'S REPORT, WITH BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

The number of members now on the roll is three hundred and fifty-four, of whom four are life members. During the year we have lost by death seven members, seven have resigned, and one has been struck off. Twenty-nine new members have been elected during the twelve months.

The total income for the year has been 559*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*, and the expenditure 539*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* We began the year with a balance in hand of 139*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*, and end with one of 159*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.*

The only item in the balance sheet that calls for any remark is that of 'sundries,' which is much larger this year than usual. The explanation is that it includes the donation to the 'Blackgate Fund' (22*l.* 18*s.*), the expenses in connexion with the Roman Wall Pilgrimage 'Celebration' (18*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*), and the cost of printing an edition of the *Guide to the Castle* (15*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*)—all of which are exceptional.

*Re* 'The Blackgate Fund,'—the total cost of erecting and fitting-up the new shed at the Blackgate—excavating the Heron Pit, etc., amounted to 282*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* This has all been defrayed by subscription. A complete list of the subscribers is given on page xxii.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1906.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1906.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on 1st January, 1906	...	...	...	139	19	8
Members' Subscriptions	...	...	...	373	16	0
Books sold and bought	...	...	...	23	8	0
Castle	...	...	...	130	1	4
Blackgate	...	...	...	31	16	9
<i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	...	...	...	...	102	0
<i>Proceedings</i>	...	...	...	...	57	13
Illustrations	...	...	...	...	59	19
Museum	...	...	...	...	3	7
Sundries	...	...	...	...	129	1
Secretary	...	...	...	...	40	0
Balance in bank	...	...	...	...	153	0
Do. in hands of Treasurer	...	...	...	...	6	3
				<u>£699</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
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Examined with Vouchers and found correct,

JOHN M. WINTER & SONS,  
Chartered Accountants.

18th January, 1907.

INVESTMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
2½ per cent. Consols as at December 31st, 1906	...	...	...
On Deposit in Post Office Savings Bank, December 31st, 1906	...	...	...
Dividends on Consols for the year	...	...	...
Interest on Deposit Account	...	...	...
			<u>2 12 6</u>
			<u>£107 15 1</u>

## TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR 1906.

EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE, 1906—			EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE, 1906—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Wages of warden ...	65	0 0	Wages of attendant ...	20	16 0
Bonus to Miss Telford ...	1	0 0	Rent : Newc. Corporation	1	0 0
Rent ... ..	0	2 6	„ N.E.R. Company	3	0 0
Property tax ... ..	2	5 9	Property tax ... ..	1	17 6
Gas account ... ..	2	2 10	Gas account ... ..	5	3 5
Water account ... ..	0	6 0	Water account ... ..	1	0 0
Coals ... ..	0	16 6	Coals ... ..	1	13 6
Repairs ... ..	0	5 10	Repairs ... ..	0	9 1
Sundries : firewood, etc.	0	7 5	Sundries : wall-paper, etc.	0	3 9
	<u>£72</u>	<u>6 10</u>		<u>£35</u>	<u>3 3</u>

## DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1906.

## BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC., DURING THE YEAR 1906—

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Subscriptions to Societies—				
Parish Register Society ... ..	1	1 0		
National Trust Society ... ..	1	1 0		
Surtees Society ... ..	1	1 0		
Harleian Society ... ..	1	1 0		
Congress of Archaeological Societies ... ..	1	0 0		
Northumb <sup>d</sup> and Durham Parish Register Society	0	10 6		
Tynemouth Parish Register, 1905-06 ... ..	0	10 0		
			6	4 6
<i>New Oxford Dictionary</i> ... ..			0	10 6
<i>Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies, etc.</i> ... ..			0	13 6
<i>Scott's Chiefs of Newcastle</i> ... ..			0	10 6
Rev. E. A. Downman, Plans of Earthworks (original drawings) ...			2	9 9
<i>Victoria History of Durham, vol. 1</i> ... ..			1	11 6
Asher & Co., for Transactions of Imperial German Archaeological Institute ... ..			1	6 2
<i>Notes and Queries</i> ... ..			0	17 8
<i>Northern Notes and Queries</i> ... ..			0	6 0
Macquoid's <i>History of Furniture</i> ... ..			1	2 6
Salop Archaeological Transactions ... ..			0	11 0
British School at Rome : Papers, vol. 1 ... ..			0	12 0
'The Antiquary's Books,' 8 vols. ... ..			3	0 0
Bond's <i>Gothic Architecture</i> ... ..			1	11 6
Perrot & Chipiez, 12 vols. ... ..			5	15 0
Brown's <i>Care of Ancient Monuments</i> ... ..			0	7 6
			£27	9 7

Carry forward .. £27 9 7

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR 1906.

