

REPORT
OF
The Society of Antiquaries
OF
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your council present their ninety-fifth annual report to the members of the society.

The monthly meetings held in the castle throughout the year have been from time to time of a specially interesting character. At the August meeting Professor Haverfield gave an interim report on the excavations conducted at CORSTOPITUM during the summer; and at a special meeting Mr. C. L. Woolley recapitulated the results obtained up to September 13th.

The following country meetings have also been held:

On May 30th, a whole day was devoted to visits which included Aycliffe church, Heighington church, Shackleton camp, Thornton hall, Legs cross, and Darlington church. At Heighington, the Rev. H. D. Jackson gave an account of the church. The other places and points of interest were described by our member, Mr. E. Wooler, F.S.A., who acted as guide and expositor throughout.

On June 6th, Haltwhistle burn camp was visited, when members examined excavations made there chiefly at the expense

of our member, Mr. F. Gerald Simpson, and under his personal direction in conjunction with Mr. J. P. Gibson. The excellent work carried out by Mr. Simpson has added another and important link to the knowledge of Roman field work and of the methods practised by the legionaries in securing and protecting their advance.

Another meeting was held at Hexham, on the afternoon of July 24th, for the purpose of visiting the new nave of the priory church, now in course of construction. Members were received by the Rev. Canon Savage, and were conducted round by our colleague, Mr. C. C. Hodges, who delivered an address in which he surveyed the history of the site, described the church of St. Wilfrid, showed its connexion with the existing structure, and pointed out the discoveries made during building operations for the new nave.

A fourth meeting was called for Ladykirk and Norham on September 11th. Driving from Berwick the large company halted near Gainslaw house, where they were received and entertained by Sir Gainsford and Lady Bruce. At Ladykirk church they were met by the minister, the Rev. W. J. Moodie, who described the church, probably the last pre-reformation structure erected in Scotland. Re-crossing the Tweed the church and castle of Norham were visited. At the former, the vicar, the Rev. A. B. Stogdon, recounted its history and described the various objects of interest in the church. At Norham castle members were received by Sir Hubert Jerningham, whose historical and architectural account of the famous border stronghold was listened to with great interest. Sir Hubert then conducted the party to Longridge Towers, where his remarkable collection of works of art was examined with keen appreciation. After tea had been served and thanks rendered to the generous host the party returned to Berwick.

The fifth meeting was held on September 13th, when the site of CORSTOPITUM was visited. It had been intended that the excavations, about to be suspended for the season, should be viewed by our society in conjunction with the members of the Cumberland and Westmorland society, to whom it had been decided to send a cordial invitation. Unfortunately the fusion of the two societies was frustrated by difficulty caused by the times of the train service east and west, with the result that as our members arrived they found their Cumbrian friends in the act of leaving. Mr. C. L. Woolley and Mr. R. H. Forster guided the party, and most kindly repeated the description to our members already given by them that day to their earlier visitors.

The exploration of CORSTOPITUM, originated by our member, Mr. H. H. E. Craster, has been one of the most prominent features of interest in the past year. The organization of a special committee of widely representative character, referred to in our last report, was undertaken by Mr. W. H. Knowles, who, in association with our own members, has succeeded in enlisting members of other learned societies, of the universities, as well as eminent archaeologists representative of the kingdom generally. His Grace the Duke of Northumberland acts as president. The plateau on which CORSTOPITUM is situated was occupied in Roman times by buildings extending over twenty-two acres, and it is the intention of the committee to continue a systematic prosecution of the work, year by year, in expectation that in five seasons it may be possible to unearth the entire area. Mr. Knowles, as honorary secretary, has received a gratifying response to his widely circulated appeal for funds, and a sum of 1,700*l.* has been already subscribed towards the cost, which is estimated to reach 2,000*l.*

The operations of the past year began on July 10th, when Mr. C. L. Woolley again undertook to supervise the work on

the spot. This was aided by Professor Haverfield, who took up his residence in the neighbourhood, and excavations proceeded continuously until October 12th. Mr. R. H. Forster also devoted himself to the work, living on the spot and aiding assiduously from first to last. The survey of the great bridge, the location of its northern land-abutment, and the identification of the road-line from this point northward, have specially devolved upon Mr. Forster; whilst the onerous task of preparing plans of the whole of the excavated places has been carried out by Mr. Knowles.

