



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

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1911.

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Your council present their ninety-ninth annual report.

The society has suffered loss in the past year by the death of five members: (1) The earl of Carlisle, who has been a member since 1885; in his demise we deplore the loss of a most accomplished artist and a good friend to archaeological research. (2) Lawrence William Adamson, LL.D., one of our vice-presidents, who joined our ranks in 1892; throughout his membership he was interested in our operations and it will be remembered especially how greatly he contributed, in conjunction with Mr. Thomas Taylor, to the success of the exhibition of silver plate of Newcastle manufacture, held by our society in May, 1897 (*Arch. Ael.*, 2nd ser. xxi, 1-82). The deaths have also occurred of (3) Mr. Thomas George Gibson, who was elected a member of our society in 1879; (4) of Mr. J. M. Moore, for many years town clerk of South Shields, who had been one of our members

since 1883; and (5) of county alderman Thomas Carrick, whose membership dated from 1906. Of members who joined us before the seventies three remain and of those who joined in that decade only four are left.

A new volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana* has just been issued to members, the seventh volume of the third series of this publication, a work of 431 pages. From first to last these 'Miscellaneous Papers relating to Antiquity,' to quote the subtitle of the work, already number thirty-six volumes. Of these, the volume now published maintains the standard of its predecessors. In 'Memoirs of Thomas Wandles and Patrick Wait,' our vice-president, the Very Rev. the dean of Lichfield, throws valuable light upon that dark period of our church history which lies between the years 1640 and 1660. Mr. F. W. Dendy details, in 'The Struggle between the Merchant and Craft Gilds of Newcastle in 1515,' a phase in the contest that was to be continued for two centuries more between these bodies; the appendix of abstracts of original documents from the Star Chamber proceedings adds an invaluable postscript to the article itself and to the writer's published histories of the 'Hostmen's and Merchant Adventurers' Gilds of Newcastle-upon-Tyne' (93, 101 and 105 Surtees Society publ.). In his 'Assessment of Hearth or Chimney Tax,' Mr. Richard Welford supplements his account of the tax by a transcript of one of the subsidy rolls, giving the assessment in Newcastle for Michaelmas, 1665; the roll includes the name of every householder at that date, thus constituting the earliest published directory of the town, whilst the assessment indicates the status of each householder and the ward divisions from Brand's copy include many street names of the period, etc. Mr. William Brown, in 'Deeds, etc., relating to the Counties of Northumberland and Durham,' edits seventeen documents, now in private hands, extending from the year 1306

to the year 1557; the personal and local allusions extending over this wide period are carefully elucidated by the writer. Genealogy and local history are represented in two luminous articles: 'Some account of Ilderton and the Ildertons,' and 'Notices of the Three Middletons,' by Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson. The 'Report on the Excavations at Corstopitum in 1910,' a collaboration by Messrs. Forster, Knowles, Craster, Haverfield, Meek and Gray, extends to 224 pages; the details of minor objects, disinterred in great abundance, constitutes this a permanent work of reference to the Roman antiquary, whilst the elaborate examination of animal remains, by prof. Meek and Mr. Gray, enables the character of horse, cattle, domestic animals and minor mammalia of the Roman period to be contrasted with their modern representatives. The volume concludes with the first instalment of the 'Catalogue of Durham Seals,' by the Rev. Dr. Greenwell, collated and annotated by Mr. C. Hunter Blair. The list in its 92 pages of names, 'Abbatis' to 'Duxfield,' enumerates and describes 828 seals of private persons, the more important of which are illustrated by nine full plates and by numerous blocks in the text. It is a happy circumstance that our society now begins the publication of this important work by its oldest member and vice-president, Dr. Greenwell, and that the task of its editorship and illustration has been undertaken by Mr. C. Hunter Blair, who has devoted unstinted labour in rendering the production worthy of the work, and of the interest attaching to the subject. The whole volume contains, besides sixteen plates and two plans, no fewer than fifty-eight minor illustrations. For the contribution of so many of these enhancements to the publication, your council would emphasize the editorial thanks expressed on page vii of the volume. It is perhaps worthy of note that to seven of the eight papers comprised in volume VII the names of vice-presidents are attached.

