

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

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1913.

During the first year of its second century the Society has pursued its course with quiet energy.

To signalize its centenary it decided to issue a volume embodying records of its history. Such a production had been contemplated for some time previously as a suitable memorial of the impending occasion, but the idea did not take form until our noble president, at the last annual meeting, opportunely focussed the views of many and stimulated the Society into definite action. Two of our vice-presidents undertook the preparation of the volume (Messrs. Richard Welford and J. Crawford Hodgson), and have earned our gratitude for the way in which their arduous task has been accomplished. The result of their labours has, within the last fortnight, been placed in the hands of members as an extra volume (x) of the current series of *Archaeologia Aeliana*. Its pages number viii + 380 and thirty-

four photogravure portraits of deceased members. There are chapters on the museum and library respectively, by Mr. R. Oliver Heslop, one of the curators, and Mr. C. H. Blair, the librarian. The greater portion of the volume is devoted to a series of short biographical notices of departed contributors to the Society's transactions by Mr. Welford and Mr. Hodgson. In addition there is a classified index to the papers contained in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, and lists (chronological and alphabetical) of ordinary members from the commencement. The cost of printing and illustrating the volume has been largely met by special subscriptions, and an appeal is made to those members who have not yet contributed to do so, in order to avoid encroaching upon the regular income of the Society.

The ordinary volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana* (ix) appeared as usual during the year. It comprises pages xlvii + 360, and is copiously illustrated. It contains eight papers on miscellaneous subjects, besides the *Corstopitum* report for 1912, and a further instalment of 'Durham Seals'; the total number of seals which have now been dealt with approaches 2000.

The *Proceedings* (of which 148 pages with numerous illustrations have been issued in periodical parts for the year 1913) contain full reports of our indoor and country meetings. Members are reminded that the interest and value of these parts are not ephemeral and that the end of every alternate year completes a volume ready for binding. Those who neglect to preserve the *Proceedings* deprive themselves of a most useful store-house of local history and antiquities. For instance, the discovery at Wylam hall of the old tower of the priors of Tynemouth embedded in the present mansion house was one of the interesting local events of the year, and is set forth and clearly illustrated by our member, Mr. F. W. Rich, in the *Proceedings*. The discovery of a far remoter antiquity is also duly chronicled and illustrated therein, viz.: the prehistoric 'tree burial,' found at

Cartington in May 1913. The coffin hollowed out of a tree trunk is now in the Society's museum, having been presented by Lord Armstrong.

Our list of members includes eighteen libraries which have joined the Society in order to procure its transactions. Besides there are thirty-nine societies or institutions at home and abroad which exchange their publications for ours. By no means every applicant is placed upon this list, every case being carefully considered on its merits. Such facts prove the high estimation in which our Society's publications are held by those most competent to judge of their value. To the editor our grateful acknowledgment of his painstaking labour, extending over so many years and volumes, is cordially tendered.

During the past year a constant accretion of new members has taken place, more than compensating in number for those lost by death or resignation, with the result that the roll now contains the largest number of ordinary members the Society has ever possessed. The number of members would be larger still if the leakage could be reduced of those who join, continue for only a few years, and eventually drift away from us. This is to be regretted. The Society desires to retain and sustain the interest of all who come within its influence, and the Council are always open to consider suggestions as to the means of doing so most effectively.

It is inevitable that each annual report must record losses which we would fain avoid. During the past year these include:—Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, a vice-president (elected in 1865), of whom a biographical notice with portrait appears in the last volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana* (ix); Dr. Hodgkin's memory can never cease to be revered by the Society as one of its most distinguished members; Mr. Matthew Mackey (elected 1884), a former librarian of the Society and member of its Council, whose vast and varied information relating to local books, MSS., and prints, was ever willingly placed at the disposal

of the Society; Mr. A. L. Steavenson (elected 1882) whose photographs frequently adorned our *Proceedings*; Mr. W. T. Hindmarsh (elected 1888); Mr. A. D. Park (elected 1889); Mr. J. C. McDonald (elected 1902); and Mr. R. G. Lynn (elected 1908). From this year's list death also removes the name of Mr. Frederick Raimes (elected 1905), who presented the last of the banners required for the hall of the Keep, displaying the arms of Robert de Reymes of Bolam, Shortflat and Aydon; he also contributed a finely illustrated paper to volume iv of *Archæologia Aeliana* (3rd series) on Robert de Reymes.