One of the objects sought is to ascertain and demonstrate the relation of the Roman highway to the town in its course through or round CORSTOPITUM. It is evident that the place acquired importance in Roman times, largely from its situation on the line of this great thoroughfare; a special value therefore is attached to a knowledge of the precise manner in which the road was connected with CORSTOPITUM itself. Although this yet remains to be cleared up, much has been done in showing the road as it left the bridge-head to ascend the slope beyond. Its exact route, from this point northward will doubtless be traced during the following year's work.

It will be borne in mind that systematic progress has been obliged to conform to the position of growing crops. This subserviency has more or less interfered with the direction and character of the excavations. So far, only the fringe of the town has been disclosed. Yet a general statement of the year's work sufficiently indicates how much real progress has been made in the heavy task of uncovering Roman CORSTOPITUM, and how great a light has been already thrown on the hitherto unknown character of its streets and buildings; and even at this stage it is evident that the considerations urged by Mr. Craster at the outset of the undertaking have been fully justified by the know-

ledge thus obtained. For we now know that CORSTOPITUM was not an ordinary military post, but rather a town which must have included a considerable population, pervaded, doubtless, by military elements, but having the characteristics of a place laid out and built as a town. We know, in addition, that its buildings were massive and important, and that they bear the marks of devastation and of successive repairs as striking evidence of the vicissitudes undergone by their occupants in Roman times. Yet, even so, these ruins preserve the traces of the town's ancient state. Its walls in later times have been freely plundered and used as a quarry of dressed stone ready to hand, and this material may be identified as it has been built up again in the structures of Anglian, mediæval, and later dates in churches, mills, and houses at Corbridge, Dilston, Hexham, and elsewhere in the neighbourhood. In CORSTOPITUM itself the foundations of its impoverished buildings fortunately remain, so that its character and plan may be recovered as the work of uncovering proceeds; and among the débris, as the past year's results demonstrate, there lie carved and inscribed stones, pottery, coins, and other small objects of use or ornament, all of them of value in adding links to the chain of historical evidence.

It will be readily understood that these excavations made in fields under tillage could only have been rendered possible by the most generous intervention of the owner of the land, and by the concurrence and assistance of his tenant. Captain Cuthbert, as proprietor, has not only afforded facilities and followed them with substantial and characteristic generosity, but has added the influence of his own keen personal interest in the undertaking. Captain Cuthbert has throughout placed not ourselves only but all who are interested in the advancement of learning under a lasting obligation.

Mention has already been made of the visit of our members to Haltwhistle burn camp and of the excavations examined on that occasion. These operations present points of contrast with the work at CORSTOPITUM of so marked a character as to enhance greatly the value of their achievement. CORSTOPITUM has been despoiled from time to time, and its site has long been under the plough; Haltwhistle burn, as far as is known, is a hitherto unopened camp. The one has been the residence of a civil population; the other has been of a purely military character. The greater town was situated upon the main line of communication in Roman times, and was a posting station on the Watling street; the other was a typical field-work lying on the Stanegate and commanding the defile on the east of AESICA. The excavation of CORSTOPITUM is the work of a wide-spread organization; the work at Haltwhistle burn camp was undertaken firstly at the expense of our colleague, Mr. F. Gerald Simpson, under his personal charge whilst living upon the spot. With the assistance of Mr. J. P. Gibson, and with skilled men, a very large amount of excavation was rapidly effected, and carried out in a workman-like manner. Sections were made in the ramparts and through the Stanegate; the inner face of the north rampart was cleared from end to end; the eastern gateway was opened out and a trench driven from it to the western rampart. Besides this an area within the gateway was cleared and the remains of foundation walls followed. Subsidiary camps in the neighbourhood were also examined and a so-called turret, on the Roman Wall beyond, was cleared and found to be a shieling constructed in later times of the material from the Wall. The work has been further developed in conjunction with the excavation committee of our society, operations being continued till late in the year. Towards the extra cost thus incurred several subscribers contributed, and our society unanimously voted a donation of 10%.