Further activities of the society in the past year are chronicled in detail in the issued portion of the fifth volume of the third series of our *Proceedings*. The sheets for 1911 consist of 144 pages. These are accompanied by seventeen full page plates, and the text is further illustrated by nineteen inset blocks. Again should be recognised the unceasing and unsparing editorial labour bestowed by Mr. Robert Blair in producing the annual and serial issues of the society's publications, and in enhancing the latter by the insertion of his collectanea. Besides ordinary reports, the volume of our *Proceedings* now in progress contains such materials for history as Mr. F. W. Dendy's 'Local Muniments' (pp. 42, etc.); Mr. J. C. Hodgson's genealogical records and the same writer's 'Compendium of Church Dedications in Northumberland' (pp. 11, 48, 118); the Rev. J. F. Hodgson's notes on 'Low Side Windows,' and on 'Wycliffe church' (pp. 10, 104); Mr. Edward Wooler's 'Palatinate Burghs of Durham,' 'The Manor of Coniscliffe,' and 'Horseshoeing and its origin' (pp. 26, 31, and 38); the Rev. C. E. Adamson's 'Houghton-le-Spring' (p. 46); Mr. W. M. Egglestone on 'Neolithic Flints from Weardale' (pp. 106-115); and Mr. F. G. Simpson's notes of excavations, conducted by Mr. J. P. Gibson and himself on the Roman Wall (pp. 129-133).

In our ninety-seventh and ninety-eighth reports, allusions were made to the discovery by these investigators of the Poltrossburn milecastle (*Arch. Ael.*, 3rd ser. VI, XII, and VII, XIV), and in the former is a reference to the discovery of a wall-turret hitherto unknown. To these have been added, by practical excavation, the location of seven turrets between Winshields and King's Hill, and of two turrets between Wall Bowers and High-house. A turret, near Birdoswald, was already known to have existed; this, and the two turrets last named, with the milecastle at High-house have been completely excavated by Mr. Simpson under great diffi-

culty. From the unostentatious manner in which the work is described in our publications the true value of the results obtained might be overlooked. It is safe to say, however, that few excavations in late years have advanced our knowledge of the Wall itself to a like degree.

Members of our society have contributed to or edited serials other than our own, and among these are: *Six North Country Diaries*, edited by Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson, and published as No. 118 of the Surtees Society's publications. No. 119 of the same series is *Richard d'Aungerville of Bury*, a collection of documents issued by Richard of Bury, bishop of Durham, with papers referring to his episcopate or bearing on his life, edited by the Very Rev. Dr. Kitchin, dean of Durham. In a preface of forty-seven pages, dean Kitchin has added fresh interest to the life and work of the author of the *Philobiblon*. Among his numerous contributions to archaeological literature in the past year, and in addition to his work in the report on CORSTOPITUM, our vice-president, professor Haverfield, has written on 'Roman Inscriptions at Minsteracres' (*Archaeological Journal* for June, 1911); 'Notes on a Westmorland Antiquary, and on the Roman Wall about 1600 A.D.' and on cognate matters (*Cumb. and Westmorland Soc. Trans.*, 2 ser. xi, 1911); 'Roman Inscriptions recently found in Cumberland,' (*Proc. Soc. Ant. of London*, 1911). Mr. R. Coltman Clephan, F.S.A., who had already published in *The Archaeological Journal* 'An Outline of the History of Gunpowder, and that of the Handgun,' etc. (vol. xxvi, p. 145); and the 'Military Handgun of the Sixteenth Century' (vol. lxxvii, p. 109), again contributes articles to that published in *The Archaeological Journal* 'An Outline of the pages 149 and 138), on 'The Ordnance of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries.' These have been collected as a work of ninety pages, furnished with a profusion of illustrations. In his

work on the 'Defensive Armour and the Weapons and Engines of War,' published in 1900, Mr. Clephan covered a wide field, including mediæval times and the period of the renaissance, the last chapter of which dealt with artillery. The present work, dealing exclusively with ordnance, enlarges the subject in great detail.

It is fitting that a record should be made of the rise and progress of the movement, having for its object the printing of our local parish registers. The registers of the parish of Denton were printed under the editorship of Mr. J. R. Walbran in 1842; those of Gainford in 1889-90, edited by the Rev. J. Edleston; and the Harleian Society (publ. 23) printed the register of Durham cathedral in 1897. In the year 1890 our member, the late Mr. M. H. Dand, and our vice-president, Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson, issued their privately printed *Epitaphs of Warkworth Church and Churchyard*. In 1896 our society printed and published copies of the registers of the churches of Dinsdale and of Esh in the county of Durham, with introductions by Dr. J. W. Eastwood and the Rev. W. S. White respectively, the two registers occupying 150 pages; the work was issued in sheets and sent out thus with our *Proceedings*. There followed a transcript by Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson of the Warkworth church registers, a volume of 333 pages, issued serially like the foregoing and completed in 1899. Already our society had realized the laborious and costly character of the enterprise on which they had embarked, whereupon Mr. Dand and Mr. Hodgson generously paid a portion of the cost of printing. Our society continued to issue in the same manner the *Register of the Ancient Parish Church of Elsdon*, from a transcript by the Rev. Thomas Stephens; this was completed in 1903, forming a volume of 274 pages. Meanwhile it became evident that the finances of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries were insufficient for the