During the year nine indoor meetings and four outdoor or country meetings have been held. Of the latter the first took place at Seaham church, where during reparations effected by the Marquis of Londonderry, several previously unknown windows were opened out and other indications observed which afford grounds for claiming the church as a pre-conquest foundation. The second meeting was held at Newminster abbey, the site of which has been recently acquired by Mr. George Renwick (one of our members), who invited the Society to see the progress of the excavations he is carrying on there. The third meeting (the only whole-day meeting of the year) was held at Mitford, Hartburn, and Wallington. In Hartburn churchyard the grave of the Rev. John Hodgson, one of the founders of the Society, was visited. The fourth meeting was held at CORSTORPITUM, where Mr. R. H. Forster pointed out the results of the season's excavations.

The popularity of the outdoor meetings is undeniable. The attendance at indoor meetings is generally good, but at outdoor meetings is nearly always large. Members no doubt appreciate them as affording opportunities of meeting each other on a rather less formal footing than at the indoor meetings, and the architectural and other remains seen at the places visited constitute object lessons calculated to arouse and cultivate a taste for those studies which our Society exists to foster and advance.



The Society was represented at the International Congress of Historical Studies held in London in April, by principal Hadow and professor J. Wight Duff. The latter subsequently gave the Society an interesting account of the Congress which was printed in the *Proceedings*.

Among publications during the year by authors now or lately members of the Society and dealing with antiquities of the north, are Mr. J. E. Hodgkin's *Durham* (in the 'Little Guides' series, published by Methuen); Mr. C. C. Hodges's *Hexham Priory* (published by Gibson & Son, of Hexham); Mr. Edward Wooler's (with Mr. A. C. Boyde,) *Historic Darlington* (published by Pitman).

The Council wish to express their thanks to Mr. R. C. Clephan, a vice-president, for re-arranging certain sections of the museum, and preparing catalogues of the Egyptian collection, lamps and Greek pottery; these have been printed in the *Proceedings* and re-printed for use of visitors to the museum; also to our member, Mrs. Willans, for her services in connexion with the library.



OVER DENTON CHURCH FROM SOUTH.
(From a photograph by Dr. D. H. Stephens.)

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WITH BALANCE SHEET FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1913.

The number of members on the roll on 31st December, 1913, was three hundred and seventy-six, seven of whom are life-members. During the year four members resigned, six died, and four were struck off the roll under statute III. In the same period twenty-four new members were elected.

The income for the year has been 565*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*, which with the balance of 46*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* brought forward from 1912, gives a total of 612*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* The expenditure has been 577*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, leaving a balance in hand of 35*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* For printing *Archaeologia Aeliana*, a total of 164*l.* 9*s.* has been paid during the year, being a balance of 30*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* on volume VIII, and 134*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* for volume IX, 20*l.* of which was generously contributed by Dr. Richardson and his friends. The increase under the heading of 'sundries,' is partly explained by the 10*l.* paid for the bookcase that has been added to the library, and 11*l.* 15*s.* paid for another supply of the *Guide to the Castle*. An addition to the standing charges against the Black-gate account appears for the first time in the balance sheet of this year, viz., 2*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* for insurance stamps for the two attendants. Full details of expenditure are given in the balance sheet which follows.

For the 'Centenary Volume Fund,' the amount received at date (January 28th, 1914) is 193*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* towards cost of printing the volume and for the photogravures.

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR 1913.

