



The Society of Antiquaries

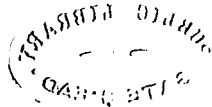
OF

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR 1916.

For the third year in succession the society celebrates its anniversary amidst the tumult of conflicting nations. Antiquarian pursuits shed tranquillizing influences upon the mind, hence the meetings and literature of our society offer to members the opportunity of occasional and salutary relaxation from the pressure of contemporary events.

The continued and increased restrictions upon travelling during the past year made it again necessary to relinquish all excursions and only indoor meetings were held, of which nine took place. The subjects dealt with on these occasions covered a very wide range in date and locality and are duly chronicled in the *Proceedings*, of which the seventh volume of the third series only awaits its index to be complete. This volume extends over nearly as many pages as the previous one. The same remark applies to volume XIII of the third series of *Archaeologia Aeliana* which was published during the year. It is satisfactory that



the apprehension expressed in last year's report of the council that our publications might have to suffer serious curtailment in consequence of war conditions has not, so far, been realized. Mr. Parker Brewis's re-written *Guide to the Castle* was published during the year and is largely in request by visitors.

The British Association's meeting in Newcastle in September, 1916, was necessarily deprived of much of its usual popularity. From our point of view it was particularly noteworthy in that the president of the meeting was the president of the London Society of Antiquaries, Sir Arthur John Evans. His admirable inaugural address gracefully acknowledged the work done by this society and specially recognized the services rendered to the study of antiquities by the late Dr. J. Collingwood Bruce, our Nestor for so many years. In connexion with the British Association meeting an official hand-book to Newcastle and district was published. It contained articles written by no fewer than thirteen members of this society, including the joint-editors, Messrs. G. B. Richardson and the late W. W. Tomlinson.

Since our last anniversary eleven new members have been elected, two more than last year, a pleasing feature of this year's history when the crippling effect of the war upon societies like ours is taken into account. Unfortunately our losses by death during the period covered by this report have been heavy. A list, in alphabetical order, follows, and gives the year of election in each case:- H. F. Abell, hon. member (1906), R. L. Allgood (1886), Thomas Bailes (1904), Rev. W. R. Burnett (1889), Dr. C. J. Gibb (1859), Charles Wright Henzell (originally elected 1884, resigned 1901 and re-elected 1902), R. Oliver Heslop (1883), T. E. Jobling (1908), W. B. McQueen (1910), N. H. Martin (1882), Philip Newbold (1911), Viscount Ridley (1905), and W. W. Tomlinson (1888).

An obituary notice of our late vice-president Mr. R. Oliver Heslop (written by his old friend and colleague Mr. Richard

Welford) is included in the latest volume of *Archæologia Aeliana* and gives details of the important work done by him in connexion with this society during the long period of thirty-three years—work which will worthily perpetuate his memory. Dr. Gibb was continuously a member of the society for fifty-seven years, but never took an active part in our doings; he had reached the advanced age of 92 years. His death took place on May 13th. Mr. Philip Newbold, who gave up his life for his country at the early age of 29, on July 13th, was second lieutenant in the Royal West Kent Regiment, and had been for a time commencing in 1910, lecturer in classics and ancient history at the Armstrong college; he carried out some excavations on the line of the Roman Wall and read an account of them before the society which was published in *Archæologia Aeliana*, 3 ser., vol. ix. Mr. W. W. Tomlinson who died on November 26th, aged 58, was a member of the council (with a single year's interval) from 1896 until his decease, and was the society's librarian from 1890 to 1893; his contributions to our publications are numerous and full of interest. A biographical notice of Mr. Tomlinson from the pen of Mr. John Oxberry is in preparation and will be read at an early meeting of the society.

During the year an Act of Parliament was passed in accordance with which a tax was imposed upon admission fees to places of amusement. The local administrators of this act for several weeks insisted that the Castle and Blackgate came within its scope. The council held a strong opinion to the contrary, and exemption from the operation of the act has been allowed.

The council offers congratulations to one of its members Lt. Colonel Spain, 6th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, who has received the order of St. Michael and St. George in recognition of his military services on the western front.

