



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

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1914.

The dark cloud of war that has hung over the nation for the past six months naturally throws its shadow upon our Society. But we must not forget that at the time of its establishment, one hundred and two years ago, its founders had lived for years under comparable conditions. Two years and more were then to elapse before the nation emerged victoriously from the Napoleonic wars which had threatened it so long. Notwithstanding this, our predecessors in those troublous times calmly combined to pursue their favourite studies. With their example before us we must not permit, and have not so far permitted, national excitement to extinguish our interest in the pursuits which our Society has so long encouraged. In this connexion it is matter of poignant regret and reprobation that the governing powers of Germany, a people professing advanced education and much addicted to studies like our own, have permitted the

wanton injury of the beautiful old town of Louvain, the cathedral of Rheims and architectural monuments in Ypres and other historic places in Belgium and France. 'The spirit of Antiquity enshrined in sumptuous buildings' cries out in opposition to such crimes against civilization. The following apposite remarks of Sir John Vanburgh may be quoted:—

'There is perhaps no one thing which the most Polite part of mankind have more universally agreed in, than the vallue they have ever set upon the Remains of distant Times. Nor among the severall kinds of those Antiquitys are there any so much regarded as those of Buildings: some for their magnificence or curious workmanship and others, as they move more lively and pleasing Reflections (than History without their aid can do) on the Persons who have inhabited them: on the remarkable things which have been transacted in them, or the extraordinary occasions of erecting them.'

Thus did the architect of Blenheim palace, two hundred years ago, appeal in vain for the preservation of the old manor house of Woodstock.

This Society endorsed the appeal of the London Society of Antiquaries to the government of the United States, asking it to protest to the German government against the barbarous treatment of ancient and beautiful buildings during the course of warfare.

It seems fitting that two societies, composed of persons now enemies of our king, should disappear from the list of those with whom we are associated by means of the exchange of publications.

Our indoor meetings have been held as usual during the year, although it was considered desirable by the authorities of the city to close the castle to the general public for a few weeks at the outbreak of hostilities.

During the year five country meetings took place, namely: at Willimoteswick castle and Beltingham church; at Newminster abbey; and Finchale priory (these being held on Saturday afternoons); also whole-day meetings at Stockton, Norton and

Billingham; and at Askerton castle, Bewcastle, and Lanercost priory. At the last-named meeting our member Mr. W. G. Collingwood's address upon the Bewcastle cross was specially interesting in view of the revived controversy as to its date, so ably carried on by professor A. S. Cook of Yale university, and others. It was intended to visit Embleton and Dunstanburgh, but owing to the unprecedented conditions prevailing at the date fixed in August, and the consequent disorganisation of traffic arrangements, it was decided to cancel the meeting; as also the usual half-day visit to CORSTOPITUM, where it was reported by Mr. R. H. Forster that the curtailed season's excavations had yielded no 'spectacular' results.

Full reports of the indoor and outdoor meetings have appeared in our *Proceedings*, of which the sixth volume of the third series has just been completed, and members are advised to have it bound up forthwith and placed in their libraries as a valuable book of reference. The volume comprises pages vi+310, and 32 plates of illustrations, besides many others in the text.

The eleventh volume of the current series of *Archaeologia Aeliana* appeared during the year embodying pages xxxvi+338. Its contents include papers read before the society by the Rev. J. F. Hodgson, Miss M. H. Dodds, Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson, and Mr. C. T. Trechmann, in addition to the continuation of the 'Catalogue of Durham Seals' and the report on excavations at Corstoptum in 1913. The volume is illustrated by eight plates and a large number of inset illustrations.

An oft repeated proposal to reprint the only volume of the first series of our *Proceedings* is now being carried into effect. The list of subscriptions covering the cost of reprinting is not quite complete, so that members desirous of possessing copies of this rare and interesting volume are invited to participate, if they have not already undertaken to do so. There are now only some fifteen copies of the reprint for disposal. This volume deals with

the years 1855-6-7; afterwards, until January, 1866, the *Archaeologia Aeliana* contains minutes of the meetings. It is hoped, at no distant date, a successful attempt will be made to collect and publish in book form the scattered records existing of the society's doings during the years 1866 to 1882. After the latter year the continuous series of *Proceedings* begin. To go farther back still to the years 1813-1854 does not appear to be a task incapable of accomplishment. The publication of such records would amplify in a very interesting way the centenary volume issued by the society in January, 1914.

