

consequence in the early British church, a synod being held here in 792; Saint Godric, a Hermit, selected this sweet scene for his devotions in the twelfth century. The ruins are of the early English style, of considerable extent, and present many fine points. It is said vestiges still remain of a subterraneous passage communicating with Durham Abbey.

In going from Durham to Newcastle, you approach Chester-le-street, it has many recommendations to the Antiquary and is built upon an old Roman road. The church has been famous from the times of Saint Cuthbert, whose remains rested there.

At a short distance from Chester-le-street, stands Lumley castle, a seat of the Earl of Scarborough. This stately building was constructed by Sir Robert Lumley in the reign of Edward the First. The Castle is finely situated on elevated ground, and is composed of a yellow free stone, the tint of which is bright and beautiful when viewed from a distance. The structure displays the embattled character of buildings in the warlike ages, on the east side the projecting gateway is commanded by turrets and by a gallery pierced with holes for the purpose of pouring down heated lead, or other destructive ingredients on its assailants. The interior is magnificent. The great Hall among other memorials of the days of old English chivalry, contains the effigy of a knight on horseback, encased in complete armour. It is said there are as many windows in Lumley castle as there are days in the year.