Not to all of us are given the leisure and attainments necessary for contributing to our transactions, but the council

feels that a larger number of members could do so. Some of our office-bearers have set a fine example, but the perennial vigour of our society must depend, in the long run, upon the rank and file. To them the council commends the duty of augmenting the general store of information. The annals of the north are not sealed, the mine is not exhausted, some by-ways yet remain untrodden, and will not withhold their ungarnered treasures from diligent research.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1916.

The number of members on the roll on the 31st December, 1916, was three hundred and fifty-six, six of whom are life members. This is a reduction of seventeen compared with what it was twelve months ago. During the year eight members resigned, we lost thirteen by death (one of whom was a life member), and seven were removed from the roll by order of the council under Statute III. In the same period eleven new members were elected.

The income for the year has been 547*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* which with the balance brought forward from 1915 of 32*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* gives a total of 579*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* The expenditure has been 532*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, leaving a balance in hand of 46*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* The increased amount in the expenditure on the Blackgate is explained by the fact that two year's premiums both for fire insurance and aircraft and bombardment risks are included, as was intimated would be the case in my report last year. Details of expenditure accompany the balance sheet.

The matter of the entertainment tax is dealt with in the council's report.

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR 1916.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1916.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance from 31st December, 1915 ... ..	...	...	...	32	0	1
Members' subscriptions	355	19	0				
Arrears of subscriptions	7	7	0				
				363	6	0	
Receipts at Castle				124	0	0	
Receipts at Blackgate				40	14	7	
Books sold				12	5	9	
Contributions towards cost of illustrations--							
The Duke of Northumberland	3	3	0				
Mr. W. H. Cullen	2	0	0				
R. Blair	2	0	1				
				7	3	1	
Castle expenses					108	15	0
Blackgate expenses					77	18	10
Books purchased and expenses of library					43	12	3
Printing:—							
<i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	137	0	0				
<i>Proceedings</i>	39	0	6				
					176	0	6
Illustrations					27	1	1
Museum expenses					1	3	3
Editor for clerical assistance					40	0	0
Sundry expenses					58	3	5
Cash at bank	35	9	2				
Cash in hand	11	6	0				
					46	15	2
				£579	9	6	
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INVESTMENTS, 31st December, 1916.

	£	s.	d.
In 4½ per cent. War Loan Stock, 1925-1945	268	12	3
In Post Office Savings Bank	15	13	1
One year's dividend on War Loan Stock	10	5	8
Interest on P.O. Savings Bank account for 1916	0	9	3
	£295	0	3

Examined with vouchers and found correct,

HERBERT M. WOOD, *Chartered Accountant.*

Sunderland, 24th January, 1917.

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	1 1 0	
Surtees Society	1 1 0	
Durham and Northumberland Parish Register Society	0 10 6	
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BOOKS BOUGHT AND BOOKBINDING—

Cust's <i>Heraldry of York Minster</i>	0 9 6	
Miss Dodds, <i>Pilgrimage of Grace</i>	1 10 0	
Baldwin Brown's <i>Art in Early England</i> , vols. III and IV	2 2 0	
Wiles & Co., Exeter Archaeological Society <i>Transactions</i> , vol. XII	0 6 2	
Wilts. Archaeological Society <i>Magazine</i> , no. 80 ...	0 4 2	
J. Maclehose & Son, <i>Scottish Historical Review</i> , 49-52	0 13 9	
Geo. Sherwood, index <i>Pedigree Register</i> , vol. III ...	0 3 7	
Thomas May, <i>Pottery found at Silchester</i>	1 5 8	
F. Edwards, for 34 vols. of Yorkshire Archaeological Society Record Series	7 2 6	
Asher & Co., Ltd., Trans. German Archaeol. Inst. ...	0 15 0	
C. Griffin & Co., <i>Year Book of Scientific and Learned Societies</i>	0 6 4	
T. & G. Allen, <i>Notes and Queries</i>	0 17 8	
Harold Hill, <i>English Dictionary</i> , part	0 12 6	
M. S. Dodds, repairing ten vols. of old newspapers	2 10 0	
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Attendant, wages	16 2 6	
Insurance stamps	0 5 5	
Fire insurance premium on 'Brooks Collection' ...	1 0 0	
Aircraft and bombardment insurance on 'Brooks Collection'	1 5 0	
Mawson, Swan, & Morgan, scrap book	0 5 0	
R. Robinson & Co., Ltd., stationery	0 1 0	
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DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1916.

