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GAVIN ALFRED DUNLOP, F.S.A.(Scot.)

ANTIQUARIAN and historical research lost a zealous helper by the death in April, 1933, of Mr. Dunlop, Curator of the Warrington Museum.

Born in 1869, in Nottingham, Gavin Alfred Dunlop was of Scottish parentage. He was educated at Hill's Trust School, Govan, at the Glasgow Technical School, and at the Liverpool Art School. In 1905 he came to Warrington as Assistant Curator of the Museum. In 1920 Mr. Dunlop became Curator of the Museum, and he remained in this post until he died.

Of his interest in and work for Art and Natural History, it is not necessary here to speak. But in his 29 years' association with Warrington Mr. Dunlop collected much material bearing on the history of the town and district and was helpful particularly in acquiring for the town the contents of several local parish chests. On the contents of the Parish Chest of Great Sankey Mr. Dunlop was engaged when his last illness came upon him. His notes and findings on this matter have been edited for the *Transactions* of the Society and part of the material appears in this volume.

With the assistance of Colonel Brereton Fairclough, Mr. Dunlop also did skilful and arduous work in tracing the real line of the Roman Road as it approaches Warrington from the south and leaves it for the north by way of Winwick. From his notes on this work Mr. Dunlop read

a paper to the Society on 17 March, 1932, and his colleague, Colonel Fairclough, has edited and written up the notes into an article which will appear in the next volume.

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A paper by the late Mr. Dunlop on the subject of the death in April 1917 of the Dundee painter of the *Warrington* was read at the meeting of the Society on 17 March, 1932, and his colleague, Colonel Fairclough, has edited and written up the notes into an article which will appear in the next volume.

Mr. Dunlop was born in 1860 in Nottingham, and was educated in the local school, at the Glasgow Technical School, and in the Liverpool Art School. In 1909 he came to Edinburgh as Assistant Curator of the Museum, and he remained in this post until his death.

Of his interest in and work for Art and Natural History, it is not necessary here to speak, but in his years' association with *Warrington* Mr. Dunlop collected much material bearing on the history of the town and district and was helped particularly to acquire the contents of several local picture galleries. On the contents of the French Chest of Great Dunstons Mr. Dunlop was engaged when his last illness came upon him. The notes and findings on this matter have been edited for the Transactions of the Society and part of the material appears in this volume.

With the assistance of Colonel Fairclough, Edinburgh, Mr. Dunlop also did splendid and arduous work in tracing the early life of the *Warrington* as it appears in *Warrington* from the time of the ship and takes it far the north by way of *Warrington*. From his notes on this work Mr. Fairclough

REGINALD THRELFALL BAILEY,
M.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

IT was with deep regret that the Society learned of the sudden death on 7 August, 1933, of Dr. Bailey.

Reginald Threlfall Bailey was born at 51 Grove Street, Liverpool, in 1873. The son of Colonel Francis James Bailey, surgeon, he was educated at Liverpool College, the University College of Liverpool, and the Liverpool Royal Infirmary. The best part of his life was devoted to the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool. As medical officer to the 3rd West Lancashire Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, he was in 1914 responsible for the conversion of the infirmary to a military hospital. He was officer commanding the hospital until 1919 when he reconverted the hospital to civil uses and became the medical superintendent. In this capacity he made many valuable improvements in the institution, and he was due to retire from his onerous charge at the end of the year in which he died.

The Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire was second only to the Mill Road Infirmary in his interest and affection. Elected a member of the Society on 14 January, 1904, he became a member of the Council in 1911. At the same time he was appointed to the Photographic Committee on its inception. On this Committee he served until his death, and the Society owes to him pleasant memories of the photographic displays that have for many years followed the Annual Business Meetings, displays which he organised and in which his own photographs of antiquarian subjects provided material for interesting discussion.

But his chief work for the Society was done as Honorary Librarian. He was elected to this office in 1915 and filled it till his death. His Annual Reports (first report, 1916, 68, 208) bear testimony to the unceasing care and affection with which he sought to build up and maintain a full and valuable collection of the *Transactions* of sister societies and of books of local interest.

In 1913 he compiled with Mr. Robert Gladstone a catalogue of the Society's collection of antiquities in the Liverpool Public Museum [Vol. 65, 222] and he contributed to the *Transactions* of the Society the following papers:

	<i>Papers read.</i>	<i>Transactions.</i>
1914, Nov. 12	Bells of St. Peter's Church, Liverpool	67, 124.
1915, Mar. 25	Medieval Blackburn Pax	68, 167.
—	The Paslew Oak	68, 202.
1916, Mar. 16	St. James' Mount, Liverpool, Past and Present	[Not printed.]
1918, Apr. 14	A Stanley Coffin, 1678	71, 30.
1920, Mar. 25	Sculptured Clayton Arms at Otterspool, formerly in Water Street, Liverpool	75, 178.
1927, Mar. 24	Some thoughts on Norman Architecture	[Not printed.]

Dr. Bailey lived all his life and died, a bachelor, in the house where he was born. His knowledge of old Liverpool was personal, accurate and wide, and for this knowledge and for his faithful work as Librarian, the Society will find his place very hard to fill.

ARTHUR HENRY ARKLE, O.B.E., M.A., J.P.

THE death of Mr. Arkle on 30 August, 1933, deprived the Society of one of its Vice-Presidents, a judicious Chairman, a contributor of many articles to the *Transactions*, a member whose shrewd questions and kindly suggestions at the end of an evening's paper have proved of value to younger members.

Arthur Henry Arkle was born at Oxton in 1858. The son of a Liverpool merchant, he was educated at Marlborough College and entered the office of Messrs. Cotesworth, Lyne & Co., shipbrokers, with whom he remained until he retired from business in 1899. On his retirement he took up public interests, devoting himself especially to the cause of popular education. In 1899 he became a member of the Birkenhead School Board, and served as a co-opted member of the Education Committee of the Town Council of Birkenhead until he was elected to the Town Council in 1905. Continuing as a member of the Education Committee, he became its Chairman in 1912, and occupied that position until 1929, when he retired. For his work for education the University of Liverpool conferred upon him in 1930 the honorary degree of M.A.

Mr. Arkle was twice Mayor of Birkenhead, in 1909-10 and in 1914-15. In 1912 he was made an Alderman, and in 1915 a magistrate. He died at his residence, Elmhurst, Glenmore Road, Oxton, having lived his whole life in his birthplace and served it well.

In 1903 Mr. Arkle joined the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. He was a member of the Council of the Society from 1907, and in 1919 was elected

a Vice-President. His important collection of local books and old newspapers has passed to the Public Library, Birkenhead. The following list of papers was contributed by him to the *Transactions*:

	<i>Papers read.</i>	<i>Transactions.</i>
1906, Dec. 13	An Old Liverpool Captain and his Ship [<i>Hero</i>]	58, 91.
1912, Nov. 21	Early Coffee Houses of Liverpool	64, 1.
1914, Oct. 29	Early Liverpool Printers	68, 73.
1915, Mar. 11	The <i>Red Jacket</i> and its Sapling	67, 17.
1918, Dec. 12	Cuttings from Old Liverpool Newspapers	
1919, Mar. 13 } 1921, Feb. 10 }	Early Coaching in Liverpool	73, 1.
1928, Nov. 15	Robert Williamson	80, 147.