

In Memoriam.

The REV. CANON WILLIAM ARNOLD MATHEWS, who died aged 86, at Bath, on November 17th, 1925, after attending the memorial service to Queen Alexandra, was a valued member of our Society from 1886, member of Council from 1889 until he left the district. To these *Transactions* he contributed articles on St. Laurence's Church, Appleby (o.s. viii), an effigy at Bongate church (o.s. ix), Appleby Old Bridge, The Dacre Stone, an earthwork at Little Asby, and notes on the Roman Itinera in North Westmorland (o.s. xi). He also wrote a guide to the district (J. Whitehead and Son) and various communications to the *Penrith Observer* on local topography. Educated at Uppingham and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, B.A. 1861, he was vicar of Dacre 1871, vicar of Skelton 1877, Rural Dean of Greystoke 1876, vicar of St. Mary's Carlisle 1879, vicar of St. Lawrence's Appleby 1883, and Honorary Canon of Carlisle 1886. Leaving the diocese in 1896, he held the rectory of Bassingham, Lincolnshire and subsequently the living of Wendron, Cornwall, from which he retired at the age of 84, still active and able to re-visit the north. He made the journey from Bath to be present at the dedication of the bells at Carlisle Cathedral, and was also in Appleby Church at the Silent Service on Armistice Day, 1925. (*Penrith Observer*).

Mr. JOHN TYSON, of Clarence House, Dalton-in-Furness, died on Nov. 23rd, 1925. He was born in 1846 at Ormskirk; educated at the Aulthurstside grammar school near Broughton-in-Furness, and in 1861 entered a Solicitors' office in Dalton. In 1880 he was appointed clerk to the Dalton Local Board and after 1894 remained Clerk to the Urban District Council; he was also secretary to the Ripon Education Committee and Clerk to the Governors of Cartmel Grammar School. A member of our Society since 1909, he was valued as an authority and a correspondent on many matters regarding the antiquities of his district.

Mr. HENRY WAGNER, F.S.A., of Halfmoon Street, Piccadilly, died at Brighton, aged 85, on April 24, 1926. The youngest son

of the Rev. H. M. Wagner, vicar of Brighton, he was educated at Rugby and Merton College, Oxford, and was called to the Bar from the Inner Temple in 1871 but never practised. He was secretary to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and afterwards to Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak. He was interested in Huguenot family pedigrees and collected antiques and pictures—the donor, recently to the National Gallery of a valuable collection of Italian primitives; member of the Alpine Club from 1869, of the Athenæum, New University and Windham clubs. He joined our Society in 1884 and contributed to these *Transactions* (o.s. xiii), a pedigree of the descendants of Bishop Waugh, showing their connexion with Tullie of Carlisle.

Mr. WILLIAM LITTLE, J.P., of Chapel Ridding, Windermere, who died on April 25th, 1926, aged 81, had been a member of our Society since 1892. He was chairman of the Lake District Association, 1899 to 1925. To these *Transactions* he contributed an article on 'The Evolution of the Bottle' (N.S. iv) and a note on a stone axe found in his grounds (N.S. iii, 411). He was also interested in the exploration of Allen Knott in 1912 (N.S. xiii, 146).

Mr. PLASKETT GILBANKS of Clifton, Westmorland, died on June 30th, 1926, aged 83. He was cashier at the Lowther Estate Office from 1869 to 1903, and, as a young man, in the Lowther troop of the yeomanry. He took an active part in the management of schools at Bampton, Lowther and Clifton, and was for a long period an esteemed member of the West Ward Council and Board of Guardians. By his marriage with the daughter of our late Council member, Mr. James Mawson, he came into touch with our Society, of which Mrs. Gillbanks had been a member for forty-three years until her death in 1920; and he was elected a member in 1906. The important collection of Roman and other antiquities first formed by Mr. Mawson and augmented by Mr. and Mrs. Gillbanks was exhibited to us in 1902, and rubbings of Samian from Kirkby Thore were shown to us in 1908. It is much to be hoped that this valuable museum will be kept together and made more widely available to students.