In these extended operations the whole area of the camp has been carefully trenched; a building, supposed to be the Pretorium, has been found and examined; and a large oven has been discovered, partially built into the north-eastern angle of the rampart of the camp. The excavation committee is to be congratulated on having demonstrated the character of this interesting camp. It gives us one of the instances of the careful manner in which the Roman army secured its advance into a hostile country, and indicates the quality of the soldiery who were able to handle spade and trowel and axe with as great a dexterity as sword and buckler and spear, and it is due to Mr. Simpson that our society should record its special appreciation of his excellent work.

With the beginning of the past year a third volume of the third series of the *Proceedings* of the society was commenced, and 156 pages with numerous plates have been issued. Besides this the index to volume II has been completed. A volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana*, the third volume of the third series, has also been published. It consists of pp. xlvii+381, with seven plates and plans, and numerous illustrations in the text. By resolution of the Council the editor's name is now printed on the title page. Although the name of Mr. Robert Blair appears in this way for the first time, his appointment as honorary editor was made in 1882. Since that date twenty volumes and an index volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana* and twelve volumes of *Proceedings*, besides minor issues, have been published, all of them under the sole editorship of Mr. Blair. The twenty-fifth year of such a record was commemorated by a presentation at our July meeting, and your Council would here add their testimony to the remarkable service rendered throughout so long a period by our senior secretary and editor.

In the volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana* recently issued, bibliography forms a prominent feature. This subject is represented by Mr. R. W. Ramsey's 'Kepier Grammar School and its Library,' and by the important treatise on 'Early Newcastle Typography, 1639-1800,' by Mr. Richard Welford. The notices of Newcastle printers and the list of books from their presses cover 134 pages of the volume, an indication of the comprehensive and laborious character of the work. Mr. Welford also communicates an article on 'Art and Archaeology: The Three Richardsons.' The volume further contains contributions of a historical character from Dr. Bradshaw, Sir Gainsford Bruce, Messrs. H. H. E. Craster and J. Crawford Hodgson. Mr. W. W. Tomlinson gives a biographical notice of our late colleague, Mr. George Irving, and Commandant Mowat records the symbol of the second Roman legion, and the survival of the same symbol in modern military usage. Mr. C. L. Woolley furnishes a provisional report on the excavations at CORSTOPITUM in 1906. Besides these there is a valuable heraldic paper by Mr. C. H. Blair upon 'A Book of North Country Arms of the Sixteenth Century.' A full page coloured plate in illustration has been added, at the cost of his grace, our president. Towards the other illustrations Mr. F. Raimes has contributed. In the importance of the material brought together and the variety of subjects treated the volume may compare favourably with its predecessors.

The Northumberland County History Committee, so closely allied to our society, has published during the past year the eighth volume of their great undertaking. This is *The Parish of Tynemouth*, by our colleague, Mr. H. H. E. Craster.

The monastic foundation presented many perplexities in its relation to the distant abbey to which it was attached; these have been elucidated after indefatigable research, and the history of the priory and the castle have been told by Mr. Craster in a

narrative worthy of so important a subject. The rise and progress of the borough is also a matter of great local interest, and this, with accounts of adjacent townships, is treated with equal care and lucidity. Of special value are the contributions to this important volume by Mr. T. E. Forster on the history of the coal trade, by Professor Garwood on geological features, and by Professor A. Meek on the sea fisheries of the district.

Of works published by other members of our society in the past year *The Records of the Northern Convocation*, by the Very Rev. Dean Kitchin, has been issued as vol. 113 in the series of the Surtees Society. It is prefaced by a very valuable and recondite history of the subject in which the constitution of this representative body, in its growth and in its aspect to the church and the nation, is sketched by the accomplished author.

Your council has had its attention called to the structural condition of the Blackgate by the collapse of a portion of the masonry after heavy rain in the autumn. A careful examination of the building has revealed the fact that a very large part of the ashlar joints has completely decayed, and that much of the old walling is in a loose and precarious state. A special committee has been appointed to deal with the question, and the members are already in negotiation with the estate and property committee of the city council.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WITH BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1907.