A new guide book to the Blackgate and its museum was issued by the society during the year. Our member, Mr. W. Parker Brewis is the author, and to him the council desire to express their thanks for it. A committee has been appointed to consider the best means of improving the conditions under which the collections at the castle and Blackgate are displayed. Unfortunately the disturbed state of affairs consequent upon the war makes it an unfavourable time for appealing to members or the public for the special funds without which so little can be accomplished. Among donations to the museum during the past year the council specially thank our president for a case containing electrotypes of 208 Roman gold coins found at CORSTOPITUM.

During the year there has been added to the treasures deposited in our library a number of documents belonging to the Saddlers' Company of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who, in entrusting them to our care, have followed the precedent set by the Barber Surgeons' Company and the Goldsmiths' Company in former years.

Volume x of the Northumberland County History was published in 1914, dealing with the parish of Corbridge. This is the third volume issued under the skilful editorship of our member, Mr. H. H. E. Craster.

*The North Eastern Railway, its Rise and Development*, by Mr. W. W. Tomlinson, one of our members, has just been published after some delay on account of the war, and a copy presented to the society by Mr. Tomlinson. This sumptuous volume is a monument to the painstaking research and literary ability of the author.

Mr. John Gibson, the warder of the castle, owing to advancing years, has been provided with an assistant. The council take this opportunity of recording their appreciation of Mr. Gibson's exemplary services to the society, extending over the long term of forty-two years. These have never been restricted within perfunctory limits. He has been ever watchful on behalf of the society, not merely within the castle walls, but whenever anything of interest arose during excavations or demolitions in the locality.

Members lost to us by death during the year include:—Sir John Swinburne, elected 1866, whose membership of 48 years' continuous duration is exceeded only by one other; the Rev. George Reed, elected 1888; William Francis, elected 1892; John David Robinson, elected 1900; Anthony George Rudd, elected 1901; James Sclater, elected 1907; Everard J. Lamb, elected 1910, who was killed in action in France; and Thomas Bell, elected 1913. W. N. Strangeways, elected 1880, resigned and died in 1914.

Twenty new members have been elected during the year 1914, leaving us with a slightly larger number of members than at any previous time.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1914.

The number of members on the roll on the 31st December, 1914, was three hundred and eighty, seven of whom are life members. During the year six members resigned, and we lost ten by death. In the same period twenty new members were elected.

The income for the year has been 528*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* which, with the balance of 35*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* brought forward from 1913, gives a total of 563*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* The expenditure has been 503*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* leaving a balance in hand of 60*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* While the income shows a falling off compared with 1913 of 39*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* the total expenditure was 73*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* less. The diminished income from the castle is largely explained by the building having been closed for nearly three weeks by order of the authorities, after the outbreak of the war. This happened at the busiest time of our season. Included under the heading of sundry expenses is an item of 15*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* for 2,000 copies of the new guide to the Blackgate.

The most important event affecting the finances of the society that has occurred during the year, is the appointment of an assistant to Mr. Gibson at a salary of 65*l.* per annum. This is a very heavy addition to our permanent charges, and will have to be carefully borne in mind when we are arranging the society's future operations.

The 'Centenary Volume Fund' was closed early in the year. It reached a total of 250*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* The Society contributed 11*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* to the fund. A list of subscribers and of those who contributed to the cost of portraits is given in the *Proceedings*, 3 ser., vol. vi, pp. 224 and 225.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1914.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1914.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance brought from last account dated 31st December, 1913	35	7	5				
Members' subscriptions for 1914	£373	16	0				
Arrears of subscriptions	12	12	0				
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Receipts at Castle	94	14	3				
Receipts at Blackgate	32	4	4				
Books sold	15	5	0				
Castle expenses					89	10	10
Blackgate expenses					39	2	2
Sundry expenses, including stationery and general printing, postages, etc.					75	16	9
Books purchased and other expenses on library					58	16	3
Printing:—							
<i>Archaeologia</i>	126	10	3				
<i>Proceedings</i>	41	12	6				
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Illustrations					28	5	7
Museum expenses					3	16	0
Editor for clerical assistance					40	0	0
Balance 31st December, 1914:—							
Cash at bank	47	11	0				
Cash in hand	12	17	8				
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	<hr/>			£563	19	0	£563 19 0
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INVESTMENTS, 31st December, 1914.