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TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1913.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1913.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Balance brought from last account dated 31st December, 1912:—									
At bank	43	4	2						
In hand	3	10	6						
				46	14	8			
Members' subscriptions for 1913	375	18	0						
Arrears of subscriptions	3	3	0						
				379	1	0			
Receipts at Castle				121	19	6			
Receipts at Black-gate				33	12	11			
Books sold				11	5	0			
Contributions towards the cost of printing Dr. Richardson's Paper on Bishop Bek in <i>Archaeologia Aethiana</i> , from Dr. Richardson and others				20	0	0			
Castle expenses					74	5	4		
Black-gate expenses					69	2	5		
Books bought and subscriptions					20	11	7		
Printing:—									
<i>Archaeologia</i> , vol. VIII (bal.), £30 ls. 3d.;									
vol. IX, £134 7s. 9d.	164	9	0						
<i>Proceedings</i>	54	10	0						
					218	19	0		
Illustrations					47	1	2		
Museum expenses					2	11	6		
Secretary for clerical assistance					40	0	0		
Sundry expenses					104	14	8		
Balance 31st December, 1913:—									
Cash at Bank	32	1	3						
Cash in hand	3	6	2						
					35	7	5		
				£612	13	1	£612	13	1

INVESTMENTS, 31st December, 1913.

	£	s.	d.			
2½ per cent. Consols			42	18	5	
Post Office Savings Bank	£123	0	10			
Dividend on Consols		1	1	4		
Interest on Deposit		3	1	7		
				127	3	9
				£170	2	2

Examined with Vouchers and found correct, J. ARNOTT SISSON, F.C.A.,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 23rd January, 1914.

EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE, 1913—			EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE, 1913—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Warden's salary ...	65	0 0	Attendant's wages ...	23	8 0
Rent	0	2 6	Library Attendant's do.	19	10 0
Income tax	2	13 5	Gratuity to Miss Telford	1	0 0
Water rate	0	6 0	Rent: Newc. Corporation	1	0 0
Gas account	0	12 9	„ N.E.R. Company	3	0 0
For electric current	2	0 1	Inhabited house duty ...	1	3 8
Coals	0	15 0	Water	1	0 0
Washing gates and			Gas	2	17 5
scrapping ironwork ...	1	8 2	Electric current	2	7 0
Repairs	0	18 5	Insurance stamps	2	7 10
Lamps	0	9 0	Coals	5	11 0
			Repairs	5	5 0
			Sundries	0	12 6
	<u>£74</u>	<u>5 4</u>		<u>£69.</u>	<u>2 5</u>

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1913.

BOOKS BOUGHT, ETC.—

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Subscriptions to Societies—				
Parish Register Society	1	1 0		
National Trust Society	1	1 0		
Surtees Society	1	1 0		
Museums' Association	1	1 0		
Congress of Archaeological Societies	1	0 0		
Durham and Northumberland Parish Register				
Society	0	10 6		
			5	14 6
Pease's <i>Lord Wardens of the Marches</i> ...			0	10 6
Hodges's <i>Hexham Priory</i>			0	2 10
Cox's <i>Church Wardens Accounts</i>			0	7 6
Nelson's <i>Painted Glass</i>			0	7 6
H. Hunter-Blair, <i>Transactions, 1905</i> ...			0	3 9
Do. <i>Berwickshire Naturalist Club Proceedings</i>			0	3 9
Griffin & Co., <i>Official Year Book of Societies</i>			0	13 6
S. Catherine Press: <i>Complete Peerage</i> , vol. III.			1	1 8
<i>Scottish Historical Review</i> , parts 37-40			0	11 0
Geo. Sherwood, <i>Index, Pedigree Register</i>			0	2 7
<i>Notes and Queries</i>			1	2 8
Asher & Co., for <i>Mittheilungen</i> , etc. ...			4	10 8
Otto Petters, for <i>Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes</i>			0	17 11
J. C. Wilson for bookbinding			4	1 3
			<u>£20</u>	<u>11 7</u>

