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NEWCASTLE:UPON-TYNE.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR 1922.

Unabated vigour has characterised the Society's activities in its rroth year. Ten indoor meetings were held at which the papers read and the objects exhibited were numerous and full of interest. Most of the papers are permanently preserved in the pages of Archaeologia Aeliana and Proceedings. The 19th volume of the third series of the former was issued in December. It contains fifteen articles covering a considerable range of subjects, fully justifying its subtitle of ' Miscellaneous Tracts relating to Antiquity.' Its pages number xxxiii +275 . The third series of Proceedings terminates with the completion of its tenth volume covering the years 192I and 1922. The illustrations form a prominent feature of both volumes and it is hoped the number of these excellent aids to information will be maintained and if possible amplified in succeeding volumes.

Four country meetings were held, the following places being visited: r. Bedlington, Bothal, Ulgham, Widdrington, Chibburn, Woodhorn and Newbiggin. 2. Whickham, Hollinside, Medomsley, Ebchester, Friarside and Gibside. 3. Seaham, Dalton-le-dale, Whitburn, Boldon and Hilton. 4. The two churches and the castle at Bywell. At these out-door meetings Mr. A. Hamilton Thompson delivered a series of illuminating addresses. His gift
of exposition in dealing with the history and architecture of the places visited added largely to the success of the excursions. We trust that his migration to the University of Leeds may not prevent the continuance, in some degree at least, of the counsel and help so willingly given by him to the society since he joined its ranks, three years ago, on taking up the appointment at the Armstrong College which he lately relinquished.

The healthy condition of the Society is exemplified by and largely attributable to the constant influx of fresh vitality by the admission of new members, of whom forty-seven were elected during 1922 making the membership at the end of the year 424, after allowing for losses during its progress. This constitutes another record in the society's history.

Every anniversary meeting recalls the loss of some members since the previous one. During 1922 two vice-presidents have been taken from us, Mr. Robert Coltman Clephan and the Rev. Cuthbert Edward Adamson. Of both, biographical notices, with portraits, are printed in the latest volume (XIX) of Archaeologia Aeliana. The Adamson family is now represented on our roll, in the fourth generation, by the Rev. E. B. Adamson, the son of our late vice-president and the great grandson of one of our original secretaries, John Adamson, who held office for forty-two years (I8I3-I855). We have a direct link with the other original secretary, the Rev. John Hodgson, in the person of his grandson our vice-president Mr. John George Hodgson. In addition to two vice-presidents five other members died during the year, namely, Miss Allgood (elected 1885), John Burkill Lowes (1914), John E. Macpherson (1902), Sir Johnstone Wallace (1914), and George Thomas Brown (1921): Mr. Brown was previously a member 1892-1910.

Although never a member of our society the death on 9th November, I922, in his ninety-fifth year, of the Rev. J.F. Hodgson
D.C.L., formerly vicar of Witton-le-Wear, should not pass unnoticed because he contributed extensively to our literature. Important papers by him descriptive of St. Andrew's Auckland, of Auckland Castle chapel, of Darlington and Hartlepool churches, and upon Low-side windows, were published in the later volumes of the second series of Archaeologia Aeliana and his contributions to the third series continued until seven years ago.

The removal of Mr. W. H. Knowles, v.p., from Newcastle occasions regret, for during thirty-eight years of membership his pen and pencil have been untiring exponents of ancient architecture in the north of England. The results are to be found embodied in the volumes of our Transactions, in the new.County History of Northumberland, and in Vestiges of Old Newcastle and Gateshead (the last named published 32 years ago). The value of his work, too, in connexion with the excavation of Corstopitum cannot be overrated. We indulge the hope that Mr. Knowles's future residence at a distance may not entirely preclude his co-operation with our pursuits. His position in connexion with an inventory of Ancient Monuments in this district (referred to in last year's report) has been accepted by Col. Spain. The Board of Works which invited our assistance in compiling this inventory might, we think, be asked to reciprocate by imparting to us from time to time some information respecting the local monuments placed under its care. Prompt, even if brief, reports about items of' special interest disclosed during the progress of works of investigation and repair would very much increase public interest in the operations carried on by the Board. During the past year Warkworth castle has been transferred to the custody of the Board and repairs have been begun on the curtain wall.

