

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

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1909.

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The council of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries have the pleasure of submitting to the members their ninety-seventh annual report.

Since the last annual meeting, one of our members, Mr. Richard Burdon Sanderson, has passed away. Although not actively engaged in our pursuits, he was the representative of a local family whose interest in the history and antiquities of the district has always been sympathetic, and his loss is much regretted.

The council also desire to join in the universal expression of respectful condolence which our noble president has received upon the recent death of his eldest son, Earl Percy.

The council congratulate the society upon the completion of a fifth volume of the third series of *Archaeologia Aeliana*, containing, as usual, a number of valuable papers in the various

departments of archaeological investigation. Among them are an exhaustive account of excavations at CORSTOPITUM in 1908, and details of discoveries near Haltwhistle-burn and at Alnwick castle. A fourth volume of the third series of our *Proceedings*, issued monthly to members, is in progress, containing the customary reports of meetings, excursions, etc., with a goodly number of contributions upon subjects and objects of general interest. The excellent manner in which the society's publications are prepared by our editor, Mr. Robert Blair, is again heartily acknowledged.

Excursions have been made during the year to the following places:—(1) Heddou-on-the-Wall, with Newburn and Ryton; (2) North Yorkshire, including Manfield, Stanwick, Forcett, Ravensworth, Melsonby and Piercebridge; (3) the Roman Wall visited in conjunction with the Glasgow Archaeological Society; (4) Marine house, Tynemouth, by invitation of Mr. R. C. Clephan, a vice-president, to inspect his collection of Egyptian antiquities, arms, armour, etc.; (5) Brinkburn priory, with Long Framlington and Rothbury; and (6) Gilsland. The council thankfully acknowledge the kindness and courtesy with which members and their friends were received by the owners and occupiers of the places visited.

Continuing what may be termed the structural improvements that have been undertaken by the society of late years, the council have given much attention to the oft expressed desire for a thorough and effective reorganization of the society's library. The valuable books and manuscripts which have been accumulated in past years, to which additions are continually being made, find no apartment in the castle keep wherein they can be properly preserved, conveniently staged and rendered at all times accessible. Upon receipt of a special report from the librarian, Mr. C. Hunter Blair, on this serious defect in our arrangements,

the council applied themselves to the consideration of a remedy. A suggestion made by Mr. W. H. Knowles, to set apart and furnish, at a cost of about 300*l.*, the upper room of the Blackgate, in which, with the indispensable adjuncts of light and warmth, our literary treasures might be suitably displayed and conveniently utilized, met with general concurrence. A subscription list was opened, and under the impulse of our noble president, who offered to add ten per cent. to the sum collected, a large proportion of the necessary funds has been provided, and the work of adaptation has begun. It is hoped that the balance remaining will soon be obtained.

The operations of the Corbridge Excavation Committee continue to be the most important Roman research work carried on in the United Kingdom. During the past season Mr. R. H. Forster has been continuously on the site, while Mr. W. H. Knowles and Mr. H. H. E. Craster made frequent visits, and Professor Haverfield and other Oxford friends attended during portions of August and September. Among points of importance which have been established by these investigations, is the certainty of the occupation of the site by Agricola; a ditch, enclosing part of the area opened out on the north side may have some connexion therewith. In the expectation of finding carved or inscribed stones, the neighbourhood of the granaries was searched, and immediately in front of the south wall were found the bases of the columns of porticos that stood before the buildings, thus providing additional proof of the superior character of these erections. Most of the area investigated last year was apparently devoted to industrial purposes. One of the 'finds' was an unusually large mass of iron lying near a furnace, and that is now engaging the attention of metallurgists. A report of the season's work will enhance the value of the forthcoming volume of our *Archaeologia*.

On the south-east of the camp of Housesteads, our members, Mr. J. P. Gibson and Mr. F. G. Simpson, have opened out a circular Roman limekiln. Further investigations, in the interior of the north-east angle, disclosed foundations of an angle tower in the normal position, indicating that this tower had given place to another on the north wall where the great *murus* joins the camp. The west angle turret has been excavated and found to contain the base of an oven similar to those recently discovered at Halt-whistle-burn and Castleshaw. Excavations farther west, on the line of the *murus* at Peel crag, have disclosed a remarkably fine stretch of wall masonry and a wall turret hitherto unknown. Messrs. Gibson and Simpson have also conducted excavations at the mile-castle commonly called 'the king's stables,' at Gilsland, but have not yet completed them.