further prosecution of the enterprise. At this juncture the Durham and Northumberland Parish Register Society had been formed, and its first volume was published in 1898. Year by year since that time, under the direction of their honorary secretary, Mr. Herbert M. Wood, registers have been printed in regular rotation between Durham and Northumberland until a twenty-sixth volume has been reached in 1911, the issue for the year amounting to over 400 pages. The volumes are printed on hand-made paper and are accompanied by separate indices of places and of persons. Nor is this all, for six parishes are printing their old registers in their several parish magazines whilst, under the direction of Mr. Wood and his colleagues, copies of the registers of no fewer than eighty-six parishes are now in manuscript and ready for the press. It is seldom that an equal achievement can be shown within so short a period as has elapsed since the establishment of the Durham and Northumberland Parish Register Society.

Of our society's publications in sheets and volumes, remainders have accumulated greatly and represent an important asset. Their proper classification and storage has now been accomplished, and a working catalogue completed. These have entailed many months of continuous work, generously superintended by our colleague, Mr. Matthew Mackey, to whom our obligation is cordially recorded. Assistance has also been rendered throughout by Mr. John Gibson, warden of the castle, to whose devoted services our society has been so long indebted.

The monthly meetings in the castle have been well attended, and the papers submitted present varied aspects of archaeological studies. Our field meetings, held under the conditions of an exceptionally fine summer, have maintained their attractiveness, and the following places have been visited:— On Saturday, July 1, 1911, a meeting took place at Houghton-le-Spring on the

invitation of the rector, the Rev. C. E. Adamson, one of the council of our society; visits were made to the church, the rectory and garden, the grammar school, the alms houses, and to Houghton hall. In the church the rector read an account of the church and the rectory, and members were afterwards hospitably entertained to tea by the rector and Mrs. Adamson (*Proceedings*, 3 ser. v, 45-62, 108 and 133). On Wednesday, 12 July, more than sixty members responded to the announcement of an outdoor meeting at Capheaton, Little Harle, Elsdon, etc. By utilizing motor-cars, Mr. R. Blair had organized an unusually wide circuit for the day's proceedings, and, as the weather was fine throughout, the meeting was a most successful one from beginning to end. Besides the above-named places, the visit included Belsay, Kirkwhelpington, and Kirkharle, whilst places seen by the way included Ottercaps, Overacres, and Raylees. Our society is indebted to Sir Arthur H. Middleton, to the Rev. R. Hedley, to the Rev. W. Carr, to the Rev. T. Stephens, to the Rev. J. W. Barker, and to Mr. W. H. Knowles for descriptions of places visited, whilst Sir John Swinburne and Mr. George Anderson added hospitality to their kind services (*Proceedings*, 3 ser. v, 69-100). A third and last outdoor meeting took place at CORSTOPITUM on the 6th September, when Mr. R. H. Forster described the results of the excavations of the season, and the gold coins, which had just been unearthed, were described by prof. Haverfield and Mr. Craster at Messrs. Lloyds' bank, where they were lodged.

The work of excavation at CORSTOPITUM has attracted more than ordinary attention in the past season by the discovery there on the 4th September of a bronze jug containing 159 gold coins, in excellent preservation, together with two worn bronze coins of the second century. The latest date represented in the hoard is the year A.D. 159. In 1908 a hoard of 48 gold *solidi* of the



second half of the fourth century had been turned up by the spade of the excavator (*Arch. Ael.*, 3 ser. v, 351). These hoards, which are almost unique, are of special value to numismatists, whilst their importance to Roman archaeology is the illustration which they afford of two periods of disturbance, widely differing in time; and by their help and that of the pottery, which is obtained in such profusion, we are rapidly becoming able to construct the history of this important site. We already know that it was founded by, or at least in the time of, Agricola, and that it continued to be occupied (possibly with periods of abandonment) until the eve of the departure of the Romans from Britain. The work of investigation, which was begun in 1906 (*Arch. Ael.*, 3 ser. III, 161), has already occupied the months of six successive summers; yet a seventh year's work will be entered upon with the promise of even greater achievement than ever. For, notwithstanding all that has been accomplished up to this time, it will be remembered that less than half of the area has as yet been explored, and that a task of years to come still remains to be done. Again the work has fallen upon the investigators of former years, and Mr. R. H. Forster, Mr. W. H. Knowles, prof. Haverfield, Mr. Craster, Mr. Newbold, prof. Meek, and Mr. Bush Fox have one and all maintained the unflagging zeal that has characterized the devotion to the undertaking from the outset.