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	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	27	9	7
G. Harding for Haine's <i>Brasses</i>	2	15	5
<i>The Reliquary</i>	0	10	0
Dodd's <i>S. Cuthbert</i>	0	2	1
<i>Scottish Historical Review</i>	0	11	0
Raven's <i>Bells of England</i>	0	7	6
F. N. Walford for Photograph of Newcastle Proclamation	0	17	0
J. C. Wilson for bookbinding	6	4	11
Ballard, <i>Domesday Book</i>	0	7	6
Gasquet's <i>Parish Life</i>	0	7	6
Otto Petters for <i>Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes</i>	0	12	6
	<u>£40</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

SUNDRIES FOR THE YEAR 1906—

	£	s.	d.
Donation to 'The Blackgate Fund'	22	18	0
Expenses re The Roman Wall Pilgrimage Celebration:—			
G. S. Simpson's account for refreshments	8	0	0
Other refreshments	0	10	6
Alderson & Brentnall for hire of piano	1	5	0
Printing programmes	1	2	6
R. Simpson & Son for sundry printing	4	9	10
Gratuity to the duke's piper	1	1	0
Mr. Mowat for playing the small pipes	0	10	6
Gratuities to attendants	1	10	0
		<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>
T. Pumphrey & Son for refreshments at opening of Blackgate extension	2	3	6
R. Simpson & Sons for general printing	24	4	6
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., do. do.	5	11	7
A. Dickson, for printing plates	2	0	0
R. Simpson & Sons for printing <i>Guide to Castle</i>	15	8	6
Postage for <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	5	11	0
Carriage on books, etc.	1	5	0
Cheque Book	0	5	0
Secretary for out-of-pocket expenses	17	2	3
Do. for indexing <i>Proceedings</i> , vol. II. (3rd series)	3	3	0
Do. do. <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , vol. II. (3rd series)	3	3	0
Treasurer's out-of-pocket expenses	2	17	6
Fire insurance premium on 'Brooks Collection'	1	16	6
Fire insurance premium for Blackgate and Castle	3	2	6
	<u>£129</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

## THE BLACK GATE FUND.

## LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
			Anonymous donor (per Mr. Dendy) ... ..	123	6	6
			Society of Antiquaries, Newcastle-upon-Tyne ... ..	22	18	0
			The Duke of Northumberland ... ..	15	0	0
			Lord Joicey ... ..	10	10	0
			W. F. Henderson ... ..	10	0	0
			Stephen Easten ... ..	7	5	2
			Messrs. Lambton & Co. ... ..	5	5	0
			Joseph M. Moore ... ..	5	5	0
			Prof. E. C. Clark, Cambridge ... ..	5	0	0
			F. W. Dendy ... ..	5	0	0
			W. D. Cruddas ... ..	5	0	0
			Thomas G. Gibson ... ..	5	0	0
			T. Hodgkin, D.C.L., F.S.A. ... ..	5	0	0
			Henry F. Swan ... ..	5	0	0
			Thomas Taylor, F.S.A. ... ..	5	0	0
			Sir Gainsford Bruce ... ..	4	4	0
			R. Coltman Clephan, F.S.A. ... ..	4	4	0
			L. W. Adamson, LL.D. ... ..	4	4	0
			Sir Walter Plummer ... ..	2	2	0
			J. Dickinson ... ..	2	2	0
			A. D. Park ... ..	2	2	0
			T. H. Archer-Hind... ..	1	1	0
			W. D. Arnison, M.D. ... ..	1	1	0
			Sir B. C. Browne ... ..	1	1	0
			R. Oliver Heslop, M.A., F.S.A. ... ..	1	1	0
			Richard Welford, M.A. ... ..	1	1	0
			F. Carrick ... ..	1	1	0
			John Daglish... ..	1	1	0
			J. P. Gibson ... ..	1	1	0
			J. C. McDonald ... ..	1	1	0
			H. G. Carr-Ellison ... ..	1	1	0
			John Pattinson ... ..	1	1	0
			F. G. Simpson ... ..	1	1	0
			James E. Woods ... ..	1	1	0
			Edward Neilson ... ..	1	1	0
			William Boyd ... ..	1	1	0
			F. Fenwick ... ..	1	1	0
			Miss Ethel Parker ... ..	1	1	0
			J. R. Carr-Ellison ... ..	1	0	0
			J. B. Bowes ... ..	1	0	0
			Sidney S. Carr ... ..	1	0	0
			A. R. Collingwood ... ..	1	0	0
			J. Crawford Hodgson, M.A., F.S.A. ... ..	1	0	0
			G. B. Richardson ... ..	1	0	0
			Mrs. Ware, Carlisle ... ..	1	0	0
			Miss Henrietta Carr ... ..	1	0	0
			Edwin J. Eyres ... ..	0	10	6
			Robert S. Nisbet ... ..	0	10	0
			Edward T. Nisbet ... ..	0	10	0
			P. Truttman ... ..	0	10	0
			G. V. Charlton ... ..	0	10	0
			Oswin J. Charlton ... ..	0	10	0
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				£282	5	2