The number of members on the roll on December 31st, 1907, is the same as it was on the 31st of December, 1906, viz., three hundred and fifty-four; for while we have lost six members by death, eight by resignation, and two have been struck off, sixteen new members have been elected during the year. The only difference is that we have now five life members instead of four, Mr. G. R. B. Spain having compounded for his subscription. The composition of twelve guineas thus received has been paid into the Post Office Savings Bank to the credit of the capital account, in accordance with the council's order of the year 1890 to that effect.

The total income for the year has been 542*l.* 8*s.* (including the composition of twelve guineas mentioned above) which with the balance brought forward of 159*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* makes a total of 701*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* The expenditure had been 481*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.*, leaving a balance in hand of 219*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* But it is to be noted that nothing has been paid during the year for printing the *Arch. Aeliana*, owing to the late publication of vol. III (3rd series). Had this been done it would have reduced the balance probably by about 140*l.*

The expenditure on the castle includes 18*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* for the installation of the electric light.

The subscription of 25*l.* to the 'Corbridge Excavation Fund,' and the donation of 10*l.* to the 'Haltwhistle Burn Camp Excavation Fund' appear among the sundries.

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1907.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1907.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on 1st January, 1907	159	4	5			
Members' Subscriptions	365	8	0			
Books sold and bought	23	1	0	46	7	4
Castle	123	17	2	96	10	9
Blackgate	30	1	10	56	6	3
Subscription transferred to Deposit Account				12	12	0
<i>Proceedings</i>				67	8	10
Illustrations				58	14	4
Museum				5	18	1
Sundries				97	17	6
Editor for Clerical Assistance				40	0	0
Balance in bank at 31st December, 1907				215	10	1
Do. in hands of Treasurer				4	7	3
	<u>£701</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£701</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

Examined with Vouchers and found correct,

JOHN M. WINTER & SONS,

Chartered Accountants.

Newcastle-on-Tyne,

24th January, 1908.

INVESTMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
2½ per cent. Consols as at December 31st, 1906	42	18	5
On Deposit in Post Office Savings Bank, December 31st, 1906	64	16	8
Paid in during the current year	£12	12	0
Dividends on Consols for the year	1	1	4
Interest on Deposit Account	1	14	1
		<u>15</u>	<u>7</u> <u>5</u>
	<u>£123</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

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EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE, 1907—

	£	s.	d.
Warden's salary ...	65	0	0
Bonus to Miss Telford ...	1	0	0
Rent ...	0	2	6
Property tax ...	2	5	9
Installation of electric light ...	18	13	6
For electric current ...	1	4	3
Gas account ...	0	14	2
Water account ...	0	6	0
Coals ...	1	17	6
Repairs ...	0	17	7
Sundries ...	0	2	6
Fire insurance premium	4	7	0

£96 10 9

EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE, 1907—

	£	s.	d.
Attendant's wages ...	24	14	0
Rent: Newc. Corporation	1	0	0
„ N.E.R. Company	3	0	0
Property tax ...	1	17	6
Gas account ...	4	3	9
Water account ...	1	0	0
Coals ...	1	18	6
Repairs ...	13	16	2
Sundries ...	0	16	3
Fire insurance premium	4	0	1

£56 6 3

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1907.

BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC., DURING THE YEAR 1907—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions to Societies—						
Parish Register Society ...	1	1	0			
National Trust Society ...	1	1	0			
Harleian Society ...	1	1	0			
Surtees Society ...	1	1	0			
Congress of Archaeological Societies ...	1	0	0			
Northumb ^d and Durham Parish Register Society	0	10	6			
				5	14	6
<i>New Oxford Dictionary</i> ...				1	1	0
<i>Feudal Aids</i> , vol. iv. ...				0	12	6
<i>Catalogue of Ancient Deeds</i> ...				0	12	6
Rev. E. A. Downman, Plans of Earthworks (original drawings) ..				7	4	0
Asher & Co., for Transactions of Imperial German Archaeological Institute ...				3	3	0
Taylor's <i>Ancient Crosses</i> ...				1	12	2
Rev. C. Caine for Garrigill Registers ...				0	3	0
<i>Notes and Queries</i> ...				0	17	10
<i>Durham and Northumberland Archaeological Proceedings</i> ...				0	10	6