Attention has been directed in the past year to the condition of the society's museum. Strictures have been made, in particular, on the inadequate space, the imperfect light, the unfavourable atmospheric conditions and the general unsuitability of the site, for the display of our collection of inscribed and sculptured Roman stones. A sub-committee has been accordingly appointed to enquire into and report upon the subject.

The work of pointing the keep has been continued, and during

the past summer its south and west faces have been completed from base to parapet with a care and skill equal to that bestowed upon the east side in the previous year. The north front, yet remaining to be done, will probably prove a more difficult undertaking. So great has been the effect of weathering on this side that your council have for some years regarded its condition with apprehension. The vigilance now shown by the estate and property committee of the city council is gratefully recognized, and will be appreciated by every member of our society.

The windows of the chapel in the basement had been shattered by stones, and their frames had become so greatly decayed that one of them was blown in bodily during a recent gale; all have been re-fitted with leaded glass and efficiently protected by outer guards of galvanized steel wire.

The castle of Prudhoe, identified with the great families of Umfreville and Percy, has undergone thorough reparation by our president, the duke of Northumberland. Under the direction of Mr. W. H. Knowles all its works have been strengthened and pointed, whilst intruding trees and ivy have been removed. As the structure is practically complete in all its parts a careful restoration preserves its original and imposing character as a military stronghold of the twelfth century having its gateway strengthened by a barbican of later construction.

Your council have received communications from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests and, in identical terms, from the County Council of Northumberland, asking for a list of ancient historical buildings and monuments within the province of our operations. A special sub-committee has been entrusted with the work of drawing up a list in accordance with this appeal.

Public interest has been aroused in the question of the ancient market cross of Newcastle, commonly known as 'The White Cross,' removed from its place in Newgate street in 1808 and

subsequently destroyed. It is hoped that a new memorial of the old times, in design and on a scale worthy of the city, may shortly be erected.

Archaeology in its correlation with history has now become so generally recognized that it already forms a not unimportant part of a liberal education. In this lies one of the most hopeful prospects for the future of our society. Not less significant in this respect has been the foundation of a chair of history and a lectureship on classical archaeology at Armstrong College, and the recognition accorded to our publications as repositories of historical facts and the use of our collections of antiquities as illustrations of the same. With the growth of a constantly widening public, likely, as time goes on, to supply recruits taking an active part in our ranks, the hope expressed above has every probability of realization. The advancement of our knowledge of the Roman occupation by the discoveries of the past year, and not less, the repertory of our later history accumulated in our publications by the patient labour of workers in other fields of investigation, are of themselves sufficient to render our annals noteworthy. If the tale of our years as a society is lengthening, its vitality continues with the vigour and the energy of youth.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT, WITH BALANCE SHEET FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1911.

The number of members on the roll on 31st December, 1911, was three hundred and sixty-one, seven of whom are life members. During the year fourteen members resigned, five died, and three were struck off by order of the council under statute III. In the same period twenty new members were elected.

Another member (Mr. H. H. E. Craster) has compounded for his subscription, and the composition of twelve guineas thus received has been paid into the Post Office Saving Bank to the

credit of the capital account, in accordance with the council's order of the year 1890 to that effect.

The income for the year has been 543*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, which, with the balance of 4*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* brought forward, makes a total of 547*l.* 11*s.* The expenditure has been 550*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, thus leaving a debit balance of 2*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* due to the bank. Unfortunately this does not represent completely the financial liabilities of the society for the year. It will be noticed on reference to the balance-sheet that only 60*l.* has been paid on account of printing the year's volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana*, but the actual amount incurred for same is 153*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, so that we are again obliged to bring forward a balance of unpaid printing account from one year into another—in this case no less than 93*l.* This is to be regretted, coming so soon after a special committee had had the financial position of the society under prolonged consideration, and had made certain suggestions with a view to confining one year's expenditure within the same year's income. The matter is again receiving the council's serious consideration.

The items of expenditure for the year that may be considered of an exceptional character are the following: for installing electric light at the Blackgate, 9*l.* 18*s.*; for sets of new locks on cases in museum and at castle, 14*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; for re-leading windows in chapel, 7*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; and donation to library fund, 9*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

The donation of 25*l.* to the Corbridge excavation fund is the fifth year's contribution.

*Library Fund:* This account is now closed. The total cost of removing the library from the castle and installing it in the Blackgate amounted to 325*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, all of which has been defrayed by subscription. A list of subscribers, together with expenditure account, is given on pages xxiv and xxv.

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1911.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1911.