SUNDRIES FOR THE YEAR 1913—				£	s.	d.
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., for general printing and stationery	...	...	...	28	3	8
Andrew Dickson, Ltd., for postage, etc., of <i>Proceedings</i> , and general stationery	...	...	...	18	7	11
R. Simpson & Sons for printing 2002 Guides to the Castle	...	...	...	11	15	0
Robson & Sons, bookcase for Blackgate	...	...	...	10	0	0
D. D. Dixon, expenses <i>re</i> Cartington find of wooden coffin	...	...	...	2	10	0
Railway carriage on <i>do.</i> from Rothbury	...	...	...	0	8	6
W. Tait, printing 19 sets impressions of plates	...	...	...	1	19	0
Geo. Hughes, hanging pictures, etc.	...	...	...	1	4	3
Elliott Bros., repairing locks	...	...	...	0	3	0
Morris, repairs	...	...	...	0	9	9
Robinson & Co., <i>m</i> emo. book	...	...	...	0	1	6
Cheque Book	...	...	...	0	5	0
Indexing <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , vol. IX	...	...	...	3	3	0
Carriage on books	...	...	...	0	7	9
Secretary, out-of-pocket expenses	...	...	...	2	2	6
Treasurer, for postage and clerical assistance	...	...	...	4	17	6
Librarian, postages, etc.	...	...	...	1	0	0
Postage on <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	...	...	...	7	15	1
Fire insurance premium on 'Brooks Collection'	...	...	...	1	16	6
Do. do. Castle	...	...	...	1	10	0
Do. do. Blackgate	...	...	...	6	14	9
				<u>£104 14 8</u>		

CURATORS' REPORT FOR 1913

WHICH WAS RECEIVED (NOT ADOPTED) :

In submitting a list of donations to the museum during the year, your curators would record the Society's indebtedness to Mr. Charles A. Harrison, C.E., and to our member, Mr. John T. Oliver, respectively, for supplementing the gift by the North Eastern Railway Co. of the 'dug-out' boat discovered at Derwenthaugh by plans and sections showing its position when found, and by presenting trestles and framework necessary for the proper exhibition and support of the boat.

Donations in the past year include the oak 'dug-out' coffin and fragments of a sepulchral vessel, found in connexion with a

prehistoric burial on Cartington farm, Rothbury. The Society is indebted to Lord Armstrong, not only for his generous gift of these objects, but for the assistance rendered by him in undertaking the safe packing and transport to our museum.

In the article on the Society's museum, contained in our centenary volume (*Archaeologia Aeliana*, 3rd ser. x), reference is made to the difficulties of providing for the Society's collection of Roman inscribed and sculptured stones from the outset to the present day. Your curators endorse the statements and are persuaded that the crowded and confused condition of the Society's lapidary collection can only be remedied by the provision of a gallery with adequate space, where the objects may be properly arranged in well-lighted premises. The time has come when this question, which has rested as an obsession throughout the Society's history, must once more be faced. Your curators beg therefore to suggest the desirability of negotiation by the Society with the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City with a view of lending, under our surveillance, to the Laing Art Gallery and Museum the whole of our collection of Roman stones and sculptures. Whilst these could by such an arrangement be properly exhibited and classified for visitors and students, sufficient will remain of smaller objects to maintain the attraction of our own buildings, their present overcrowded condition would be relieved, the increased space left would permit of classification and arrangement not now possible, and, whilst the value of our collection to the student would be actually enhanced, its interest to the visitor would hardly be diminished.

- Apr. 30. From Mr. THOMAS WALKER, Jarrow:—Penny token, 1812, of Birmingham and South Wales, and another smaller token.
- Apr. 30. From Mr. JASPER GIBSON, Hexham:—Large number of old deeds and documents, relating to the North of England.
- May 28. From LORD ARMSTRONG:—Oak coffin and fragments of a sepulchral vessel, found in a pre-historic grave at Cartington.

- May 28. From Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, F.S.A. :—Twenty-eight letters—twenty-five relating to the election of Mr. Bowes for the Southern Division of Durham in 1832, and three to the Gateshead and Durham Railway.
- May 28. From Mr. GEO. W. BAIN, Sunderland :—Parcel of old documents relating to Northumberland and Durham.
- Aug. 13. From Mr. J. H. B. NOBLE, Hexham :—Silver matrix—probably of 17th century date—of the Seal of the Admiralty Court of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- Aug. 13. From Miss ETHEL PARKER :—An 18th or early 19th. century sword-stick.
- Aug. 13. From Mr. R. O. HESLOP, F.S.A. :—Road Map, from Tinmouth to Carlisle, issued in 1675 by Ogilbie, Surveyor to Charles II, one of a series for the encouragement of traffic after the Civil War.
- Oct. 29. From Mr. LUDOVIC MC. L. MANN of Glasgow :—Two Oronsayan implements of stone.
- Nov. 26. From Mr. F. IRESON ROBSON of Gateshead :—(i) Sunderland Bridge lottery ticket, No. 1932, signed by Cuthbert Ellison; (ii) Stockton penny token.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR 1913.

