

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

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1910.

Your Council present their ninety-eighth annual report.

The past year gives no exemption from the recurring duty of noting the loss of colleagues by death.

Since last annual meeting the following members have passed away:—Rev. Percy Rogers, hon. canon of Durham, Sir Walter Scott, bt., Rev. John Walker, hon. canon of Newcastle, Mr. William Maudlen, Mr. Mark Archer and Mr. Thomas Lambert.

Among these, Canon Rogers of Bath, had been associated with us since 1877. The decade of the seventies witnessed the admission of five of our present members. Only five other members date back to yet earlier years, and they are happily with us still, to form a decury of veterans in our midst.

Sir Walter Scott joined our ranks in 1886, and his interest in the antiquities of his adopted town and in those of his native Cumberland continued through life. Though he was probably more widely known as the constructor of the tube railways of London, his varied interests included that of publisher. The publication of R. J. Charleton's *Newcastle Town*, W. W. Tomlinson's *Guide to Northumberland*, and J. R. Boyle's *Guide to the County of Durham*, especially concern us; nor will it be

forgotten that the same publisher produced the five-volume *Chronicle of North Country Lore and Legend*, the three volumes of Richard Welford's *Men of Mark 'twixt Tyne and Tweed*, and the same author's three-volume *History of Newcastle and Gateshead*. Such a record may well express our indebtedness to our late esteemed colleague, and to that should be added the sense of personal regard felt by all who were privileged to know him.

Canon Walker was elected in 1891, and an obituary notice of him will be found in the recently issued volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana* (3rd ser., vol. vi, p. 273). It may suffice to mention here that to be with him was to feel the presence of a friend and comrade. His kindly greeting and cordial welcome, on our visits to his church and village and garden, remain with us as happy recollections of a genial personality, while the bright flower-beds in his garden told that he was one who loved 'all things both great and small.'

Mr. William Maudlen's election also took place in 1891.

Mr. Mark Archer was enrolled in 1893. Though he rarely attended our meetings and did not contribute to our publications, this may be attributed to the growing claims and responsibilities of his later years. At one time he was a frequent contributor to local journalism, and added much useful material to the literature of the coal trade. A comprehensive history of mining enterprise in the north of England was one of his early aims, and in 1897 he published a volume entitled 'A Sketch of the History of the Coal Trade of Northumberland and Durham, part I, being to the year A.D. 1700.' Unfortunately part II did not see the light. His appreciation of our pursuits was of a generous and practical character and the new *History of Northumberland* found in him one of its original guarantors.

Mr. Thomas Lambert was added to our ranks in 1896. He was well and widely known in the adjacent county as clerk to the magistrates of the borough of Gateshead.

Reviewing the work of the past year we note, in the first place, the publication of the sixth volume of the third series of *Archaeologia Aeliana*, consisting of 345 pages (pp. xliii + 302). Three of its articles are by our vice-president, Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson, who contributes a paper on the 'Medieval and Later Owners of Eslington'; 'A Genealogy of the Widdringtons of Cheeseburn Grange'; and the 'Obituary of the late Rev. John Walker,' above referred to. We are accustomed to expect from Mr. Hodgson the lucidity of narrative and evidence of research which we find in these welcome additions to our knowledge of family history. To another of our vice-presidents, Dr. F. W. Dendy, we are indebted for a highly valuable contribution of material for local history in his 'Extracts from the De Banco Rolls relating to Northumberland.' The 48 printed pages of these records furnish references over the long period from 1308 to 1558. Excavations at CORSTORPITUM in 1909 are reported in detail by Mr. R. H. Forster and Mr. W. H. Knowles; and by the latter an account is given of the church of the Holy Cross, Wallsend. 'Armorial of Northumberland; an Index and an Ordinary,' by Mr. C. Hunter Blair, form a special feature in the volume; its text, illustrated by examples, is yet further enhanced by a series of illuminated plates. Heraldry, as an auxiliary in the investigation of genealogy and as a handmaid in archaeological research, has, from time to time, found expositors in our pages, especially of late in the papers contributed by our member, Mr. Sidney S. Carr. So comprehensive a view as is now presented by Mr. Hunter Blair is the more welcome as it carries out investigations in a field of research hitherto but sparsely occupied. Special thanks are due to members who have generously assisted the author in defraying the cost of coloured and other plates.

The *Archaeologia Aeliana* and *Proceedings* reflect the care bestowed upon their production by our editor, Mr. Robert Blair. In the latter publication, collections, illustrative of or

supplementary to papers read, constitute a digest of material for present and future reference. Your council recognize the usefulness of this repository of information and the labour and research expended on it by the editor.

