

In Memoriam.

Among the losses recently sustained by the Society, we have to regret that of MR. JAMES CROPPER, of Ellergreen, Vice-President, which occurred within a month of his appearance among us at our last meeting, when, as already noted, he read the paper on the Gilpins of Kentmere, printed as Article XXII. in this volume. Shortly after the meeting he went to Paris, apparently in good health, but caught a cold, and pneumonia supervening, he died in Paris on Tuesday, October 16th, 1900. Mr. James Cropper was born February 22nd, 1823, at Liverpool, though connected with Westmorland through his mother, who was a sister of Mr. John Wakefield, of Sedgwick. In 1845 he came to Burneside to carry on the paper mills which his father had bought for him from Mr. Cornelius Nicholson, a former member of our Society, and well known as the author of *Annals of Kendal*. Mr. Cropper joined our Society at its foundation, and was subsequently elected vice-president; he was greatly interested in the human life of the past, though less in the more strictly archæological side of our work. He seemed to know the old inhabitants of the dales in past centuries as personal friends, and loved to hear characteristic stories about them. It will perhaps be a surprise to many to know that he once wrote a long imaginary biography of Anne Tolson, the wife of the first Tolson of Tolson Hall, introducing all the local people of whom he could find record as her contemporaries. But his active business life and public duties left him little leisure, for he was vice-chairman of the Kendal Board of

Guardians as early as 1850, and chairman for 27 years; J.P. 1863, and D.L. and high sheriff 1875; chairman of the Kendal Ward Division 1895; M.P. for Kendal 1880-1885, and chairman of the County Council from its foundation until his death; beside holding many other positions of responsibility in connection with works of education and philanthropy. But he was a frequent visitor at our meetings and excursions, and an influential supporter of the objects which we are united to promote; and his death is a real loss to the Society.

THE REV. THOMAS KNYVETT RICHMOND, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, and Canon of Carlisle, died somewhat suddenly, though after some years of failing health, on March 7th, 1901. He was the son of George Richmond, R.A., the great portrait painter, from whom he inherited the temperament and faculties which gave him an interest in all matters connected with art, and made his opinion valuable. He joined our Society in 1882, and it is our loss that he did not contribute to *Transactions*.

DR. AMOS BEARDSLEY, of Grange-over-Sands, died on November 20th, 1900, at the age of 78 years. He was educated at Guy's Hospital, a contemporary of Sir William Gull and other celebrated medical men, and took the degrees of M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.S.A. in 1844; subsequently becoming F.R.M.C., F.G.S., F.L.S., M.V. Inst., and Corresponding Fellow M.S. London. He was senior consulting surgeon to the North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow, and author of a number of works relating to his profession. He was also chairman of the Local Board for 12 years, and president of the Grange Institute from its foundation. He had been a member of our Society since 1877.

MR. WILLIAM HOPES HEELIS died at Hawkshead, December 4th, 1900, aged 68 years. He was a country solicitor in considerable practice, and had been clerk to the Hawkshead justices for 43 years, and for nearly the same

period to the Ambleside bench. He joined our Society in 1874, and was the author of a paper on "The History and Custom of the Manors of the Marquis and Richmond Fees in the Barony of Kendal and of the Manor of Hawkshead," in the *Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Association* (Part IV. 1878-79).

MR. WILLIAM FLETCHER, of Brigham Hill, Cockermouth, was elected in 1877.

MR. JOHN SPENSER PRICE, F.R.G.S., who was a member since 1887, and a frequent visitor at meetings, residing for some years at Hawkshead, and then at Waterhead House, Ambleside, died suddenly in London on November 29th, 1900, aged 72 years.

MR. ERNEST NEWTON DEAKIN, of Stock Park, died November 9th, 1900, aged 35. He was educated at Rugby and Merton College, Oxford, and had been a member of our Society since 1890.

MR. WILLIAM WILSON of the Keswick Hotel was a member from 1885 onwards, and on the occasion of our successful meeting in June, 1899, gave great help as one of the committee for making local arrangements. He wrote a paper, referred to above on page 129, on "Thirlmere and its associations," containing valuable antiquarian gleanings.
