

DISCOVERY ON SITE OF SHEFFIELD CASTLE.

Is it Walthoef's Hall? LATEST FIND MAY SETTLE AGE-LONG CONTROVERSY.

(BY A. LESLIE ARMSTRONG, F.S.A.)

A few months ago excavations on the site of the new Market Hall led to the discovery of an extensive portion of the buildings forming the east side of the inner courtyard of Sheffield Castle, and which is to be permanently preserved in a chamber constructed beneath the floor of the Market Hall.

The first object to attract attention was the top of what seemed to be a massive square post of wood, blackened by age and sodden with moisture. As the excavations proceeded a second similar post appeared about eight feet distant.

Of Saxon Origin. That this structure is of Saxon origin, or even earlier, there can be no doubt, the probability is that in it we have a portion of the actual Hall of Walthoef, the position of which has for so long provided a subject of controversy.

The castle of the De Lovetons is known to have been burnt by the Barons, together with the town of Sheffield, in 1266. If this timber structure represents the De Lovetons castle then it is certainly present though not complete, and suggests that the building may have been burnt down, but the evidence is not very strong.

This ancient timber building occupied the most commanding position on the site and stood close to the edge of a steep declivity which fell away northwards to the Don and eastwards to the Sheaf, exactly where one would expect the "Auld" of a Saxon Lord to be placed!

Steps are being taken to preserve permanently a part of this most interesting building and those in authority are to be commended for the public spirit displayed throughout the excavations in this respect.

These engaged in archaeological excavations frequently find that the most important discoveries are made at the eleventh hour, and herefore never give up hope until the last shovelful of earth has been turned.

YOUTH'S LAPSE.

THE ENTENTE CORDIALE. Lord Mayor's Speech at Anniversary Fete.

Typical Riviera weather greeted the members of the British Delegation, invited to participate in the Franco-British fête in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Entente Cordiale, says the Central News Nice Correspondent.

The delegation included the Lord Mayors of Cardiff, Manchester, and York, with their wives, who were greeted at the station by Lord Derby and the French authorities.

Twenty-five years ago an exalted person satied, not from France to England, but from England to France. His name was Edward, not William, and his mission was that of a peace-maker, not a conqueror.

FRIENDLY RIVALRY. An Enjoyable Football Match.

Teams representing the "Sheffield Telegraph" and Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son met on the Tramways Football Ground, Meadow Head, Sheffield, yesterday for their annual football match.

The match was contested in a keen but friendly spirit, Messrs. Smith and Son carrying off the honours by 5 goals to 2.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT. Sheffield Jury Suggest Some Carelessness.

The adjourned inquest on Mrs. Mary Richardson (79), of 14, Tomlinson Place, Attercliffe, Sheffield, who died on Monday last in the Frivale Institution, following an accident in Attercliffe Road, Sheffield, on March 2nd, was held by the city Coroner (Mr. J. Kenyon Parker) yesterday.

The conductor of the tramcar, William Knowles, of 75, Parson Cross Road, Wadley Bridge, said that Mrs. Richardson seemed to walk into the side of the motor-car. Witnesses thought that the speed of the motor-car was a little too fast.

REORGANISATION SCHEME PROBLEMS. SHEFFIELD PRESIDENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. Nearly 3,000 teachers of the public schools of England and Wales are in Llandudno for the 56th annual conference of the National Union of Teachers, which begins its sessions in the Pier Pavilion this morning.

It is twenty-four years since the conference last met in Llandudno, and the history of the Union from 1905 has been one of remarkable progress. At that time the late Mr. T. John, M.A., was president, and the membership of the Union was 57,585; to-day it is 131,044.

Reorganisation and Juniors. The importance of primary education in any scheme of reorganisation has been emphasised in the following resolution to be moved by Mrs. Williams, M.A., of Liverpool: "Through public attention has been focussed on the education of children over 11, this conference declares its belief in the essential importance of the previous stages and welcomes the emphasis laid in the pamphlet 60 upon the importance of the work of the junior school.