After an interval of thirteen years in which the Society had not added to its list of honorary members it transferred thereto at the
last annual meeting the name of Mrs. Clayton of Chesters, who had been an ordinary member since 1898 . A tribute of respect and gratitude was thus paid to a lady who has worthily maintained the traditions of her family in preserving and elucidating the Roman remains in its possession. The first honorary member of the Society, elected at its establishement in 1813, was grandmother to Mr. John Clayton of whom Mrs. Clayton's late husband (Mr. N. G. Clayton) was a nephew.

We record with pardonable pride that at Convocation in June last the University of Durham conferred the honorary degree of Master of Arts upon our esteemed secretary and editor, Mr. Robert Blair, in recognition of his life-long work in connexion with Northern Archaeology, particularly his editorship of this Society's publications, extending over the long period of forty years embracing no fewer than thirty-four volumes of Archaeologia Aeliana and twenty volumes of Proceedings. It is proposed by the Council that the Society shall at an early date present Mr. Blair with a medal specially struck to commemorate his lengthy and indefatigable services. To expedite arrangements a guarantee fund has been subscribed but in due course all members will be given an opportunity of participating in the testimonial.

In order to keep pace with the rapid sale of the guide books to the Keep and Black-gate, new editions of both have been printed this year, revised by the author, Mr. Parker Brewis. Twenty pictorial postcards of these buildings and some of their contents have also been printed and have commanded a ready sale.

The past year witnessed the appearance of the eleventh volume of the Northumberland County History dealing with five parishes in the north-western part of the county. The year also produced the second volume of the Records Committee's publications ' Northumberland Pleas: from the Curia Regis and Assize Rolls rig81272,' edited by Mr. A. Hamilton Thompson.

Brigadier General Surtees has privately printed The History of the Village and Church of Escombe, and presented a copy to us. He dealt in a similar way with Brancepeth church in 1919 and Brancepeth castle in 1920.

Another member, Mr. Wm. Richardson of Willington-on-Tyne announces that he has in the press A History of the Parish of $W$ allsend, which he has been compiling for many years.

It will be remembered that after the Roman Wall 'pilgrimage' of 1920, the chief points of interest brought before those attending it as the result of modern research were summarised in our Proceedings (3 ser. IX, 295-9) by our member Mr. R. G. Collingwood. He has since contributed to the north country quarterly The Vasculum (viri, no. I) an article entitled ' The Purpose of the Roman Wall,' and to the London Society of Antiquaries' Archaeologia (vol. Lxxi), one upon 'Hardknot Castle and the Tenth Antonine Itinerary.' Our members Messrs. F. G. Simpson and R. C. Shaw contributed to vol. xxir (new ser.) of the Cumberland and Westmorland Society's Transactions an article entitled ' The Purpose and Date of the Vallum and its Crossings.' This was reprinted in pamphlet form, and it was decided to furnish each member of this Society with a copy.

It seems appropriate to mention in this place, a recently published book, Hadrian's Wall, written and. illustrated by Miss Mothersole who took part in the '. pilgrimage ' of 1920. She deals with her subject in a way that will doubtless induce many of her readers to join the constantly increasing numbers of those who visit and study the Wall intelligently.

Col. Spain has contributed to the Cornhill Magazin? two articles - The Catrail and the Black Dyke' (September) and 'The gods of the Wall.' (December).

During last summer a visitor to Northumberland (Mr. F. Buckley) discovered in the neighbourhood of Bamburgh and

Craster a considerable quantity of the little implements know as 'Pigmy Flints' and presented several specimens to the Blackgate Museum. He also contributed to our Proceedings (3 ser. x. 319) an account from which it appears that they are the earliest evidences as yet known to experts in pre-history of human occupation in this part of our island, going down, it may be, for more than ten thousand years into 'the dark backward and abysm of time.' Discoveries like this and those made recently in relation to the Roman Wall, ought to stimulate exploration of all archaeological domains, proving as they do that patient and earnest observers can still reap rewards from fresh scientific research in regions deemed to have been well scrutinized before.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR I922.
The number of members on the roll on the 3rst December, 1922, was 424 , seven of whom are life members. During the year five members resigned, seven were lost by death, and three were removed from the roll by order of the Council, under statute in. In the same period forty-seven new members were elected.