	£ s. d.		
2½ per cent. Consols	42	18	5
Post Office Savings Bank	£127	3	9
Dividend on Consols for 1914	1	1	4
Dividend on Deposit for 1914	3	3	7
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	131	8	8
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	£174	7	1
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Examined with vouchers and found correct,  
Sunderland, 20th January, 1915.

HERBERT M. WOOD, C.A.

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EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE, 1914—			EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE, 1914—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Warden's salary	61	15 0	Attendant's wages	23	8 0
Assistant's wages	20	0 0	Rent: Newc. Corporation	1	0 0
Rent	0	2 6	„ N.E.R. Company	3	0 0
Property tax	2	13 5	Inhabited house duty	1	3 8
Water rate	0	6 0	Water rate	1	0 0
Gas account	0	13 3	Gas account	2	15 8
Electric current	1	9 10	Electric current	2	4 0
Insurance stamps	0	5 0	Coals	1	19 0
Repairs	0	15 10	Repairs	0	12 3
Fire insurance premium	1	10 0	Sundries	0	4 10
			Fire insurance premium	1	14 9
	<u>£89</u>	<u>10 10</u>		<u>£39</u>	<u>2 2</u>

SUNDRIES FOR THE YEAR 1914—			£	s.	d.
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., stationery and general printing	...	...	10	12	11
Do. do. 2,000 'Guides' to Blackgate	...	...	15	18	0
A. Dickson, Ltd., stationery, postage, and printing	...	...	22	3	8
Donation to 'Centenary Volume Fund'	...	...	11	15	2
W. Marr, for operating lantern	...	...	0	5	0
Carriage on books	...	...	0	8	10
Indexing <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , 3 ser. XI	...	...	3	3	0
Postage for <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	...	...	5	8	8
Cheque book	...	...	0	5	0
Secretary's petty disbursements	...	...	3	1	6
Treasurer's do.	...	...	2	12	6
Newcastle Corporation, one year's rent for electric service	...	...	0	2	6
			<u>£75</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1914.

LIBRARY ACCOUNT—

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, 1913-1914	2	2	0			
Surtees Society	1	1	0			
				<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Carried forward				£6	5	0



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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ... ..		6 5 0
BOOKS BOUGHT AND BOOKBINDING—		
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., <i>County History of North- umberland</i> , vol. x. ... ..	1 6 0	
B. R. Hill & Son, <i>Oxford Dictionary</i> , 3 parts ...	1 13 10	
Do. <i>Historical Monuments, South Bucks</i> ...	0 16 6	
Do. do. <i>Bucks</i> , vol. II. ...	0 13 6	
Do. <i>Clay's Hermits and Anchorites</i> ...	0 7 6	
Congress of Archaeological Societies—		
800 copies of <i>Earthworks Reports</i> ... ..	1 0 0	
Index to <i>Archaeological Reports</i> ... ..	0 16 8	
T. & G. Allen, <i>Notes and Queries</i> ... ..	0 17 8	
Geo. Sherwood, <i>Pedigree Registers 25/25</i> ... ..	0 13 1	
C. Griffin & Co., <i>Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies</i> ... ..	0 6 4	
J. Macle hose & Son, <i>Scottish Historical Review</i> , parts 41-44 ... ..	0 11 0	
Bernard Quaritch, collection of Brand's MSS. ...	0 10 6	
Asher & Co., Ltd., subscription to <i>Mittheilungen</i> , etc.	0 15 0	
Do., <i>Jahrbuch</i> , etc. ... ..	2 0 6	
Mawson, Swan & Morgan, Ltd., <i>Report of Inspector of Ancient Monuments</i> ... ..	0 6 0	
J. C. Wilson, bookbinding ... ..	7 3 6	
M. H. Dodds, repairing ten volumes of newspapers	2 10 0	
	<hr/>	22 7 7
Attendant's wages ... ..	19 10 0	
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., stationery ... ..	0 19 6	
Do., book labels, etc. ... ..	2 2 6	
The General Electric Co., Ltd., for lamp ... ..	0 10 0	
T. G. Usher & Co., supply plug for lamp ... ..	0 5 2	
Fire insurance premium, books, etc. ... ..	5 0 0	
Do. do. 'Brooks Collection' ... ..	1 16 6	
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MUSEUM EXPENSES—		
Subscription to Museum Association ... ..	1 1 0	
For mahogany table for coins ... ..	2 15 0	
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## CURATORS' REPORT FOR 1914.

