

für Niedersachsen. 7e @ 15e and 17e @ 20e ditto ditto. Urkundenbuch, ditto ditto. Archiv, ditto ditto. Zeitschrift, ditto ditto.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Council. Memoirs, chiefly illustrative of the History and Antiquities of Northumberland, communicated to the *Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland* at Newcastle-on-Tyne in August, 1852, 2 vols. 8vo.

By Mr. C. Hardwick, Preston. Two Roman second brass coins; one Nerva, one Hadrian, found at the Roman Station, Walton-le-dale, during the present year. A Roman second brass of Claudius, procured at, and probably found near, Preston.

By James Kendrick, M.D., Warrington. The upper stone of a large quern, found at Latchford, near Warrington.

An embroidered band and buckle, worn in ladies' hats during part of the last century; and a copy of Raven's thumb almanac, for 1684; the property of Mrs. Pickton, of Warrington.

By Mr. J. R. Hughes. A MS. volume, containing a collection of the genealogies of the Welsh noble families, dating from a very early period.

The following Papers were then read:—

EL SAKHRA,\* by Major-General the Hon. Sir Edward Cust, D.U.L., President of the Society.

ON SOME RUNIC INSCRIPTIONS FOUND IN CARLISLE CATHEDRAL, by A. Craig Gibson, Esq.

FURTHER DISCOVERY OF REMAINS AT THE ROMAN STATION, WALTON-LE-DALE, NEAR PRESTON, by Charles Hardwick, Esq.

After enumerating some additional specimens of Roman Pottery, and other remains found at Walton-le-dale, generally resembling those described in his former paper (vol. VIII., p. 127,) Mr. Hardwick says:—

“The most interesting fact in connection with the recent discovery at Walton is the locality in which the remains were deposited. In my previous paper I gave a sketch, from a modern reprint, of a map published in 1738, by Robert Porter. The course of the Ribble appears, on the whole, to be pretty carefully marked, but that of the Darwen has evidently been merely sketched in, and not really surveyed. This is proved to be the case by the Ordnance map, on which the remains of the old channel are depicted from actual measurement.

“The recent excavations were made in Mr. Crozier's garden, about 130 yards south west of the ‘plump,’ (see vol. VIII., map facing p. 127,) and outside what has hitherto been regarded as the Roman enclosure. It is not improbable that a ditch originally extended from the Darwen to the Ribble in such a direction as would give to the Station the usual form of a Roman *Castrum*, and include within the natural and artificial trenches all the remains yet discovered.

“The recent discoveries not only confirm the previous evidences of the Roman occupation of Walton, but indicate that occupation to have been of a permanent and important character.

“This fact strengthens the position advanced in my recently published ‘History of Preston and its Environs,’ that Walton is the site of the Roman Station *Coccium*, and that the route of the tenth Iter of Antoninus passed from Maryport along the coast by Egremont, Muncaster, Dalton, Lancaster, Preston, Wigan and Warrington to Middlewich, and not through the hilly country, as conjectured by the two Whitakers and others.”

\* Transactions, p. 131.