At Tynemouth priory, the preservative operations of the office of works have been continued. Two items of considerable interest, hitherto unnoticed, have been revealed and noted by Mr. W. H. Knowles, who will exhibit explanatory drawings to the society.

Useful restorative work has been effected at the vicar's pele, Corbridge, by our president, the duke of Northumberland. His grace has caused the accumulated rubbish, with the ivy and other injurious growths, to be removed, and the walls and floors to be put into a proper state of repair. A simple stone roof has also been erected to protect still further this relic of the past, which retains, in an unusually complete form, many interesting features.

The churchwardens of St. Peter's at Wallsend having applied to our society for advice on the matter of clearing the ruins of the old church of the Holy Cross in that town, and the graveyard, from the rubbish which encumbered them, Mr. Knowles and another member were deputed by the society to visit the

site, and following their report, the ruins have been enclosed, the site excavated, the plan revealed and the walls carefully pointed and covered with preservative material. Mr. Knowles, who had charge of the works, will no doubt communicate the result to the society.

It is a pleasure to record that the keep and gateway tower of Etal castle have been put into thorough repair by our member, Lord Joicey, the owner.

Outside of the society's operations, the council note with satisfaction the publication, under Mr. H. H. E. Craster's editorship, of another volume of the *Northumberland County History*, forming the ninth of the series. The district included in this issue is that of Earsdon and Horton. Volume x., under the same editorship, will deal with a more interesting locality, that of Corbridge and Dilston.

The interest which our fellow member, Mr. William Boyd, has shown in the preservation of old landmarks and the elucidation of past events in local history is exemplified by his publication of Oliver's Map of Newcastle in 1830, upon which he has superimposed a map of the town as it exists to-day. To this useful production, Mr. R. O. Heslop, one of our vice-presidents, has contributed historical forewords, which add materially to its value.

The state of the society's funds, the valuable additions made to the museum, and the books added to the library, find appropriate record in the respective reports of the treasurer, the curators, and the librarian, hereunto annexed.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT, WITH BALANCE SHEET FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1909.

The number of members on the roll on December 31st, 1909, was three hundred and sixty-seven, six of whom are life members. During the year sixteen members resigned, three died, and three were struck off by order of the council under Statute III. In the same period twenty-three new members were elected.

The income for the year has been 570*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, which, with the balance of 69*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* brought forward, makes a total of 640*l.* 13*s.* The expenditure has been 625*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, leaving a balance in hand of 15*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* Another member (Col. Jobling) has 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.

Another and enlarged edition of the *Guide to the Castle and Blackgate* was issued during the year, involving an outlay of 21*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, which, of course, will be recovered as the *Guides* are disposed of. The only other item of expenditure of an exceptional nature is that of 9*l.* 12*s.* paid for the installation of the electric light in the great hall of the castle.

The Library Fund: The donations received and promised towards the cost of removing the library to the Blackgate now amount to 279*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1909.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

		Receipts.	Expenditure.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance on 1st January, 1909—			
In bank	£63 8 9		
In hand	6 6 9		
	-----	69 15 6	
Members' Subscriptions on December 31st		387 9 0	
Books sold and bought		28 4 6	39 6 8
Castle		122 3 9	88 6 7
Blackgate		33 0 3	44 9 7
Compounded subscription transferred to Deposit Account			12 12 0
Museum			5 11 0
Printing:— <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>			185 3 4
Do. <i>Proceedings</i>			70 8 0
Illustrations			36 14 0
Secretary (for Clerical Assistance)			40 0 0
Sundries			102 18 2
Balance in bank			9 12 3
Do. in hands of Treasurer			5 11 5
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		£640 13 0	£640 13 0
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Examined with Vouchers and found correct,

JOHN M. WINTER & SONS, Chartered Accountants.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, 13th January, 1910.

INVESTMENTS.

	£ s. d.
2½ per cent. Consols	42 18 5
In Post Office Savings Bank on December, 31st, 1908	83 5 7
Paid in during 1909	12 12 0
Dividends on Consols	1 1 4
Interest on Deposit Account	2 2 3
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	£141 19 7
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## TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR 1909.

EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE, 1909—			EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE, 1909—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Warden's salary ...	65	0 0	Attendant's wages ...	23	8 0
Bonus to Miss Telford ...	1	2 6	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
For electric current ...	3	8 8	Inhabited house duty ...	1	2 6
Gas account ...	1	15 10	Gas account ...	5	15 6
Water account ...	0	6 0	Water account ...	1	0 0
Lock for oak case ...	0	9 0	Coals ...	1	15 0
Coals ...	0	17 0	Repairs ...	4	6 9
Mantles ...	0	4 6	Sundries ...	0	10 7
Repairs ...	3	2 10	Brushes ...	0	13 9
Electric installation in Great Hall ...	9	12 0			
	<u>£88</u>	<u>6 7</u>		<u>£44</u>	<u>9 7</u>

## DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1908.

## BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC., DURING THE YEAR 1909—

	£	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 <sup>4</sup> and Durham Parish Register Society	0	10 6		
			5	14 6
<i>History of Northumberland</i> , Vol. IX. ...			1	6 0
Rev. E. A. Downman, Plans of Earthworks (original drawings) ..			9	10 0
<i>The De Walden Library</i> , 3 vols. ...			1	15 0
<i>Scottish Historical Review</i> (parts 21-24) ...			0	11 0
<i>Church's English Costume</i> ...			0	7 6
G. Harding, <i>Marshall's Guide</i> ...			1	10 6
Asher & Co., for Transactions of Imperial German Archaeological Institute ...			4	14 9
<i>Guilds and Companies of London</i> ...			0	7 6
<i>Notes and Queries</i> ...			0	18 4
Carried forward ...			26	15 1



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BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC., 1909—		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	... ..	26	15	1
<i>History of Furniture, (2 parts)</i>	... ..	0	15	0
Round's <i>Feudal England</i>	... ..	0	5	0
Craighead Bros., <i>Coldingham Priory</i>	... ..	1	1	0
Mawson, Swan & Morgan, <i>Bonner Jahrbücher</i>	... ..	0	11	0
<i>Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies</i>	... ..	0	6	0
<i>Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist</i>	... ..	0	15	0
<i>Oxford English Dictionary (Prim-Pyxis)</i>	... ..	0	12	6
Bond's <i>Rood Screens and Rood Lofts</i>	... ..	1	12	0
Duff's <i>Literary History of Rome</i>	... ..	0	12	6
J. W. Fawcett, Lanchester Parish Registers	... ..	0	6	6
Otto Petters for <i>Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes</i>	... ..	0	13	6
J. C. Wilson for bookbinding	... ..	5	1	7
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SUNDRIES FOR THE YEAR 1909—		£	s.	d.
Subscription to Corbridge Excavation Fund	... ..	25	0	0
R. Simpson & Sons for printing 2025 Guides to the Castle	... ..	21	4	6
R. Simpson & Son for general printing	... ..	10	14	6
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., do. do.	... ..	4	18	6
Postage of <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	... ..	7	19	1
Carriage on books, etc.	... ..	0	7	10
Cheque Book	... ..	0	5	0
G. S. Simpson, providing tea in the Castle on the occasion of the visit of the Glasgow Archaeological Society	... ..	2	0	0
Entrance fees to Hexham priory church on the same occasion	... ..	0	15	0
Secretary for out-of-pocket expenses	... ..	15	4	0
Do. indexing <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , vol. v. (3rd Series)	... ..	3	3	0
Treasurer's out-of-pocket expenses	... ..	3	10	6
Fire insurance premium on 'Brooks Collection'	... ..	1	16	6
Do. on Castle and Blackgate	... ..	5	19	9
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The following is the report of the curators of donations to the museum during 1909:

- Jan. 27. By the Rev. W. GREENWELL, D.C.L., F.R.S., etc., etc., Durham.—A fine collection of Roman inscribed and sculptured stones, chiefly from the camp at Lanchester, cup-marked stones, etc., etc., in all 56 specimens (the inscriptions are nos. 675, 681, 691, 694-8, 705 and 714 in *Lapid. Sept.*). (*Proceedings*, 3rd series, vol. iv, page 2.)  
 By R. BLAIR.—Two bronze 'yetlings' dredged out of the bed of the river Tyne about 30 years ago; each is nine and a quarter inches high. (*Ibid.*)  
 By Mr. F. RAIMES, Stockton.—A silk banner, 4ft. 6in. square, bearing the arms of Raymes of Ayden, etc. (*Ibid.*)
- April 28. By Mr. R. WELFORD, M.A., V.P.—A bronze key, 4 inches long, probably of fifteenth or early sixteenth century date, and six late English and foreign copper coins found in a quarry near Alston manor house. (*Ibid.* page 34.)  
 By Mr. R. BLAIR.—(i) A two-handled jar, or small amphora, 17 inches high, of Roman date, from Egypt; (ii) Two scale models, each 12 inches high, of Pompey's pillar and Cleopatra's needle. (*Ibid.* page 34.)
- May 26. By Mr. T. MALTBY CLAGUE.—16 lantern slides of local views, 14 of them from drawings by T. M. Richardson and one (Newgate from the North) by M. A. Richardson, they consist of:—Newgate from the North; Newgate, 1823; Vaults, St. Thomas' Chapel; Black Gate; High Level; North Side of Pilgrim Gate; Austin's Tower; South Postern at Castle Stairs; Castle Garth; St. Mary's Porch, St. Nicholas' Church; Whitefriar Tower; Newgate (outer view, West Moat); Nether Dean Bridge; Old Tyne Bridge; Pandon Gate; and Magazine Gate, Old Tyne Bridge. (*Ibid.* pages 41-42.)  
 By Mr. W. PARKER BREWIS, Jesmond.—A cylindrical wooden box, containing a number of friction matches, made by John Walker of Stockton, the inventor of the lucifer match. A correspondent of *Notes and Queries*, writes (10 series, xi, 427), 'The 1st of May was the fiftieth anniversary of the death of John Walker, the inventor of the lucifer match. It was while he was in business as a chemist at Stockton-on-Tees that he discovered, more or less accidentally, that sulphide of antimony and chlorate of potash formed a mixture which ignited under friction. This was in 1825, and a correspondent of *Notes and Queries* remembers buying a box of fifty matches from him for one shilling and four pence in 1826. They were known as "fric-

- tion lights," and a box of them containing a folded piece of sand paper for the purpose of ignition, is still in existence. Walker did not think his invention important enough to patent it. In 1832 Isaac Holden, who had also discovered the lucifer match several years after Walker, drew public attention to it, and the manufacture of lucifer matches was commercially begun in 1832 and 1833. Several years since it was proposed to erect a memorial to John Walker in the town of his birth.' This proposal has never been carried out. (*Ibid.* page 42.)
- July 28. By Miss FLORENCE EMILY TODD of Prahran, Victoria, Australia (per Mr. R. Welford, V.P.).—A certificate of membership, under the seal of the society, issued to Moses Aaron Richardson, 7 July, 1840, and signed by the then president, Sir John E. Swinburne, and the secretaries, John Adamson and Henry Turner. (*Ibid.* page 83.)
- Aug. 25. By Mr. W. F. ORWIN, Gateshead.—A large dark green silk umbrella, with a staghorn handle, the wands being of whalebone. It appears to be of late eighteenth or early nineteenth century date. (*Ibid.* page 101.)
- Oct. 28. By Mr. R. WELFORD, V.P.—One of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway tickets, printed on yellow paper of ordinary thickness, for issue after the extension of the railway from Carlisle to Warden in 1836. (*Ibid.* page 118.)
- By Mr. R. OLIVER HESLOP, V.P.—A similar ticket, but with the booking reference showing that it had been used, which Mr. Welford's lacks. (*Ibid.*)
- By Mr. JOHN S. ROBSON.—A fine inlaid chest, 3 feet long by 1 foot 8 inches high and wide, which Mr. Robson said was 'bought in a very bad condition at a sale at Easington manor, co. Durham, recently; after repair its beauty was revealed. It was presumably of Italian workmanship, and probably dated from the end of the sixteenth or beginning of the seventeenth century.' (*Ibid.* pages 118-119.)
- By THE JOINERS' COMPANY OF NEWCASTLE (per Mr. John S. Robson).—The two coats of arms, one of Mrs. Barbara Farbridge, the other of Mrs. Margaret Stephenson, benefactors to the company, which formerly hung in the hall of the guild, and which the company had 'decided to hand over to the Society, to be held by them in safe keeping either in the Castle or Blackgate.' Reproductions of the escutcheons are given in Mr. Robson's history of the company, in *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd series, v, pages 181 and 183. (*Ibid.* page 119.)