		Receipts.	Expenditure.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance brought from 31st December, 1910—			
At bank ... ..	£3 15 6		
In hand ... ..	0 11 0		
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Members' Subscriptions ... ..	351 15 0		
Arrears of Subscriptions ... ..	2 2 0		
	<hr/>	353 17 0	
Life Member's Subscription ... ..		12 12 0	
Castle ... ..		112 14 9	80 4 8
Blackgate ... ..		32 6 3	79 10 4
Books sold and bought and subscriptions ... ..		25 8 6	37 9 8
Sundries ... ..		6 6 0	70 18 5
Printing:— <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ... ..			60 0 0
Do. <i>Proceedings</i> ... ..			87 11 0
Illustrations ... ..			33 14 1
Museum ... ..			13 17 6
Secretary (for Clerical Assistance) ... ..			40 0 0
Donations:—Corbridge Excavation Fund ... ..			25 0 0
Do. Library Fund ... ..			9 10 8
Balance due to Bank on 31st December, 1911 ... ..		2 17 4	
Amount deposited in Post Office Savings Bank ... ..			12 12 0
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INVESTMENTS, 31st December, 1911.

		£ s. d.
2½ per cent. Consols ... ..		42 18 5
In Post Office Savings Bank on 31st December, 1910 ... ..	£102 12 1	
Composition paid in during year 1911 ... ..	12 12 0	
Dividend on Consols ... ..	1 1 4	
Interest on Deposit ... ..	2 14 6	
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		118 19 11
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		£161 18 4
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Examined with Vouchers and found correct, J. ARNOTT SISSON, F.C.A.,  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 31st January, 1912.

## EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE, 1911—

	£	s.	d.
Warden's salary ...	65	0	0
Robson & Sons, supply- ing and fixing locks to show-cases ...	5	5	0
Rent ...	0	2	6
Property tax ...	2	13	5
For electric current ...	1	15	1
Gas account ...	1	0	1
Water account ...	0	6	0
Coals ...	1	2	0
Repairs, etc. ...	1	12	7
Fire insurance premium	1	8	0
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	£80	4	8

## EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE, 1911—

	£	s.	d.
Attendant's wages ...	23	8	0
Library Attendant's do.	19	10	0
Rent: Newc. Corporation	1	0	0
„ N.E.R. Company	3	0	0
Property tax ...	1	3	8
Electric current and lamps	2	4	6
Gas account ...	2	19	7
Water account ...	1	0	0
Coals ...	5	16	9
Repairs ...	1	14	6
Firewood and fire-dogs and brushes ...	0	14	3
Fire insurance premium	7	1	1
T. G. Usher & Co., fitting electric light ...	9	18	0
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	£79	10	4

## DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1911.

## BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC.—

	£	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			
Northumb <sup>d</sup> and Durham Parish Register Society, 1911-1912 ...	1	1	0			
Congress of Archaeological Societies ...	1	0	0	6	5	0
Rev. E. A. Downman, Plans of Earthworks ...				4	11	0
<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> , VIII ...				0	9	3
<i>Curle's Roman Frontier Outpost, and its People</i> ...				1	12	3
<i>Life of Sir Cuthbert Sharp</i> ...				0	3	0
<i>Archaeologia</i> , vol. I, II and supplement ...				1	9	2
<i>Archaeologia</i> , VII ...				0	10	0
<i>Inventary of Historical Monuments in Herts</i> ...				0	11	6
400 reports of Earthworks Committee ...				0	10	0
50 copies of scheme for recording ancient earthworks ...				0	6	0
<i>Harvey's Castles and Walled Towns</i> ...				0	7	6
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Carried forward ...				£16	14	8