Our *Proceedings* have continued to be issued in sheets as printed, in deference to the wishes of members who desire to keep in close touch with our work from month to month. The method of issuing loose pages and plates involves the risk of loss, unless members exercise special precaution for their preservation. The alternative is to gather the pages and to issue them in covered parts, but by this plan considerable time would elapse between the issue of the numbers and a greater cost would be entailed.

Besides monthly meetings at the castle, visits have been paid to the following places of interest:—Alnwick; Ford, Etal and Flodden field; Lower Teesdale; these being whole-day meetings. Half-days were also spent at Poltrossburn mile-castle and Over Denton; and Aydon castle and CORSTOPTUM.

The removal of the society's library, referred to in our last report, was completed during the year. The collection, now systematically arranged, has been made available for use in the most favourable conditions. Members are under obligation to our honorary librarian for unstinted labour, bestowed from first to last, in effecting so complete a reorganization. Its value is seen by the increased use of the library and by the number who day by day resort to the new premises. Thanks are also due in an especial manner to the givers of the fund which has made this work possible, and to our member, Mr. W. H. Knowles, who has acted as architect and has so successfully converted the upper stage of the ancient gateway into an appropriate apartment. In effecting this change, the objects exhibited and their cases in the third floor of the Blackgate, had to make way for the new

library shelving and furniture. A reorganization of the society's museum has been rendered necessary as is shown in the report of the curators.

The increasing use of our museum by schools and classes, for the purpose of supplementing their courses of historical teaching, is to be noted. Special terms and conditions have been issued by your council to meet these cases.

Hitherto, in the imperfect light of our small casement windows, it has been at all times difficult to make use of our collection. For many days in winter a semi-darkness made this actually impossible. The satisfactory result of an installation of the electric light in each storey is dealt with in the report of the curators.

It has been thought well to underprop the second and third floors by the insertion of posts of wood.

Your council record with gratification that, in the past year, the University of Durham conferred the degree of D.C.L., *honoris causâ*, upon our vice-president, Mr. F. W. Dendy, and that the University of Manchester conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. upon the Right Hon. Walter Runciman, a member of our society.

The special committee in charge of the excavations at CORSTOPITUM have undertaken a vast amount of exploratory work during the past season. Much of this had to be carried down to a considerable depth so that the surface area exposed was proportionately less. Perhaps the most striking feature has been that of uncovering the eastern side of the large building on site XI (see report, *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 3 ser. v, 338), so that the entire plan of the structure is now laid bare. As the work proceeded, unexpected results were obtained. The scale of magnitude on which the building had been projected had already been seen. The vast area of its court; the evidence of the

highest craftsmanship in its masonry; its intention; its abandonment; the signs of violence in its dislocated parts; the re-use of its stones carried to other parts of the place, are so many problems added to the fascination of the work of research. Minor finds have again added to the store of facts obtained. These will be detailed in the official report of the year. The work has again been directed by Mr. R. H. Forster, who remained on the spot from first to last, and has had the active support of Mr. H. H. E. Craster and Mr. W. H. Knowles; the latter again undertaking the task of measuring and preparing drawings of the work. The excavations have also had the supervision of Professor Haverfield, who, as in previous years, remained during the vacation, with associates from Oxford. At this stage it may not be inappropriate to recall the fact that at the outset of these investigations little else was known of CORSTOPITUM beyond its name as given in the first *Iter Britanniarum* of the Antonine Itinerary and such information as is to be found in Horsley. So far, the Excavation Committee has demonstrated that CORSTOPITUM dated from an early period in the Roman conquest of the Tyne valley, shared in the vicissitudes of succeeding centuries, and that its occupation continued until the very eve of the departure of the Roman troops from Britain. This of itself already answers one of the purposes for which the excavations were undertaken.