A new bookcase has been purchased and all the manuscripts (except the 'Woodman,' which remain in their own case) belonging to the Society have been placed in it. This has greatly relieved the pressure upon the space available for local books and has enabled them to be better arranged upon their shelves. A new and complete catalogue of these MSS. which form such a very valuable part of the Society's library, has been begun. Mrs. B. J. Willans, one of our members, has kindly volunteered to make, under the direction and supervision of the librarian, a new shelf register and card catalogue of the books; considerable progress has already been made in this very useful and necessary work and it is hoped that by the end of next year both catalogues will be available for the use of members.

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

- Jan. 29. From Mr. BASIL ANDERTON, M.A.:—*Catalogue of Books concerning the Greek and Latin Classics in the Central Public Libraries, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.*
- Feb. 26. From H.M. BOARD OF WORKS:—*First Report of the Inspector of Ancient Monuments for the year ending 31 March, 1912.*
- Apr. 30. From Mr. T. M. ALLISON, M.D.:—*Catalogo de la Real Armeria di Madrid.*
 From Professor F. J. C. HEARNshaw:—*Southampton Court Leet Records with Supplement, etc.*, edited by Prof. Hearnshaw and Mrs. D. M. Hearnshaw.
 From Mr. J. D. ROBINSON:—The Law of Pews in Churches and Chapels; A Treatise on the Administration of Trust Funds; The New Inclosure Act, 8 and 9 Victoria; The Law of Parochial Settlement; The Law relative to Apprentices and Journeymen and to exercising Trades; A Treatise of the Law relative to Merchant Ships and Seamen; A Treatise on the Law and Practice relating to Letters Patent for Inventions; Real Property Statutes; Letters Military and Political; Summary of the Law of Bills of Exchange.
 From Sir ARTHUR MIDDLETON, Bart.:—*First Report of the Royal Commission on Public Records.*
 From the Rev. E. J. TAYLOR, F.S.A.:—*The Church of St. Cybi, Llangibby.*
- May 28. From the BARROW NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB:—*Proceedings*, xix.
 From Miss M. HOPE DODDS (the author):—'The date of Albion Knight' and 'Early Political Plays' (reprints from *The Library*).
- July 30. From Prof. J. WIGHT DUFF:—'Communion with Deity' (Greek and Roman); 'Education' (Roman) (overprints from the *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*, by the donor); The Presidential Address to the International Congress of Historical Studies, London, 1913, by the Right Hon. James Bryce.
- Sept. 24. From Mr. RICHARD H. HOLME (the author):—*The Holme Family, being a History and Genealogy.*
- Oct. 29. From the ARMSTRONG COLLEGE:—*Calendar*, Session 1913-14.
 From Mr. THOMAS SHEPPARD, Hull:—*Transactions of the Hull Scientific and Field Naturalists' Club*, iv, 5.
- Nov. From Mr. ROBERT BLAIR, F.S.A.:—*The Antiquary* for 1913.
 From Mr. L. JOHNSTON:—*Old Lore Miscellany of Orkney and Shetland, etc.*, and Record Series of the Viking Club for 1913.
 From M. MARCEL AUBERT:—*Repertoire d'Art et d'Archéologie* for the year.
 From the DURHAM UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY:—*Proceedings* for the year.



From Mr. WM. BROWN, F.S.A. :—Three eighteenth century acts of Parliament relating to roads in the County of Durham.

From Mr. EDWARD WOOLER, F.S.A. :—*Historic Darlington*, by the donor and Mr. A. J. Boyde, M.A.

The following books have been added to the library by purchase during the year :—*Ephemeris Epigraphica*, vol. IX, 4; *The Lords Warden of the Marches of England and Scotland*, by Howard Pease; *Churchwardens' Accounts*, by J. Charles Cox; *The Complete Peerage*, III; *Guide to the Priory Church of St. Andrew, Hexham*, by C. C. Hodges; and *Ancient Painted Glass in England*, by Nelson.

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 p. xxxv.



BLUE GLASS OF ROMAN DATE FROM POMPEII (ABOUT $\frac{1}{2}$).

In the Blackgate Museum.