- By Mr. E. H. WHITE.—Two photographs of a fragment of Norman string course with star ornament, lately discovered in St. John's church, Newcastle, while making alterations for the organ. (*Ibid.*)
- Nov. 24. By Mr. W. W. TOMLINSON.—An early railway ticket, exactly similar in design to that reproduced on page 118, *Proceedings*, 3rd series, vol. iv, but printed on green paper, and 'From Greenhead to Hexham [2nd. class—paid 3s. 0d.]' It also has the complete printed counter-foil. (*Ibid.* page 127.)
- By Mr. E. LEONARD GILL.—A small copper coin, much worn, apparently a bodle of Charles II, 'picked up on Holy Island a short time ago.' (*Ibid.*)

The librarian reported that the following gifts had been made to the library during 1909:

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- Feb. 24. From Mr. WM. BOYD.—Plan of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, based upon the survey of Thomas Oliver (1830), compiled by W. Boyd. (Two copies).  
From Mr. ALEX. WHITELAW.—An album of photographs of the Roman forts at Barhill.  
From THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE.—*Physiological and Medical Observations.*
- Mar. 31. From M. DE BERLANGA.—A Monograph by himself on Malaga.  
From Mr. R. BLAIR.—Two ancient deeds relating to South Tyne and a document concerning Byermoor colliery.
- April 28. From Mr. M. J. PAXTON.—*Post Office Directory* for 1812.  
From Mr. W. I. TRAVERS.—*The Architectural and Topographical Record*, no. 4.
- May 26. From Dr. HARTE GANLEY.—(i) *Sceptis Scientifica*, (ii) *The Armorial Bearings of the Incorporated Companies of Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, and (iii) a handbill dealing with Capital Punishment.
- July 28. From Miss EDLESTON.—Transcript of a document relating to Northumberland and Durham.  
From Mr. E. R. NEWBIGIN.—*The Life of James Allan.*  
From Mr. LAWRENCE JOHNSON.—*Transactions of the Viking Club.*  
From Mr. ED. STANFORD.—*A Guide to Avebury.*  
From Rev. R. EAST.—*St. Ann's Parish Magazine.*
- Aug. 25. From Mr. A. M. OLIVER.—*Jones's Index to the Records.*  
From Mr. THOMAS CHARLTON.—An ancient deed relating to Haddrick's Mill, Gosforth.

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- Oct. 28. From Mr. L. JOHNSTONE.—*Orkney and Shetland Miscellany*.  
 From Mr. J. W. FAWCETT.—*The Church of St. John the Baptist, Newcastle-upon-Tyne*.  
 FROM THE MANCHESTER BRANCH OF THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.—*Second Annual Report*.
- Nov. 24 From Mr. A. J. RUDD.—Grant, dated 11 Oct., 1365, by Thomas (de Hatfield), bishop of Durham to Kepier hospital.  
 From ROBERT BLAIR.—*The Antiquary* for 1909.

The following books have been purchased during the year :

*The Genealogist's Guide*; *The Guilds and Companies of London*; The three volumes of the 'De Walden Library,' (i) *Some Feudal Lords and their Arms*, (ii) *Banners, Standards and Badges from a Tudor MS.*, and (iii) *Two Tudor Books of Arms*; *Coldingham Parish and Priory*; *The Bonner Jahrbücher*, parts xcvi and xcvi; *English Costume*; *A Literary History of Rome*; *A History of Northumberland*, vol. ix; *Rood-screens and Rood-lofts*; and *Registers of Lan- chester, Co. Durham*.

The various serials and publications of learned societies to which the Society subscribes or receives in exchange for its own have been regularly received during the year (see list, p. xxxiv).

NEWCASTLE AND CARLISLE RAILWAY.		
No. _____	o'Clock, _____	1836.
From Carlisle to Warden.		
1st Class — Paid 6s. 3d.		
This Ticket will be required on your Arrival at your Destination.		
NOTICE.—No Fees allowed to be taken by any Guard, Porter, or other Servant of the Company.		

OLD RAILWAY TICKET (see p. xix, also p. xx).