Staffing of Private Schools. Other resolutions include one urging that teachers should be appointed as managers for Juvenile Courts and one affirming the Union's support of the Peace Pact and that it should make every effort to assist the promotion of its principles.

Staffing of Private Schools. The staffing of private schools is to be brought up for discussion by a resolution from Mr. H. Smith and Son, which declares that the Committee regards as a national catastrophe the number of private schools which are being conducted by unqualified persons, and calls upon the Board of Education to insist that no institution shall be recognised as efficient in which is below the standard required in a public elementary school; and that no school shall be registered unless conducted by qualified teachers.

Staffing of Private Schools. In their report upon the work of the Union during the past year the Executive state the membership to be 131,044, the subscription income £120,798 and the total funds £835,142. A fund opened during the year for the relief of nestorians children in areas affected by the mining depression resulted in £8,254 9s. 4d., by a grant of £2,500 from the Union's funds.

Staffing of Private Schools. The money lately was handed over to the national fund to obtain the benefit of the Government's pound for pound offer.

Staffing of Private Schools. The representatives from Sheffield and district are:—Sheffield—Messrs. W. H. Robinson, (Executive), T. E. Henryworth, W. H. Jenkinson, B. St. G. R. Ovensky, A. R. Rhodes, F. Tiplow, and Miss M. M. Nairland. Kohlerman—Messrs. A. C. Granger, T. E. Henryworth, W. H. Jenkinson, B. St. G. R. Ovensky, A. R. Rhodes, F. Tiplow, and Miss M. M. Nairland.

MR. C. W. NIXON. Death of Well-known Sheffield Solicitor.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. C. W. Nixon, a well-known Sheffield solicitor, which occurred yesterday morning at his residence, 103, Meadow Bank Avenue. He was 62 years of age.

Victim of Influenza. Mr. Nixon, who had been ailing for the last two years, was taken ill with influenza and bronchitis a fortnight ago, and this reacted on the heart trouble to which he had been subject. One of the most popular and highly respected members of the legal profession in the city, Mr. Charles Wynn Nixon was born in Sheffield on July 16th, 1866, and was a son of the late Mr. William Nixon, J.P., of Beech Hurst, Evesham.

Good Programmes in Sheffield Next Week. There will be first-class holiday programmes at all places of amusement in Sheffield next week.

Holiday Amusements. Edgar Wallace is better known as a master of sensation than as a writer of musical comedy, and therefore great interest will attach to the visit to the Lyceum of "The Yellow Mask," the one musical comedy he has written. Two well-known musical comedies "Stars" and "Kitzy Reddy and Norman Griffin," head the cast.

Good Programmes in Sheffield Next Week. Her Cardboard Lover, a fascinating comedy which ran with great success at the Lyric Theatre, London, will be the attraction at the Lyceum.

Good Programmes in Sheffield Next Week. The well-known musical comedy "Smiley" makes a welcome return when it will be presented at the Empire, with Felice Lasselles in the title part.

Good Programmes in Sheffield Next Week. A variety bill of interest at the Hippodrome is headed by Guy L. Sampson and Lily Leonard, America's musical comedy favourite, Mona Vivian, the talented comedienne, T. B. Lane, comedian, and the Seven Hindustans, in a tumbling display.

Good Programmes in Sheffield Next Week. At the Cinema House "A Night of Mystery," with Adolphe Menjou in the leading role, and "Don't Tell Mary," starring Lois Moran and Neil Hamilton, will be the principal items.

BROADCAST ARCHBISHOP OF SHEFFIELD PREACH.

To-day's programme from St. Andrew's, Sheffield, includes a broadcast by the Archbishop of Sheffield, the Rev. Dr. Charles Wynn Nixon, on the subject of "General History of the Archbishopric of Sheffield."

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