Paid Messrs. S. Easten, Ltd., account for the work, as certified  
by Mr. Knowles ... ..

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## CURATOR'S REPORT.

## DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1906.

1906.

- Jan. 31. By Mr. O. J. CHARLTON.—A framed portrait of his father, the late Dr. Charlton, a former distinguished secretary of the society (*Proceedings*, 3rd series, vol. II. p. 213).
- „ By Mr. GEORGE A. FOTHERGILL.—A reproduction of his pen and ink drawing of Darlington Church (*Ibid.* p. 214).
- „ By THE INCORPORATED COMPANY OF SHIPWRIGHTS (per Messrs. Doeg and Harrison's stewards (on loan).—Two large panel oil paintings representing Father Tyne and Neptune; and two escutcheons carved in wood, dating about 1640; one bearing the arms of the Company, the other the Royal arms (*Ibid.*, p. 216).
- Feb. 18. By Mr. ARTHUR.—Stone cannon-ball about six inches diameter.
- „ By Messrs. THOMPSON AND LEE.—Photograph of the north side of the Blackgate as it appeared at this date (*Ibid.*, pp. 225, 227).
- „ By Mr. ROBERT BLAIR.—Silver-mounted yatagan (*Ibid.*, p. 227).
- „ By Mr. L. JOHNSON, Newcastle.—Polished stone axe from the Shetlands, nine and a quarter inches long (*Ibid.*, p. 227).
- Mar. 28. By Dr. T. M. ALLISON.—Four flails from Somerset, Yorkshire, Rhenish-Prussia, and Denmark (*Ibid.*, pp. 236, 237).
- „ By THE NEWBURN DISTRICT COUNCIL (per their engineer, Mr. Thomas Gregory).—A Roman centurial stone of the century of Julius Proculus, found at Walbottle (*Ibid.*, p. 238). See p. xxiv.
- July 25. By Mr. C. SMITH, court keeper, Moot Hall.—A stone corbel, carved with a rude face, found in the cellars of the Bricklayers' Arms, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- Aug. 29. By the family of the late C. J. SPENCE.—Twelve illustrations of the Roman Wall, drawn and etched by Mr. Spence for Dr. Bruce's *Handbook*, now printed on plate paper and framed. A water-colour by the same, of the gold-plated brooch, etc., found at Aesica, in the condition in which they were on discovery. A black and white chalk drawing of the Blackgate as it appeared in 1883, when it came into the tenancy of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries (*Ibid.*, p. 297).

1906.

- Aug. 29. By Dr. T. M. ALLISON.—A humeller or hand implement for divesting grains of barley of their awns or beards, from Irthington (*Ibid.*, p. 298).
- „ By Mr. O. J. CHARLTON.—A sealing-wax impression of the seal of Syon abbey (*Ibid.*, p. 300).
- Sept. 26. By Professor W. FLINDERS PETRIE.—Beads, bronze pins, two iron lance heads, a bronze spoon, a survey mark, a corn grinder, a spindle whorl, a loom weight, two bronze arrow heads, a basalt pounder, coloured stucco from the temple of Onias and cement containing beads, all of Roman age from Egypt, specially chosen for comparison with Romano-British objects, and presented by the British School of Archaeology in Egypt in recognition of Miss Noble's contribution to their undertaking (*Ibid.*, p. 330).



ROMAN CENTURIAL STONE FOUND AT WALBOTTLE (see p. xxiii).