If the magnitude of the place and the richness of the finds at CORSTOPITUM have called forth general interest, the simultaneous work elsewhere, that has been conducted by Mr. J. P. Gibson and Mr. F. Gerald Simpson, is of great importance. Their discoveries have already added much to our knowledge of the Wall and its accessories, and those of the past year have been of singular interest. What is described as a Roman water-mill was laid bare above the Haltwhistleburn fort; and details of its discovery were given to our society early in the year by

Mr. Simpson (*Proceedings*, 3 ser. iv, 167). In our last report mention was made of the discovery of a mile-castle by Mr. Gibson and Mr. Simpson on the Cumberland side of Poltross burn. Its site had been conjecturally located by Mr. Gibson close to the scene of comparatively recent explorations. These were carried further westward, and the work of the spade shortly uncovered the north gateway. Mr. Simpson has since laid bare the whole interior of this mile-castle and revealed features of special importance (*Proceedings*, 3 ser. iv, 185). Reversing the aspect of Cawfields mile-castle, this one lies on a slope facing north, with the Wall at its foot. It enclosed a series of terraced buildings intersected by a central street. These give us, for the first time, an example where the internal arrangements of a mile-castle have remained; and by an excavation, conducted with scientific care, successive periods of occupation, destruction and reconstruction are made manifest. It would be difficult to exaggerate the value of the work pursued by these investigators, year by year, in advancing our knowledge of the Wall and in adding to the attraction of this period of history.

Having obtained permission of Sir H. D. Blackett, Mr. Simpson made cuttings through the vallum in the past year at Halton Chesters (HUNNUM). These showed that the line of the ditch had swerved on approaching the camp and passed round its southern front.

Reverting to our own premises and to the noble building in which we are accustomed to assemble, it has been apparent that exposure to the winds and rains of more than seven centuries has told upon its face. The disintegration of its ashlar work, and the waste of its cementing material, have increased of late years to so great an extent as to lay bare in places the rubble core with which the wall face is backed up. Under the direction of Mr. F. H. Holford, property surveyor to the city, repair of

the eastern face of the keep has been executed during the past year. In course of this work, loose and dangerous stones have been made secure, the custodian's chamber has been reroofed, and the whole effected without detriment to the character and appearance of the building.

In thus acknowledging the care bestowed by the city council upon this invaluable historical monument, we may add an expression of our hope that the same vigilance will be extended to the protection of the other extant objects which link the life of the twentieth century with that of our forefathers. Their disappearance would reduce the aspect and interest of our city to the commonplace of a modern town. In this connexion reference was made, in our ninety-sixth annual report, to the acquisition by the city corporation of remaining portions of our town walls and towers. Plummer tower, belonging to the fraternity of masons, and Ever tower, in private ownership, were the only exceptions. Since that date Ever tower has been razed to the ground. For the rest, it is reassuring to know that they are now in the city's own keeping. Thus maintained they will hand on to posterity an aspect of the 'magnificence' attributed to the walls of Newcastle and a visible record of the spirit that animated its townsmen.

The transformation of thoroughfares in Newcastle continues, as old buildings one by one disappear and are replaced by modern structures. This perhaps is more conspicuous in the lower town, where, as on the Sandhill and in The Side, frontages of the seventeenth century prevailed until a quite recent time. The approaching demolition of another group of buildings will remove the last remaining examples of half-timber houses in The Side. When their place is filled by modern structures the changed appearance of the thoroughfare will have been completed within recent memory. It is but one step back to the

time when the shop-keeper lived above his shop in those overhanging storeys casemented from end to end, with here and there a bayed projection, cantilevered over the head of the pedestrian; a time when the whole street reflected an aspect of antiquity. The passing of such features claimed the attention of our society some years ago, and on the 30th August, 1882, the following resolution was passed:—‘That a sub-committee of this society be appointed for the purpose of photographing, sketching, or otherwise delineating all buildings and remains of buildings in Newcastle and Gateshead prior to A.D. 1700.’ Acting on this instruction the committee then formed began the publication of *Remnants of Old Newcastle*, issued by our society as a serial, in parts at 2s. 6d. each.* After the issue of a second number the publication was suspended, because its continuance might have interfered with a somewhat similar project then in course of active preparation in another quarter. Our resolution has since been allowed to lapse. It may be pointed out, however, that the excellent work that has been produced in this direction by private enterprise has been of necessity largely eclectic rather than comprehensive. Our society’s resolution, therefore, yet remains unfulfilled. Meanwhile the methods of illustration have been greatly cheapened, and vastly improved, and it may be opportune to reconsider the whole question. The approaching centenary of our society, for instance, offers an opportunity for its commemoration by a volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana* that might be appropriately devoted exclusively to the illustration of extant ‘remnants of old Newcastle.’

*Copies of this publication can be had on application to the custodian at the Castle.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT, WITH BALANCE SHEET, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1910.

The number of members on the roll on December 31st, 1910, was three hundred and sixty-three, six of whom are life members. During the year twelve members resigned, six died, and two were struck off by order of the council under statute III. In the same period sixteen new members were elected.