The income for the year (apart from the dividends received from Investments for which see P.O. Savings Bank Account) has been $776 l$. . 18 s . Id. which with the balance of 296 . 17 s . Iod. brought forward from last year gives a total of $806 l$. 15s. IId. Unfortunately our expenditure has been much more than this, viz.:868l. 2s. 2d. The expenditure on the Castle and Blackgate shows an increase of $23 l$. $1 s$., while the receipts are 6 Il .6 s . Id . less than they were in 192I. The sum of $55 l$. appearing among the payments for guides and picture post-cards will of course be recovered as the publications are sold. To meet this general increase in expenditure the sum of 75l. has been transferred to our current account from the P.O. Savings Bank.

Only gol. has been paid towards the cost of printing Vol. xix of Archaeologia Aeliana (for the year 1922), leaving a considerable balance still unpaid on this item. The Council regret this, and are taking steps to ensure that in future the cost of each volume shall be defrayed within the year of publication.
The investments remain the same as they were twelve months ago. The dividends received during the year have been paid into the P.O. Savings Bank account.

Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year ending 3IST December, 1922.

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Receipts at Blackgate .. .. . 48 I6 7
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Guides to Blackgate .: 612 o
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Catalogue of Roman Stones $\quad 2 \quad 2.6$
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INVESTMENTS AND DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR I922. XV
Schedule of Investments at cost. on 3ist December, 1922.


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Deposit Account at Lloyds Bank, Limited.


Details of Expenditure for 1922.
Library Account.


Books bought and binding:-
Borough Treasurer, Rotherham, Report Roman Fort Excavations
A. Reid \& Co. Ltd., vol. XI, A History of Northd. II 6
C. Griffin \& Co. Ltd., Year Book of Scientific Societies
0.126

Harold Hill, New English Dictionary (Trink. Un-forsee-able) .. .. .. .. .. I 26
MacLehose, Jackson \& Co., Scottish Historical Review, parts 73/76 .. .. .. .. o 17 o
D. Munroe \& Son for bookbinding .. .. II 3 6
T. \& G. Allan, Notes and Queries .. .. I 6 : 6


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| Making and fixing Sign board |  | 100 |
| Repairs | 2 | 33 |
| Health Insurance stamps | ps | 8 |
| Unemployment | 2 | 34 |
| Fire Insurance premium | 0 | 15 o |
| Services of Police Constable |  | 120 |
| Sundries | 118 | 18 I |
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General Index to 20 Vols. Arch. Aeliana .. .. 21 o o
Indexing vol. xix Arch. Aeliana .. .. .. 3 o
Repairing Locks, etc. ... .. .. .. . $\begin{array}{rrr}24 & 3 & \text { I2 } \\ \text { Iо }\end{array}$
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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR I922.
The last printed report upon the library was for the year 1917. During the intervening five years the card and manuscript catalogues, and the shelf register have been completed, and since have been kept regularly up-to-date. The binding and repairs to books have been done year by year as needful. The publications of Societies, which we receive in exchange for our own, have been received regularly and this section of the library thus becomes more valuable and important as the years go by. The list of such Societies has been added to recently by the inclusion of the following:-Académie d'Arras; East Riding Archaeological Society; Essex Archaeological Society; the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies; and the Thoroton Society.

Our collection of local maps and plans has been enlarged by the
receipt, in exchange, from the Director General of the Ordnance Survey, of thirty-seven sheets of the $25^{\prime \prime} 1922$ ordnance survey of the Roman Wall district.