Your curators wish to draw the attention of the society to the need of making their valuable collection of local antiquities better known, and of greater educational value. It is to be hoped that the committee appointed to go into the matter will be able to arrive at some means of improvement during the current year. The collection is at present inadequately displayed, owing to the fact that the Blackgate is ill lit and adapted to the exhibition of such an extensive collection. But the main obstacle to improvement is financial, and the Blackgate is already an annual drain on the society's resources.

We are glad to report that Mr. J. Gibson, the warden at the keep, has been able to continue in regular attendance. The falling off in the takings at the keep are mainly due, directly and indirectly, to the war, and the fact that the keep was closed for nearly three weeks at the request of the authorities.

In accordance with an order of the House of Lords, dated the 20th May, 1914, a return giving particulars of attendances at museums throughout the United Kingdom will be presented to parliament in 1915. A classified list of visitors to the museums has not hitherto been kept by the society, but such statistics are now being compiled.

A number has been put on each article given to the museum during the year, and opposite the number a description entered in the donation book. The following is a list of donations:—

- 1914.
- 28 Jan. From Sir A. MIDDLETON:—An incense cup found in a pre-historic barrow near Belsay castle. (*Proc.*, 3rd ser. VI, p. 153.)
- „ From Col. CARY, Torre Abbey, Torquay:—A glazed, reddish tile, 5 inches square, with geometric leaf pattern in white. (*Ibid.*)
- „ From Mr. R. COLTMAN CLEPHAN:—An *oinochoe*, or jug, of the usual form, with a trefoil mouth: its height is 7½ inches. (*Ibid.*)
- 25 Feb. From THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND:—A glazed case containing electrotypes of the 208 Roman gold coins found at Corstopitum. (*Ibid.*, 158.)
- 25 Mar. From Mrs. R. M. MIDDLETON:—(1) Roman and other antiquities, from various places, collected by her late husband: (i) The leather sole of a Roman shoe; (ii) three fragments of Samian ware; (iii) part of a potter's stamp ANI M, and (iv) a fragment of Durobrivian ware—all from Malton; (2) fragment of Ancient British pottery, from near Seaton Carew; (3) fragments of figured Samian and of a cream coloured *mortarium*, from South Shields; and (4) Roman mortar from Caerleon. (*Ibid.*, 170.)

- 27 May. From Rev. F. G. WESLEY, late vicar of Hamsteels:—A pre-historic stone axe-head, found in a field 150 yards from the site of the Roman road (Watling Street), three miles south-south-east of the Roman station of Lanchester. (*Ibid.*, 186.)
- 29 July. From Mrs. LAYTON:—(1) Tickets 237, 238, 292, 293-6, issued to Mr. Black, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Smithe, and all 'outside,' by North British Railway, Quicksilver Coaching-Bill, Edinburgh to Newcastle; (2) and the corresponding seven little yellow tickets, North British Railway, Edinburgh to Newcastle, Aug. 21, 1846. (*Ibid.*, 222.)
- „ From Mr. ROBERT KNOX, West Kilburn, London:—A framed and glazed map of a part of Northumberland and Durham, showing collieries, etc., published at Newcastle, by D. Akenhead & Son, in 1807. (*Ibid.*)

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR 1914.

There is not much of importance to chronicle for the past year. The shelf register and card catalogue of the books and the catalogue of the MSS., which it was expected would have been completed during this year, have, through a variety of causes, not yet been finished; but substantial progress has been made, and they should both be ready for use in the near future.

The Society's valuable collection of old, local and other newspapers, which were in a very dilapidated state, are being repaired and, where needful, rebound. They have also been arranged more conveniently on the shelves and will now be more easily referred to by members.