The income for the year has been 542*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*, which, with the balance of 15*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* brought forward, makes a total of 557*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* The expenditure has been 552*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, leaving a balance in hand of 4*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* The increased expenditure on the Blackgate account for the year, is owing to the fact that it has been necessary to appoint, and pay for, a permanent attendant at the library since its removal to the Blackgate.

For the last four years the cost of printing the *Archæologia Aeliana* has been unusually heavy. Owing to this, we have only been able to pay 10*l.* towards printing the *Proceedings* for 1910, although the actual cost incurred has been about 45*l.* The balance of 35*l.* odd we have been obliged to carry forward into the accounts for the year 1911.

During the year the Council appointed a small committee to go into the question of the finances of the Society. This committee carefully considered the whole position, and have made certain suggestions as to the apportionment of the various items of expenditure, which, if acted upon, will, it is expected, enable each year's expenditure to be met by the same year's income in future.

The donation of 25*l.* to the Corbridge Excavation Fund is the fourth year's contribution.

Library Fund: The accounts in connexion with this fund are not yet closed. The amount required to defray the expenses that have been incurred in removing the library to the Blackgate has exceeded the original estimate. Full particulars will be given later.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1910.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1910.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on 1st January, 1910—						
In hand	£5	11	5			
In bank	9	12	3			
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Members' Subscriptions	379	1	0			
Castle	115	4	6	78	8	9
Blackgate	30	0	8	59	3	10
Books sold and bought	17	15	0	45	7	5
Printing:— <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>				155	3	5
Do. <i>Proceedings</i>				10	0	0
Illustrations				37	17	2
Museum				3	13	2
Sundries				98	4	7
Corbridge Excavation Fund				25	0	0
Editor (for Clerical Assistance)				40	0	0
Balance in hand				0	11	0
Do. at bank				3	15	6
	£557	4	10	£557	4	10

INVESTMENTS.—31st December, 1910.

	£	s.	d.
2½ per cent. Consols	42	18	5
In Post Office Savings Bank	99	1	2
Interest on Consols	1	1	4
Do. on Deposit	2	9	7
	£145	10	6

Examined with Vouchers and found correct,

HERBERT M. WOOD, Chartered Accountant.

Sunderland, 24th January, 1911.

EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE, 1910—

	£	s.	d.
Warden's salary	65	0	0
Rent	0	2	6
Property tax	2	13	5
Electric current	3	9	11
Gas account	1	11	8
Water account	0	6	0
Coals	1	16	6
Repairs	0	16	10
Gratuity to Mr. Gibson for extra work in con- nexion with Removal of Library	2	2	0
Sundries	0	9	11
	<u>£78</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE, 1910—

	£	s.	d.
Attendant's wages	23	8	0
Library Attendant's do. ...	15	0	0
Rent: Newc. Corporation ...	1	0	0
„ N.E.R. Company	3	0	0
Property tax	2	3	9
Inhabited house duty	1	2	6
Electric current	0	10	0
Gas account	5	9	2
Water account	1	0	0
Coals	4	6	6
Repairs	0	19	11
Firewood	0	3	0
Gratuity to Miss Telford ...	1	1	0
	<u>£59</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1910.

BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC.—

Subscriptions to Societies—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Parish Register Society	1	1	0			
National Trust Society	1	1	0			
Congress of Archaeological Societies	1	0	0			
Harleian Society	1	1	0			
Surtees Society	1	1	0			
Museums Association	1	1	0			
Northumb ^d and Durham Parish Register Society	0	10	6			
				6	15	6
<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> (Rab-Rye)				0	10	3
<i>Cox's Parish Registers</i>				0	7	6
<i>Clay's Medieval Hospitals</i>				0	7	6
<i>Pedigree Register</i> (vols. 9 to 16)				1	3	7
<i>Scottish Historical Review</i> (parts 25-28)				0	11	0
<i>Galpin's Old English Instruments</i>				0	7	6
<i>J. Nisbet & Co. Complete Peerage</i> (vol. 1)				1	1	7
Congress Archaeological Societies—400 copies				0	10	0
Earthworks Report						
Do. —3 Indexes Archaeological Papers				0	3	3
<i>Notes and Queries</i>				0	19	0
Asher & Co., for Transactions of Imperial German Archaeological Institute				1	17	3
Carried forward				14	13	11

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BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC.—