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BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC.— <i>continued</i> —		£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... ..		16	14	8
Asher & Co. for <i>Jahrbuch</i> , etc., of Imperial German Archaeological Institute ... ..		2	1	1
<i>Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies</i> ... ..		0	6	0
<i>Scottish Historical Review</i> for 1911 ... ..		0	11	0
<i>Pedigree Registers</i> ... ..		0	10	6
Ward's <i>Roman Era in Britain and Romano British Buildings and Earthworks</i> ... ..		0	15	0
Savage, <i>Old English Libraries</i> ... ..		0	7	6
<i>Notes and Queries</i> ... ..		0	18	8
J. C. Wilson for bookbinding ... ..		13	9	6
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., for bookbinding ... ..		1	4	6
<i>Feudal Aids</i> , v ... ..		0	11	3
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		£37	9	8
SUNDRIES FOR THE YEAR 1911—		£	s.	d.
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., for general printing and stationery ... ..		19	12	0
Do. for members' book ... ..		3	13	0
R. Simpson & Sons for general printing and stationery ... ..		18	4	1
Elkington & Co., for six electrotypes of the <i>Aesica fibula</i> ... ..		4	10	0
Atkinson Bros., for restoring leaded glass windows in chapel ... ..		7	2	6
Postage on <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> ... ..		2	17	0
Carriage on books, etc. ... ..		1	2	5
Newcastle Electric Supply Co., rent for service-cable to Blackgate ... ..		0	2	6
Secretary out-of-pocket expenses ... ..		4	17	11
Do. indexing <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , 3 ser. VII ... ..		3	3	0
Treasurer's out-of-pocket expenses ... ..		3	7	6
Fire insurance premium on 'Brooks Collection' ... ..		1	16	6
Cheque Books ... ..		0	10	0
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		£70	18	5
Subscription to Corbridge Excavation Fund ... ..		£25	0	0
Donation to Library Fund ... ..		9	10	8
EXPENDITURE ON MUSEUM, 1911—		£	s.	d.
Robson & Sons, Ltd., new locks for specimen cases ... ..		8	17	6
J. F. Simpson, repairs, and for shifting stones ... ..		2	2	0
Armstrong & Andrews for repairs ... ..		0	9	6
Newcastle Electric Supply Co., for current ... ..		1	0	6
Subscription to Museums Association ... ..		1	1	0
Door-mat ... ..		0	7	0
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		£13	17	6

## LIBRARY FUND: SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
The Duke of Northumber- land, F.S.A. ... ..	30	0	0	Brought up	239	15	2
Lord Joicey ... ..	15	0	0	Mrs. G. Thompson ... ..	2	12	6
Lord Ridley ... ..	15	0	0	J. P. Gibson, F.S.A. ... ..	2	2	0
Sir Gainsford Bruce (the late)	10	0	0	J. B. Simpson, D.C.L. ... ..	2	2	0
Do., for cleaning copy of Bayeux tapestry ... ..	5	0	0	His Honour Judge Greenwell	2	2	0
Prof. E. C. Clark, F.S.A., Cambridge ... ..	10	0	0	L. W. Adamson, LL.D. (the late) ... ..	2	2	0
Thos. Taylor, F.S.A. ... ..	10	0	0	Sidney S. Carr ... ..	2	2	0
W. Parker Brewis, F.S.A. ... ..	10	0	0	F. Carrick ... ..	2	2	0
W. H. Knowles, F.S.A. ... ..	10	10	6	Edwin Dodds ... ..	2	2	0
Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne ... ..	9	9	8	Robert Blair, F.S.A. ... ..	2	2	0
F. W. Dendy, D.C.L. ... ..	7	10	0	A. H. Higginbottom ... ..	2	2	0
Philip Spence ... ..	7	0	0	Miss Allgood ... ..	2	2	0
J. S. Robson ... ..	5	5	0	H. T. Rutherford ... ..	2	2	0
A. Brewis ... ..	5	5	0	Lord Northbourne ... ..	2	2	0
Rev. Dr. Greenwell, F.R.S. ... ..	5	0	0	Robson & Sons, Ltd. ... ..	2	2	0
Richard Welford, M.A. ... ..	5	0	0	W. W. Gibson ... ..	2	1	0
R. Coltman Clephan, F.S.A. ... ..	5	0	0	Lieut.-Col. G. G. Cuthbert	2	0	0
W. D. Cruddas (the late) ... ..	5	0	0	Rev. Canon Walker (the late)	1	1	0
H. H. E. Craster, F.S.A. ... ..	5	0	0	J. W. Robinson, jun. ... ..	1	1	0
T. E. Forster ... ..	5	0	0	R. Oliver Heslop, M.A., F.S.A. ... ..	1	1	0
Robert Spence ... ..	5	0	0	Howard Pease, B.A., F.S.A.	1	1	0
F. Gerald Simpson ... ..	5	0	0	Jas. T. Nisbet ... ..	1	1	0
Joseph Oswald ... ..	5	0	0	W. S. Corder ... ..	1	1	0
T. Hodgkin, D.C.L., F.S.A. ... ..	5	0	0	W. S. Burton ... ..	1	1	0
Hon. Walter Runciman, M.P. ... ..	5	0	0	Hon. and Rev. W. Ellis ... ..	1	1	0
Edward Hunter ... ..	5	0	0	Dr. Allison ... ..	1	1	0
W. R. Heatley ... ..	5	0	0	Rev. Dr. Gee ... ..	1	1	0
Frederick Raimes ... ..	5	0	0	Prof. G. Baldwin Brown ... ..	1	1	0
Prof. Haverfield, D.C.L., F.S.A. ... ..	4	0	0	Sir John Swinburne ... ..	1	1	0
W. J. Armstrong ... ..	3	3	0	Robert S. Nisbet ... ..	1	1	0
T. G. Gibson (the late) ... ..	3	3	0	H. F. Lockhart ... ..	1	1	0
Frank Marshall ... ..	3	3	0	N. H. Martin, F.R.S.E. ... ..	1	1	0
A. M. Oliver ... ..	3	3	0	A. F. Flagg ... ..	1	1	0
J. M. Moore (the late) ... ..	3	3	0	J. A. Irving ... ..	1	1	0
				J. C. McDonald ... ..	1	1	0
				H. W. Thorburn ... ..	1	1	0
				Mrs. Parker ... ..	1	1	0
Carried up	£239	15	2	Carried to next page	£294	14	8