Carry forward ... £21 11 0

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	Brought forward	£21 11 0
<i>Ward's Directory</i> ...		0 8 6
<i>History of Furniture</i> , parts 12 to 14		1 2 6
<i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , vol. XXI.		0 10 0
Waller's <i>Brasses</i> ...		6 6 0
Druitt's <i>Manual of Costume</i> ...		0 10 6
G. A. Fothergill for <i>Sketch Book</i> and Sketches		1 14 0
<i>Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies</i>		0 6 0
Bemrose & Co. for <i>Manx Crosses</i> ...		2 2 0
<i>The Reliquary</i> ...		0 10 0
<i>Scottish Historical Review</i> ...		0 11 0
<i>New History of Northumberland</i> , vol. VIII.		1 6 0
J. W. Fawcett for Muggleswick Registers		0 5 0
Wheater's <i>Knaresborough</i> ...		0 15 6
G. F. T. Sherwood for <i>Pedigree Registers</i> ...		0 10 6
Otto Petters for <i>Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes</i>		0 11 10
J. C. Wilson for bookbinding		7 7 0
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SUNDRIES FOR THE YEAR 1907—

	£	s.	d.
Subscription to 'Corbridge Excavation Fund' ...	25	0	0
Donation to 'Haltwhistle Burn Camp Excavation Fund' ...	10	0	0
R. Simpson & Sons for general printing ...	20	11	0
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., do. do. ...	7	18	11
F. J. Simpson, Platform for Roman Wall Pilgrimage Celebration	4	18	1
Cheque Books ...	0	10	0
Carriage on books, etc. ...	0	13	11
Postage for <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ...	2	12	6
Secretary for out-of-pocket expenses ...	17	14	1
Do. indexing <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , vol. III. (3rd series)	3	3	0
Treasurer's out-of-pocket expenses ...	2	19	6
Fire insurance premium on 'Brooks Collection' ...	1	16	6
	<hr/> £97	17	6 <hr/>

CURATORS' REPORT.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1907.

1907.

- Mar. 7. From THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF NORTHUMBERLAND.—Base of column found during excavations for the foundations of their new offices on the site of the 'great hall of the king,' within the Castle Garth, Newcastle. (*Proceedings*, series 3, vol. III. page 34.)
- Apr. 24. From THE RIGHT HON. SIR GAINSFORD BRUCE.—i. A combined candlestick and rushlight holder from a Surrey cottage. The contrivance is made to slide up and down a vertical iron rod, fixed on a foot made of cross pieces of wood, and is similar to the candlestick used by shoemakers at their work; and ii. a crusie. (*Ibid.* p. 38.)
- July 31. From Mr. L. W. ADAMSON, LL.D.—Two large gaol door keys, used at the county prison, Morpeth, up to the time of its dismantlement. (*Ibid.* p. 92.)
- From Mr. W. J. MOUNTFORD, Darlington.—A large iron key, 9½ inches long, formerly belonging to Captain Welford of Darlington, who obtained it from his father, Mr. Welford, ironmonger, Mosley Street, Newcastle. Mr. Welford's information respecting it was that it came into his hands as the key of Newgate, Newcastle, with which the gatekeeper at that place struck a boy and caused his death. (*Ibid.* p. 92.)
- Aug. 28. Dr. T. M. ALLISON.—i. A 'lutchet,' or wooden corn shovel. ii. Iron corn-dibbler, from Suffolk. The bob, or dibble, is at the foot of an iron rod, bifurcating at the top and forming a crutch handle with a wooden bail. (*Ibid.* pp. 93, 94.)
- From Mr. C. D. NEWBY, Durham.—i. Impression of the great seal of Queen Victoria on leather. ii. Another similar impression, probably that of William IV, the wax removed from its leather envelope and the impression greatly damaged. (*Ibid.* p. 94.)
- Oct. 30. From Mr. JAMES CAYGILL, miner, Consett.—Iron hand drills and mining tools, all of obsolete type. They include a slide, a pick, drilling hammer, sledge hammer, hand pusher drill, scraper, pricker, stemmer or beater, three hammer drills. These were used both in coal and stone working. Since the Act of 1870, the use of iron tools for inserting, stemming and pricking cartridges has been prohibited. All these tools are now required to be made of yellow metal, *i.e.*, malleable brass. (*Ibid.* p. 114.)