It is pleasant to be able to record a considerable number of valuable gifts from members. It is not possible to give here a complete list covering the five years; they have all been recorded as received in our Proceedings, but ' pour encourager les autres' a few of the more important may be named. The manuscript section has been enriched by the gift of ' A manuscript catalogue of the prehistoric bronze implements in the Black Gate museum,' fully illustrated, and also by 'A Transcript of the Almoners' Charters in the Treasury of the Dean and Chapter of Durham' made by the late Canon Greenwell; both given by Mr. Parker Brewis. This section also received 'The Books of the Skinners' and Glovers' Company of Newcastle-upon-Tyne,' presented by Mr. Thomas Reed. Whence also came a fine extra illustrated copy of Mackenzie's History of Nerecastle which had been formerly in the library of the Mansion house of the town. From the same donor came the 18th century water colour drawing of the north front of Durham cathedral, which now hangs in the library, and is a welcome addition to the Society's pictures. Our President, the Duke of Northumberland presented eight valuable and handsome volumes of the Roxburghe Club publications, amongst them being a splendid reproduction of the famous 'Sherborne Missal' preserved at Alnwick castle. The late Ralph Sheriton Holmes bequeathed to the library, in memory of his father, about one hundred volumes of finely bound books chiefly upon local history. These have been placed in a special case with a label stating that - they are the Sheriton Holmes Bequest. Finally, not to prolong the list unduly, we have received from Sir Arthur Middleton a copy of his valuable historical work upon his ancestor of dubious memory the famous ' Sir Gilbert de Middleton.'

## CURATORS' REPORT, I922.

Since the year 1892, when the late C. J. Spence and R. O. Heslop were appointed the first official curators to the Society, the annual report of the curators was regularly printed in the Arch. Aeliana up to the year 1915, a period of 23 years. Owing to the high cost of printing the annual report of the curators of the Society was discontinued after 1915, but the loans and donations to the Museums continued to be printed in the monthly Proceedings of the Society as a record.

During the period r916-1921 the following noteworthy ad-. ditions were made to the collections of the Society:-

1916: 20 knitting sheaths in wood, bone and metal; by Mr. J. A. Irving, Corbridge. (See Proc. 3 ser. vII, 202).
1917: Prehistoric stone axe found at Beechgrove, Whickham; by Mr. Geo. Forster, (Ibid, viII, p. 16).
A collection of flails, by Major Allison, r.A.m.c. (Ibid. p; 135).
A collection of r93 original copper plates of local views; by the executors of T. and G. Allan. (Ibid. pp. 146, $179-180 ; 203-204$ ).
1919: A bronze boat-shaped dish, 21 inches long, found at the Hanning, Otterburn; by Miss Murray, Bath. (Ibid. Ix, p. 74).
Early Iron Age socketted spear head, found at Broomlee lough; by Mr. L. Veitch. (Ibid. p. 74).
18th century water colour drawing of Durham Cathedral; by Mr. Thos. Reed, of Gateshead. (Ibid. p. I26).
Two Roman altars from Chester-le-Street dedicated, r, mars condatv(s); 2. deo viti ; by Mr. Jos. Oswald. (Ibid. p. 126).
1920: Two original copper plates of local views. The executors of T. and G. Allan. (Ibid. p. 203).

Original copper plate of Berwick-on-Tweed, by S: and N. Buck; by Mr. Parker Brewis, f.S.A. (Ibid. p. 253).
A water colour view of Barras Bridge, Newcastle, by John Storey; copied from a sketch by C. Burnup. By Mr. J. D. Walker. (Ibid. p. $25^{8}$ ).

1921: Portions of two cinerary urns, an incense cup, and a bronze knife, from Bronze Age burials, found while making a railway cutting, Moralee farm, Ridley hall estate; by the Hon. F. Bowes-Lyon. (Ibid. vol. x, p. 29).
5 wooden knitting sheaths from Allendale; by Mr . John Gibson, F.S.A. (Ibid. p. 3I).

Aquatint of Durham Cathedral; by Mr. Thos. Reed, Gateshead. (Ibid. p. 68).

The year 1922 has been a satisfactory one. I2805 persons visited the Keep and 4183 persons visited the Blackgate. During the year amongst others, the British Dental Association, the Municipal Tramways Association, the deputation of French girls from Arras, and the delegates of the North Country Co-operative Societies visited the Castle. A large number of organized parties from local schools also attended during the year for educational purposes. 1603 School children visited the Keep, and 404 school children visited the Blackgate, all under supervision. The curators believe that these visits from the local schools have considerable possibilities, and so long as the parties of children are under proper control they also believe the educational value of the visits to be very great. The curators attended the annual conference of the Museums Association at Leicester in July, 1922, and Mr. Parker Brewis, "also attended the Congress of Archaeological Societies of Great Britain and Ireland, at London in November, 1922.