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

- 28 Jan. From Prof. ALLEN MAWER:—'The Scandinavian Kingdom of Northumberland.' (Overprint.)
- From Mr. CLEVELAND MASTERMAN:—*Pedigree of the Heath family of Keyper and Little Eden in the County of Durham.*
- 25 Feb. From 'LA SOCIÉTÉ D'ARCHÉOLOGIE DE BRUXELLES':—*Annales*, vol. XXI (to replace).
- From Prof. ALLEN MAWER:—*Some Unconsidered Elements in English Place-names.*
- From THE SADDLERS' COMPANY OF NEWCASTLE:—Minute books and ordinances.
- 24 Mar. From the Very Rev. the DEAN OF LICHFIELD (Dr. Savage):—(1) *Sermon Preached by Peter Smart in Durham Cathedral in 1628.*
- (2) *The Seventeenth Century Woodwork of Halifax Parish Church*, by the donor.
- (3) 'Northumbria after the Departure of the Roman Forces.' (Overprint.)
- 29 April. From Mr. C. C. E. WARRINGTON:—A collection of old local election squibs, etc., from 1826 to 1832.
- 27 May. From Mr. CLEVELAND MASTERMAN:—*The Pedigree of the Masterman Family of Little and Great Ayton in Cleveland.*
- From COLONEL CARR-ELLISON:—A large collection of old deeds.
- From Mr. PARKER BREWIS, F.S.A.:—A collection of Guides to and Catalogues of the Antiquities in the British Museum, Greenwich Hospital, and Victoria and Albert Museum.

- 29 July. From the Rev. CARUS VALE COLLIER, M.A., F.S.A., the author :—'An Account of the Boynton Family and the Family Seat of Burton Agnes. (Overprint.)  
 From Mr. J. W. CLAY, F.S.A.:—*The Extinct and Dormant Peerage of the Northern Counties of England.*  
 From Prof. A. S. COOK :—*Some Accounts of the Bewcastle Cross between the years 1607 and 1861.*  
 From Mr. N. TEMPERLEY :—Reports (3) of the excavations at Old Sarum of the Cathedral and Norman Castle, 1909-1913.
- 26 Aug. From Mr. SIDNEY REID :—*The History of the Church of Chester-le-Street*, by the Rev. John Dodd, M.A.
- 30 Sept. From THE SHEFFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE :—Descriptive Catalogue of the Charters, Rolls, Deeds, etc., forming the Jackson Collection at the Sheffield Public Reference Library.  
 From Prof. F. HAVERFIELD, F.S.A. :—*Roman Britain in 1913.*  
 From Sir A. E. MIDDLETON, Bart. :—Report of the Record Commission I, i-iii.  
 From Prof. J. WIGHT-DUFF :—Notes on the Third International Archaeological Congress held at Rome. (Overprint.)
- 25 Nov. From Mr. CHRISTIAN LEOPOLD REID, the author :—*Pedigree of the Family of Ker and Ker-Reid.*  
 From THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE :—*Our Just Cause.*  
 From Prof. F. HAVERFIELD, F.S.A. :—'Roman Silver in Northumberland.' (Overprint.)
- Dec. From Mr. ROBERT BLAIR, F.S.A. :—*The Antiquary*, for 1914.  
 From Mr. L. JOHNSTON :—*Old Lore Miscellany of Orkney, Shetland, Etc.*, and Record Series of the Viking Club, for 1914.  
 From M. MARCEL AUBERT, of Paris :—*Repertoire d'Art et d'Archéologie*, for 1914.  
 From THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY :—*Proceedings*, for 1914.

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

*Report of the Inspector of Ancient Monuments*, for 1913; *The Oxford English Dictionary*, VIII-IX; *Report of the Commission on Historical Monuments—Buckinghamshire*, vols. I and II; A Manuscript Notebook of the Rev. John Brand; *History of Northumberland*, vol. X; *The Hermits and Anchorites of England.*

The various serials and publications of the learned societies of Great Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia, Canada and the United States of America, with whom we exchange, have been received regularly. The publications of the Societies of Abbeville, Brussels and Namur have not been received since July, 1914. The German societies with which publications have been exchanged in the past have been struck off the list.