Sir FRANCIS CHATILLON DANSON, of Dry Close, Grasmere, and Oxton, Cheshire, who died on July 3rd, 1926, was born in 1855 and educated at the Liverpool College and in Paris. He was chairman of both the Liverpool and the National Association of Average

Adjusters; one of the oldest members of the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board; Deputy Treasurer of the Liverpool University; President from 1896 to 1899 of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, and during the War a representative of the Board of Trade on the London and Liverpool War Risks Insurance Association. He was J.P. for Liverpool, and a Governor of Sedbergh School; F.S.A., in 1907 and in 1914 elected a member of our Society, to whose Parish Register Section he was a subscriber.

Mr. S. G. RADLER, of the Paddock, Hawkshead Hill.

Mr. WILLINGHAM FRANKLIN RAWNSLEY, J.P., of the Manor House, Shamley Green, Guildford and Loughrigg Holme, Ambleside, who died on February 18, 1927 at the age of 82, was the brother of the late Canon Rawnsley, grand-nephew of Sir John Franklin the Arctic explorer, and related to Lord Tennyson the poet. Educated at Uppingham and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, he was for many years proprietor of the school at Winton House, Winchester, and in later life occupied with literature and interested in movements for the preservation of scenery. He was president of the Poetry Society, and an active member of the National Trust. He joined our Society in 1903 and edited Miss Armitt's books on Grasmere (1912) and Rydal (1916), published with Mr. T. Wilson, Kendal. Among his other works are "Highways and Byways of Lincolnshire," "Edward Thring" and "the Life and Letters of Lady Franklin." He married in 1880 Alice, daughter of the Very Rev. Marsham Argles, dean of Peterborough, well known for her work as an artist in watercolours.

The REV. THOMAS NORTON POSTLETHWAITE, B.A. Cambridge, who died on November 9th, 1926, aged 70, though not one of our members, was an antiquary to whom we have been much indebted. In early life a schoolmaster, he was ordained in 1894 and held curacies in Barrow and Ulverston until 1902, when he became vicar of Urswick. He joined with us in the exploration of the British Settlement at Stone Walls in 1906, and in that year published "Some notes on Urswick" (Ulverston, Atkinson) and in these *Transactions* "Urswick church." In 1909 and 1911, during church restoration, he discovered two pre-Norman crosses beside other interesting relics, and since then he has brought the fabric and its fittings to great completion and beauty with full regard to its historical value. In 1919 he gave us an article on Bardsea Hall muniments; in 1923 a further study of Urswick

church and, more recently, the results of his researches into the pedigree and biography of George Romney, the artist. He made many contributions to the press on local subjects, including "The Hudlestons of Millom" (*North Lonsdale Magazine*, ii), and latterly was engaged on the ancient wills of his district. His death is a great loss to Furness history.

The REV. CHARLES EDWARD GOLLAND, M.A. 2nd son of Walker Golland of Manchester, educated at Brasenose and Trinity Colleges, Oxford, curate of St. James, Grimsby from 1884 to 1888 and Vicar of Christ Church, Glasson Dock, from 1889 till his death, September, 1926. He was a scholarly and kindly gentleman who joined our Society in 1911 and was a frequent attendee at our excursions. He read a paper at Carlisle on 2nd July, 1914. on "The Folklore of Isis Parlis and the Luck of Edenhall." (N.S. xv, 113-120). He was a member of the Royal Archæological Institute and frequently attended their Congresses. He was a very enthusiastic member of the Committee for the Excavation of Cockersand Abbey. He was a bachelor and was buried at Scotforth Cemetery, Lancaster.

MR. HERBERT PORRITT CAIN, J.P., LL.D., of Rosebank House, Ramsbottom, who died while walking down Langdale on March 19th, 1927, at the age of 45 years, had been a member of our Society since 1919. At the time of his death he was also president of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club, and his loss will be widely felt in the Lake District, in which he was well known and highly respected.