A new table case has been added to the Blackgate Museum; one half has been alloted to the Society's noteworthy collection of Anglo-Saxon antiquities and the other half to objects of special local interest. A board has been fixed to the West wall of the Keep advertising the fact that the building is a Museum and open to the public.

It has been felt that many visitors to Newcastle are unaware of the interesting medieval fortress in the heart of the city, and the very important collections housed therein; the curators have therefore arranged for a framed advertisement of the Keep and Black Gate Museums to be displayed in some of the leading hotels and clubs.

The valuable collection of fragments of Anglo-Saxon crosses has been cleaned and re-arranged, and seven of the more important stones have been mounted on wooden plinths.

During the past year the custodian, Mr. Teague, has brought the donation book up to date and a number has now been assigned to each object.

Mr. W. A. Cocks, of Ryton, a member of the Society, has very kindly repaired the two sets of Northumberland small pipes in the possession of the Society, and he has also cleaned and repaired the bracket clock in the possession of the Society.

The following is a complete list of additions to the Museums during the year:-
I. A model of the 'Charlton Spur,' and a large framed photograph of W. Bell Scott's painting at Wallington of 'The Spur on the Dish '; by Mr. Oswin J. Charlton. (See Proc., 3rd ser. x, p. 186).
2. A watchman's rattle; by the Chief Constable of Gateshead. Ibid.
3. The Hexham Roman Slab inscribed:-..Pavgvst.. | . .s сон i.. ..RVM ( $\chi$ ) .. $\mid$.. Praees( T ).. | ..nivs vic.. Lent by Messrs. Lockhart, of Hexham. (Arch. Ael:, 3 ser. xviil, in7-izo. Proc. 3 ser. x, p. 209).
4. (I) 5 cards with ' pigmy flints' mounted thereon found near Bamburgh and Craster; (II) Two leaf shaped flint arrow heads of the Neolithic period found at Craster; (III) a flint arrow head of the Bronze period found at Craster; (Iv) Hammer stone and two flint cores from a workshop site near Bamburgh. By Mr. F. Buckley, Greenfield, Yorkshire. (Ibid. p. 271).
5. Scotch bodle of Charles II. By Mr. D. S. Bell. Ibid.
6. (I) Case containing casts of Napoleonic medals and (II) a number of local mezzotints and other prints; by the Rev. Canon Crawhall, D.s.o. (Ibid.).
7. Rubbings made by Mr. C. C. Hodges, of 15 Anglo-Saxon carved stones $\therefore$. from Bothal, presented to the Society in 1888, by the Hon. and ...: . Rev. W. Ellis, rector of Bothal; by Mr. Parker Brewis, f.s.A. (Ibid. p. 291).
8. White-metal helmet badge of the Northumberland Rifle Volunteers found near Linthaugh, while working on a farm; by Mr. James Lough, Linthaugh Cottages, Cornhill. (Ibid. pp. 29r; 292).
9. 95 Lantern slides of English and Welsh Cathedrals, etc.; by Colonel Claude Palmer, c:B-E.,: Wardley Hall, Durham. (Ibid. p. 303).

1. A Tipstaff, 8 inches long, of a sheriff's officer; by Mr. W.C. Brett. (Ibid. p. 303).
2. Sixpence ( $\mathrm{I}_{593}$ ) of queen Elizabeth (MM. a tun) found during the demolition of the Carliol tower, New Bridge Street, Newcastle in 1880; by Mr. John Swan. (Ibid.).
3. Second brass coin of Maximianus found at Sacriston in pulling down a chapel, erected towards the end of the last century, reading on Obv. gal val maximianvs nob caes, and on Rev.. genio popvli romani, in field xxi, and in exergue ale (for Alexandria); by Mr. Charles Welford, Sacriston. (Ibid. p. 3II).
The following have been sold during 1922:-Keep Guides, I343; Black Gate Guides, 396; Catalogue of the Roman, Stones, 16; and Post Cards, 2547.