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EXPENDITURE ON CASTLE—	
	£ s. d.
Warden, salary... ..	77 0 0
„ war-bonus	4 18 0
Insurance stamps	0 13 0
Rent: Newc. Corporation	0 2 6
Property tax	6 17 4
Water rate	0 6 0
Gas account	0 13 10
Electric current	3 6 8
Coals	2 10 0
Entertainment stamps	2 0 0
Lamps	0 5 4
Repairs	4 14 10
Trousers for Warden ...	0 17 6
Fire insurance premiums	1 10 0
Aircraft and bombard- ment premiums	3 0 0
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	£108 15 0

EXPENDITURE ON BLACKGATE—	
	£ s. d.
Attendant's wages	24 7 0
„ war-bonus	1 12 0
Insurance stamps	1 5 11
Rent: Newc. Corporation	1 0 0
„ N.E.R. Company	3 0 0
Inhabited house duty ...	1 5 6
Water rate	1 0 0
Gas account	2 7 10
Electric current	1 15 5
Coals	5 16 6
Newc. Corporation (way leave for electric cable)	0 2 6
Window-cleaning Co. ...	1 7 6
Repairs	3 5 8
Sundries	0 5 6
Fire insurance premiums	11 1 6
Aircraft and bombard- ment premiums	18 6 0
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	£77 18 10

SUNDRIES—		£ s. d.
A. Dickson, Ltd., printing, stationery, and postage	17 19 4
A. Reid & Co., Ltd., stationery and general printing	10 5 9
„ „ 2000 Guides to Castle	... ..	12 11 10
Geo. Hughes, framing picture	... ..	0 3 0
J. A. Dotchin, lock and key	... ..	0 3 0
Indexing <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , 3 ser. vol. XIII	... ..	3 3 0
Postage of <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i>	... ..	6 7 2
Carriage of books	... ..	1 0 2
Cheque books	... ..	0 10 0
Secretary, petty disbursements	... ..	2 3 2
Treasurer's out-of-pocket expenses, clerical assistance, postage, etc.	... ..	3 9 6
<i>Newcastle Daily Journal</i> , advertising	0 4 0
<i>Newcastle Daily Chronicle</i> , advertising	0 3 6
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		£58 3 5

The following is the librarian's report for 1916:—

There is little of general interest to report this year. The routine work of the library has gone on as usual, though it has not been used by members so freely as in more settled times. Your librarian has again to record his thanks to Mrs. B. J. Willans whose valued assistance has enabled the reference catalogue to be kept fully written up. The various serials and publications of learned societies which are received in exchange or by subscription have come to hand regularly. For list of these societies see page xxx.

The following are the books that have been presented during the year:—

- 26 Jan. From Mr. R. H. EDLESTON, F.S.A.: *Ex Libris Journal*, I, II and III; and *The Early History of Bedale*.
 From Rev. E. J. TAYLOR, F.S.A.: *A Brief Account of Durham Cathedral*.
 From the PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO., LTD.: *Roman and Medieval Discoveries in London*.
- 29 March. From Mr. WILLIAM PHILIPSON: Two Large Atlases, one of the World dated 1708, the other of the Counties of England and Wales by Emanuel Bowen and Thomas Kitchen.
 From Mr. THOMAS PORTEUS: Various directories of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 30 Aug. Howard's *Old Houses in Oxford* (overprint); and four old documents of local interest.
- 31 May. From Mr. GEORGE NELSON, LL.D.: *Huchown of the Awle Ryale; Sir Hew of Eglintoun and Huchown of the Awle Ryale; and The Hellespont in Retrospect*.
 From the CORPORATION OF COLCHESTER: *Report of the Museum and Municipality Committee for 1916*.
 From the COUNCIL OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: *The Athenæum Subject Index to Periodicals*.
 From the 'OFFICE NATIONAL DES UNIVERSITÉS ET ÉCOLES FRANÇAISES': *La Science Française*.
- 27 Sept. From Mr. JAMES ELLIOTT: *Documents relating to the Foundation and Antiquities of the Collegiate Church of Middleham, Yorksh.*
 From the Rev. G. V. COLLIER, F.S.A.: *The Newcastle Chronicle* for 27 May and 3 June, 1769.