

112 OBITUARY NOTICES OF THE 7TH DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

1884. The Royal Institution ; president 1899.
1892. The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle ; president 1899.
1894. The Northumbrian Small Pipes Society.
1897. The Royal Historical Society.
1898. The Durham and Northumberland Parish Register Society.
1899. The Royal Society of Literature.
1899. The Natural History Society of Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle ; vice-president 1903, and also a trustee.
[1899]. The Surtees Society ; president 1901.
[1899]. The Pipe Roll Society ; The Camden Society ; the Hakluyt Society ; and the Berwickshire Field Club.
1900. The Royal Society, and the Harleian Society.
1901. The Roxburgh Club.
1904. The Royal Numismatic Society.
1904. The Canterbury and York Society, and others.

The year [1899] within square brackets indicates that the duke in that year took up the membership of his father the sixth duke.

(2.) 'AN ANTIQUARY'S MEMORIES' : By HOWARD PEASE, F.S.A.

'So pre-eminently fair and just,' 'so impartial,' 'almost overweighted with his sense of duty,'—'*Justum et tenacem propositi virum*'—such were the comments of the compatriots of the duke of Northumberland when he died, proving that he was rightly esteemed by those who knew him. Yet the writer believes that a certain sensitive shyness was one of his strongest characteristics, and that it sometimes stood in the way of a proper appreciation by the general public, of a very fine character. A great courtesy and a delicate discrimination were his especial characteristics, and once when the present writer brought before him a project for removing certain very interesting old tombstones of an Umfreville, a Palmer or Pilgrim, a Hedley and a Mitford, which were fast being destroyed by damp in the north transept

of Elsdon church, and asked for a subscription from him as lord of the manor of Redesdale, he wished first to be assured that there was no fear of any desecration of their bones. He was, of course a keen antiquary and loved an antiquarian discussion, for, as he once said, 'one can argue and dispute keenly without losing one's temper, which in politics is impossible,' and his interest in, and benefactions to the county history and the Corbridge excavation fund, etc., are well known to all.

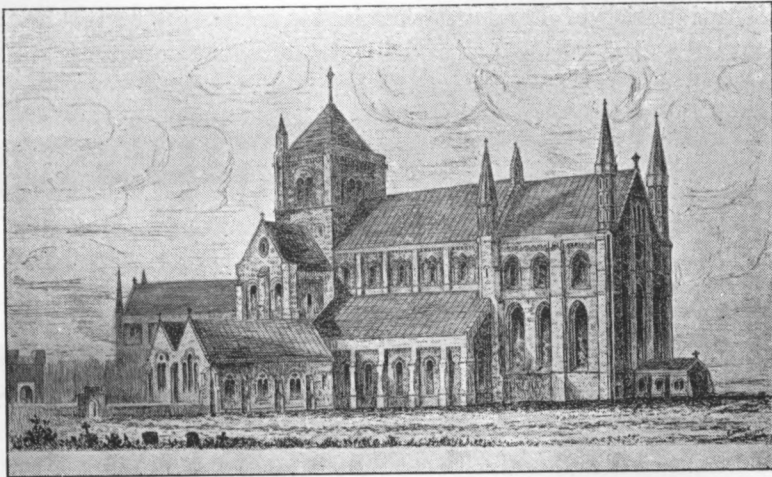
Once when showing a party of his visitors over the museum at Alnwick castle he pointed to some bit of Roman equipment and said humourously, 'Antiquaries say it's a piece of horse-furniture—their last resource when they are absolutely at a loss for an explanation.' The truth of this quip is borne out by an interesting article in the last issue of the *Proceedings* of the Society of Antiquaries of London, wherein Mr. Reginald Smith brings forward many arguments and illustrations to show that 'bow-pullers' were really parts of the bridle of a horse.

As a lover of ancient ways the duke kept up the riding of the boundaries of certain of his manors, and the holding of his court leets. Thus the writer recalls the vision of a bailiff or commissioner reading the proclamation by the cross in Warkworth, as also of the piper bearing the silver crescent on his shoulder, 'the half-moon shining all soe faire.' leading the way. Also he remembers attending the court leet of the manor of Redesdale in Elsdon, and being sworn in as a juror neither 'to deny nor delay justice to any man,' if memory serves him rightly, and being entertained, with the rest of the company to dinner by the duke's bailiff under the shadow of the Mote hills, where possibly the ancestors of some of the guests may have distributed justice in the days before the coming of the Umfreville and the Percy.

As treasurer to various associations the writer had at times to

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solicit the duke's assistance which he never refused, though there was a humorous allusion on one occasion to the continued existence in our midst of 'sturdy beggars.' His private gifts will never be known, but his consideration for his farmer tenants was widely known and appreciated throughout the county. He was ever ready to use his talents for public service in the day of democracy, even though he doubted the wisdom of sundry ill-considered enactments and recent hasty legislation. His devotion to duty was manifest throughout his life, and in death his love of his county may be typified in that his family chose for his last resting place, not Westminster abbey but Lesbury churchyard.



IMAGINARY RESTORATION OF TYNEMOUTH PRIORY.

After a drawing by J. Storey.