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DR. C. I. C. BOSANQUET

DR. CHARLES BOSANQUET, who served as President of this Society in 1962, died at the age of 83 on 9 April 1986. He was perhaps best known for his contributions to higher education within the region, first as Rector of King's College, Newcastle, from 1952 until 1963, and then as the first Vice-Chancellor of the new University of Newcastle upon Tyne from 1963 until his retirement in 1968.

His family's connection with Northumberland was of long standing, for the first Bosanquet to own the family estate centred on Rock acquired the property in 1804. The family had come to England in 1686, among the Huguenot refugees after Louis XIV's Revocation of the Edict of Nantes; previously they had been long established in the Cevennes. More recently history and archaeology had become well established among the interests of this gifted family. Charles Bosanquet's mother was a daughter of the distinguished Newcastle historian and banker Thomas Hodgkin, while his father Robert Carr Bosanquet was one of the most prominent of British archaeologists long before his death in 1935. One of his most important publications "The Roman Camp at Housesteads" appeared in *Archaeologia Aeliana* in 1904. The future Vice-Chancellor was himself born at Athens during his father's sojourn as Director of the British School there, and always retained a strong interest in classical archaeology.

Charles Ion Carr Bosanquet was born into a distinguished milieu in which landownership and scholarship went hand in hand. From public school at Winchester he won a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where an active and successful rowing interest did not prevent him from securing a first in both parts of the history Tripos. Merchant banking, which took up most of the inter-war years, provided a career with many precedents within his family background. The family's landed interests and experience contributed to his war work at the Ministry of Agriculture between 1939 and 1945. When peace came his career took a new course; in 1945 he became Treasurer of Christ Church, Oxford, remaining there until in 1952 he succeeded Lord Eustace Percy as Rector of King's College, Newcastle. In the old federal University of Durham this was not an easy position to fill. The Newcastle division of the university was already outstripping the Durham element in size, while the vice-chancellorship alternated between the Warden of the Durham Colleges (then the formidable figure of Sir James Duff) and the Rector of King's College in a way which made continuity of authority a difficult matter. Newcastle was already moving towards the separate status which was to come in 1963. A year earlier Dr. Bosanquet had become the Society's President, serving in the year in which we celebrated 150 years of the Society's existence.

In Newcastle University Dr. Bosanquet is remembered as a kindly and conscientious principal. In the early development of the university's department of archaeology he played a key role. He and his wife were deeply involved in student welfare; a retirement gift which he particularly appreciated was a tankard inscribed "To the students' friend". He possessed a friendly disposition and a gentle sense of humour which contributed to his widespread popularity.

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