From Mr. ROBT. BLAIR, senior secretary.—i. Communion token of Ladykirk church. It is of lead, squared and measuring $\frac{3}{8}$ inch by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, inscribed on face 'L K,' and on its reverse '1716.' (*Ibid.* pp. 108, 114.) ii. A pair of scissor-shaped snuffers, or wick trimmers. (*Ibid.* p. 114.)

The librarian reported that the following books, etc., had been given to the library during 1907:

1907.

- Jan. 30. From the PEABODY MUSEUM, Harvard University.—'Commentary on the Maya Manuscript in the Royal Public Library of Dresden.'
From THE NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE BIBLE SOCIETY.—*Reprints from the Annual Report, 1906.*
- Feb. 27. From Mr. JOHN P. POTTS.—The Register of Byrness, Northumberland, from 1797 to 1813.
- Mar. 27. From Mr. THOMAS MAY, F.S.A. Scot.—'The Excavations on the Romano-British Site at Wilderspool, 1905' (overprint).
- Apr. 25. From Mr. THOMAS MAY, F.S.A. Scot.—i. 'On the Gallo-Roman Potters' Marks on Terra Sigillata Ware found at Lancaster and Quernmore.'
ii. 'On the Ornamental Terra Sigillata Pottery found at Lancaster.' (Overprints.)
- May 29. From THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.—*The Yohut's Language of South Central California.*
From Mr. GEORGE HUGHES.—Six plans of Newcastle churches and burial grounds at the beginning of the seventeenth century.
- July 31. From Mr. GEORGE SHERWOOD.—*The Pedigree Register*, No. 1.
From Mr. G. A. FOTHERGILL.—*G. A. Fothergill's Sketch Book*, part iv.
- Aug. 28. From Mr. R. OLIVER HESLOP, M.A., F.S.A.—A reprint of the 'Love Sick King, an English Tragical History.'
From Mr. T. V. HOLMES, F.G.S.—i. 'A recent Subsidence at Muching, Essex.' ii. 'Miscellaneous Denehole Notes.' (Overprints.)
- Oct. 30. From Mr. ROBERT DE RUSTAFJÆLL, F.R.G.S.—'Palaeolithic Vessels of Egypt' (overprint).
From Mr. GEORGE B. LONGSTAFF, M.A., M.D., F.S.A.—*The Langstaffs of Teesdale and Weardale.*

- Nov. 27. From Mr. R. C. CLEPHAN, F.S.A.—*A Catalogue of Egyptian Antiquities at Marine House, Tynemouth.*
 From Mr. ROBERT BLAIR, F.S.A.—*The Antiquary for 1907.*
 From Mr. C. MENMUIR, M.A., F.S.A. Scot.—*The Rising of the North.*
 From Lieut.-Col. CARR-ELLISON.—A series of photographs of archaeological interest.

The following books have been purchased during the year:

Feudal Aids, vol. iv.; *The Official Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies*; *The Ancient Crosses and Holy Wells of Lancashire*; *A Manual of Costume as illustrated by Monumental Brasses*; *A Series of Monumental Brasses from the Thirteenth to the Sixteenth Century*; new *History of Northumberland*, vol. viii.; *Manx Crosses*; George A. Fothergill's *Sketch Book*; *Knaresborough and its Rulers*; *The Pedigree Register*.

The volumes and parts of the following publications to which the society subscribes have been placed in the library as they have appeared:

Surtees and Harleian Society Publications; *Notes and Queries*; *Northern Notes and Queries*; publications of the Parish Register Society and of the Parish Register Society of Durham and Northumberland; *The Oxford English Dictionary*; *The Scottish Historical Review*; Drawings of British Camps by the Rev. E. A. Downman; *A History of English Furniture*; *The Reliquary for 1907*; Transactions of the Imperial German Archaeological Institute; and *Der Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes*.

The publications of the learned societies which exchange transactions with this society have been regularly received (for list of these societies see page xxxvii).

The library has been regularly used for reference during the year both by members and by others to whom the council has granted permission.