LIBRARY FUND; BALANCE SHEET.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought from last page	294	14	8	Brought up	316	5	8
H. Soden Bird	1	1	0	H. G. Carr-Ellison	0	10	6
Thos. Bowden	1	1	0	Thos. Matheson	0	10	6
Robert P. Winter	1	1	0	Miss M. Fenwick	0	10	6
J. G. Hodgson	1	1	0	John Weddle	0	10	6
A. D. Park	1	1	0	James Scott	0	10	6
T. W. Lovibond	1	1	0	F. W. Shields	0	10	6
Dr. Blumer	1	1	0	John Oxberry	0	10	6
Miss Jessie Thompson	1	1	0	Oswin J. Charlton, LL.B.	0	10	0
J. C. Hodgson, M.A., F.S.A.	1	1	0	G. R. B. Spain	0	10	0
N. Temperley	1	1	0	Mrs. Ware (the late), Carlisle	0	10	0
W. Boyd	1	1	0	J. D. Robinson	0	10	0
W. Richardson	1	1	0	G. H. Waddilove	0	10	0
C. Hunter Blair	1	1	0	R. C. Oliver	0	10	0
W. W. Tomlinson	1	1	0	Miss Lightfoot	0	10	0
Miss Harrison	1	0	0	Thos. Fairless	0	10	0
R. G. Lynn	1	0	0	Miss Gayner	0	7	6
Miss Lumley	1	0	0	W. A. Hoyle	0	5	0
G. G. Butler	1	0	0	T. E. Hedley	0	5	0
R. B. Hepple	0	15	0	E. R. Newbigin	0	5	0
Captain Fullerton James	0	10	6	Rev. F. G. Wesley	0	5	0
W. Wyatt	0	10	6	Dr. Bradshaw, M.A.	0	5	0
J. A. Dotchin	0	10	6				
Horace J. Criddle	0	10	6				
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Carried up	£316	5	8				

LIBRARY FUND: EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Robson & Sons, Ltd.: as per tender	234	1	7			
„ removing books	35	0	0			
„ cleaning Bayeux tapestry frieze*	5	5	0			
„ chairs, etc.	6	4	6			
„ easing door to library	0	8	6			
				280	19	7
T. G. Usher & Co., for electric installation				17	16	3
Newcastle Electric Supply Co., to proportion of cost of service				8	0	0
Henry Walker & Son, Ltd., account				4	11	0
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., account				4	4	10
W. H. Knowles, professional fee for structural and other work at Blackgate				10	0	0
				£325	11	8

\* Paid for by the late Sir Gainsford Bruce.

## CURATORS' REPORT FOR 1911.

The following donations have been received during the past year :

- Feb. 4. From THE TYNEMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY.—'An impression on plate paper, of an engraving by T. Bewick, from the original plate in the possession of that library.'
- April 26. From Mr. L. W. JOHNSON.—(1) A worked stone object, one end pointed, 10½ inches long, and (2) a rounded stone, about 2 inches in diameter. Both from Shetland.
- July 26. From the LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE.—'The bronze medal struck to commemorate the Coronation of George V., with the king and queen's profiles on obverse and the Newcastle arms on the reverse.'
- Sep. 27. From Mr. W. H. KNOWLES, F.S.A.—'A pair of tong-like irons, 3 feet long, for making biscuits. Though still in use in some places, it is fast becoming obsolete.'
- Nov. 29. From Mr. R. BLAIR.—(1) Skull of a Romano-Briton taken out of a grave formed of stone slabs in the graveyard about 300 yards to the south-west of the Roman camp on the Lawe at South Shields, about 40 years ago. See illustration of the grave and skull, *Arch. Ael.*, 2nd ser., x, 272; (2) Several medieval tiles; and (3) a metal-shaped object of green glass, probably of local manufacture, 6 inches high and 6 inches in diameter, similar to an object in the Edinburgh antiquarian museum (*Cat.* 1892 ed., M.E. 133, page 326), and described as a linen smoother.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR 1911.