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	14	13	11
Rev. E. A. Downman, Plans of Earthworks (original drawings)...	14	1	6
Tynemouth Parish Registers (parts VI and VII)	0	10	0
<i>Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies</i>	0	7	6
Otto Petters for <i>Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes</i>	1	13	6
J. C. Wilson for bookbinding	13	0	0
R. Robinson & Co. Ltd., for binding 7 vols. of Tracts	1	1	0
	<u>£45</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

SUNDRIES FOR THE YEAR—

	£	s.	d.
R. Simpson & Son for general printing and stationery	23	9	3
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., do. do.	16	6	11
Do. for 32 sets address labels, perforated and gummed	4	15	0
Do. for printing 30 copies of Richardson's view of St. Nicholas's church, Newcastle	1	15	0
Postage of <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	4	10	10
Carriage on books, etc.	0	15	11
John Worsnop: framed photograph of the late Dr. Bruce	1	0	0
J. P. Gibson for reporting and writing out the Rev. W. Greenwell's Lecture (one half)	1	11	6
Cheque Book	0	5	0
George Hughes for framing and repairing pictures....	0	11	0

FOR LIBRARY:—

Reid & Co., Ltd., stationery	£0	19	6
Do. deed box	0	16	0
Do. notice on wooden stand	0	10	0
Do. printing book labels, card do., and various fittings and books	2	11	6
J. A. Dotchin, picture rings and door mat	0	15	11
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Roneo Limited for typing 30 copies Finance Committee's Report	0	10	0
Do. for typing 30 copies of draft Annual Report	1	1	0
Secretary for out-of-pocket expenses	18	5	6
Do. indexing <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , VI (3rd Series)	3	3	0
Do. do. <i>Proceedings</i> , IV (3rd Series)	3	3	0
Treasurer's out-of-pocket expenses	3	12	6
Fire insurance premium on 'Brooks Collection'	1	16	6
Do. on Castle and Blackgate	5	19	9
	<u>£98</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

DONATION ACCOUNT—Corbridge Excavation Fund	£25	0	0
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CURATORS' REPORT FOR 1910.

The removal of the library from the Keep to the third floor of the Blackgate, which had formerly been used as a portion of the museum, rendered necessary the transference of many objects, and the re-arrangement of others. Advantage has been taken of this occasion to institute a more systematic classification of the collection. Objects of local interest are being transferred to the keep, to fill the places formerly occupied by books; the Saxon stones have been placed in the 'Heron Pit' annexe; and the other objects in the Blackgate museum have now been displayed, as far as possible, in chronological order. It is intended to enhance their utility and interest by a new series of descriptive labels. The addition of the electric light is a great improvement, as it enables the collection to be seen on dark afternoons in a manner hitherto impossible.

The following donations have been received during the past year:

1910.

Jan. 26. By Mr. WILSON THOMPSON of Holywell.—The upper pyramidal stone, twelve inches in diameter, of a millstone-grit hand-mill, found near Berwick.

Feb. 23. By Mr. J. C. HODGSON, F.S.A.—Small brass scales for weighing sovereigns and half-sovereigns.

By Mr. JOHN S. ROBSON.—An oak table four feet three and a quarter inches long, by three feet wide, by two feet six inches high, in form an elongated octagon, supported by eight legs with under framing, the top of slate bordered by a wooden rim of rich inlaid work, the design of which includes the repetition of goats' heads, possibly the crest of the original possessor. The workmanship is Flemish, and the date the earlier part of the seventeenth century. It is in excellent preservation. A similar piece of furniture is in the national collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. Mr. Robson desired it

to be placed in the new library, where it would be both useful and seen to good advantage, and this suggestion has been carried out.

By Mr. R. BLAIR.—A pre-historic stone axe; and an iron borer (?) in a staghorn handle roughly carved in shape of a bird, but with head gone.

Mar. 30. The CHAIRMAN (J. D. Walker) and STEWARDS of the Incorporated Companies of Newcastle deposited with the Society paintings: (1) of the Royal arms, (2) the arms of the Pewterers, etc., (3) the portrait of a former officer of the Company, etc.

April 27. By Mr. P. A. PORTEOUS.—An old brass pin, with the head and stem of separate pieces.

By Mr. W. PARKER BREWIS.—A 'tally-iron' of brass.

By Mr. J. D. WALKER.—A grant of the 16th January, 1502-3, by the Mayor and Commonalty of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with the authority of the whole guild, of the mill and close at Barras Bridge, on which he (Mr. Walker) read a paper. (See *Proc.*, 3 ser., iv.)