During the year the books have been re-arranged in their various classes in the cases, and the positions of the different divisions indicated by printed labels fastened on the shelves. The marking of the books with the Society's embossed stamp has also been proceeded with and all the books and MSS. in the library are now so marked. It is desirable that a small bookcase should be procured in which to keep these valuable manuscripts. This is needful not only for the proper preservation of the MSS. themselves but also that the large case at present used for them may be available for volumes in folio and for newspapers, the large collections of which, belonging to the Society, cannot,

owing to lack of space, be properly arranged. It is also greatly to be desired that, as soon as circumstances will allow, a new card catalogue of the books and a shelf register of the library should be prepared. Mr. H. H. E. Craster has pointed out, in a valuable report prepared by him,\* that a full and complete catalogue of the manuscripts is also much needed, as 'they form the most valuable portion of the Society's library,' and a new catalogue is a necessity to allow of their proper use for research purposes. The duplicate volumes of the State Papers in the library have been exchanged for other volumes in the same series not in our possession. An exchange of publications has also been arranged with the Record Office, and it is hoped that the Society's set of this valuable series will soon be complete. The Wiltshire Archaeological Society and the Essex Archaeological Society have been added to the societies with which this society exchanges publications.

The following gifts have been made to the library during 1911 :

- Jan. 25. From the Rev. T. W. CARR, the author :—*A Retrospect for my Friends in Felton.*
- Feb. 22. From Mr. G. G. BAKER-CRESSWELL :—A MS. copy of the Subsidy Roll of Northumberland for 1296.  
From Mr. J. S. MILNE, M.A., M.D. :—*The Apparatus used by the Greeks and the Romans in the Setting of Fractures and the Reduction of Dislocations.*
- Mar. 29. From Dr. SIMPSON and Mr. J. J. LISH :—*A History of the Dove Family and their Descendants in connection with Cullercoats, Northumberland.*  
From Mr. THOMAS MAY :—'The Roman Forts at Elslack.' (Overprint).
- April 26. From the Rev. J. F. HODGSON, D.C.L. :—'Coniscliffe Church.' (Overprint).  
From Mr. H. H. E. CRASTER :—'St. Oswin and Tynemouth Priory.' (Overprint).
- July 26. From Mr. J. D. ROBINSON :—*Les Abbaies pour les hommes en France.*  
From Mr. THOMAS MAY :—'The Roman pottery in York Museum.' (Overprint).  
From THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA :—*The Museum Journal*, II, i.

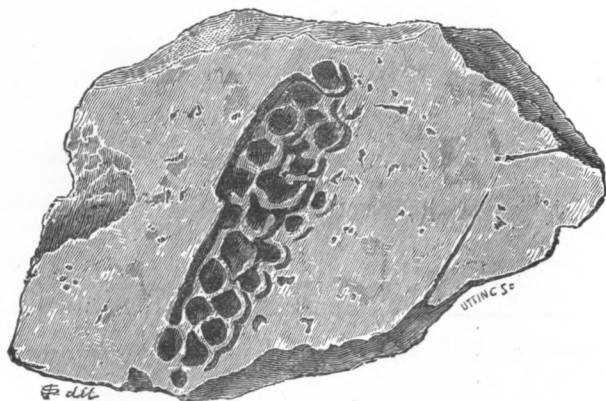
\* See *Proceedings* 3 ser. v, 158.

- Sep. 27. From Mr. J. D. ROBINSON :—Flügel's German Dictionary ; An Alphabetical Index to J. Fryer & Sons Map of Northumberland, 1822 ; and *Die Mittelalterslichen Architektur und Kunstdenkmäler des Cantons Thurgau.*  
 From THE ARMSTRONG COLLEGE :—*Calendar, 1911-1912.*
- Nov. 29. From ROBERT BLAIR, F.S.A. :—*The Antiquary* for 1911.  
 From Mr. L. W. JOHNSTON :—The Viking Club Publications, 1911.

The following books have been added to the library by purchase during the year :

*An Inventory of the Historical Monuments in Hertfordshire ; Feudal Aids*, vol. v ; *The Roman Era in Britain*, by John Ward ; *Old English Libraries*, by E. A. Savage ; and *Romano-British Buildings and Earthworks*, by John Ward.

The various serials and publications of learned societies which the society receives in exchange for its own, or by subscription, have been received regularly during the year. For list of societies see pp. xli and xlii.



FRAGMENT OF ROMAN TILE FROM SOUTH SHIELDS.