May 25. By Mr. F. W. DENDY, V.P.—A shed antler of a stag of pre-historic date, imperfect, dredged out of the Tyne at King's Meadows Island, near Newcastle, in 1852.

July 27. By Mr. DRYDEN (per Messrs. A. M. Oliver, and Parker Brewis, F.S.A.).—A pre-historic drinking cup, found at Ilderton in June, 1910.

By Mr. W. WYATT.—Four large photographs, by himself, of the different sides of the pre-conquest cross standing in Gosforth churchyard, Cumberland. (The cross is described in the *Transactions* of the Cumberland Society, o.s. vi, 373.)

Aug. 31. By Lord CREWE'S TRUSTEES.—Two ancient British urns, and a skeleton, found at Seahouses in 1905. The vessels are eight and a half inches and five inches high respectively.

By Mr. R. G. BARCLAY of Shotley Bridge.—Four fragments of grindstones, found in the ruins of a Huguenot sword mill at Shotley Bridge. They are of four different shapes. No. 1 is a semi-circle, the others are quadrants, and show the edges cut for grinding the hollow blades of the weapons.

By Mr. N. F. GEDYE, engineer to the Tyne Improvement Commissioners.—A number of Roman coins, dredged from the River Tyne, near the Swing Bridge at Newcastle, but found at the Trow Rocks, near South Shields. For complete list see *Proc.*, 3rd ser., iv, 222-224.

Sept. 28. By Viscount BOYNE (per Mr. K. H. Bayley of Durham).—A round

stone, about one inch in diameter, probably for use in a catapult. It was found in 1907 by Mr. A. Goodall, in his garden at Hardwick-kennels, Sedgfield, Co. Durham.

- Nov. 30. By the executors of the late J. R. D. LYNN (per Mr. H. T. Rutherford).—A British urn, and some human remains, found at the Sneep, near Bellingham (see *Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser. xv, 49; and *Proc.*, 2 ser. iv, 170 and 173).

The librarian reported that the following gifts had been made to the library during 1910:

1910.

- Jan. 26. From the GLASGOW ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Their *Transactions*, vols. I and II, 8vo; and vols. I to V of the 2nd series, sm. 4to; also the *Antonine Wall Report*.
From Mr. L. JOHNSTON.—*The Viking Club Publications*, 'Old Lore Miscellany,' nos. 16, 17, 20, 21.
From the BARROW NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.—*Proceedings*, no. xvii.
From the BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY.—'Unwritten Literature of Hawaii,' and 'Tlingit Myths and Texts.'
- Feb. 23. From ROBERT BLAIR, F.S.A.—MS. copies of the following parish registers in co. Durham:—Ebechester, vol. I, 1619-1731; Stainton-le-Street, vol. I, 1561-1622; Whitburn, vol. I, 1579-1647; Witton-le-Wear, vol. I, 1553-1745; Witton-le-Wear, vol. II, 1746-1757.
- May 25. From the COLCHESTER MUSEUM OF LOCAL ANTIQUITIES.—Report of the Museum and Muniment Committee for 1909.
From Mr. JAMES THOMSON.—*Archaeological Researches at Carnac in Brittany*, by Jas. Milne.
From ROBERT BLAIR, F.S.A.—*Heraldic Miscellanies*.
- July 27. From Messrs. ANDREW REID & Co., LTD.—*Paris in 1814, or A Tour in France after the First Fall of Napoleon*.
From Mr. A. M. OLIVER.—'The Mayoralty of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.'
From Mr. THOMAS MAY.—'The Roman Pottery in York Museum,' parts I and 2.
From the DEAN AND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.—*Revue Archéologique*, new series, vols. I to XLIV; third series, vols. I to XLI; fourth series, vols. I to VIII.
- Aug. 31. From Sir A. E. Middleton, bt.—'An Account of Belsay Castle in the county of Northumberland.'
- Sept. 28. From Mr. C. E. MICHAEL.—(i) A bound MS. book containing orders, etc., of the first battalion of the Loyal Newcastle Associated Volunteer Infantry. (ii) A bond of 8 Jan., 1706.

- Oct. 26. From Mr. L. JOHNSTON.—*Old Lore Miscellany of Orkney and Shetland*, vol. III, parts 2 and 3.
 From the SECTION NUMISMATIQUE ET ARCHÉOLOGIQUE DU MUSÉE NATIONAL DE TRANSYLVANIE.—*Le Limes Romain en Allemagne*, par Arpád Budaz.
 From Mr. J. OXBERRY.—*The Rev. C. E. Adamson, Rector of Houghton-le-Spring*.
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