

In Memoriam.

MR. WILLIAM GEORGE ATKINSON, of 21 Princes Street, Ulverston, died, aged 66, on Sept. 4th, 1928, from the effects of a chill contracted whilst engaged in superintending the excavations of the North Lonsdale Field Club on Birkrigg Common.

Sprung from an old and respected Furness family, Mr. Atkinson was always keenly interested in the history and archaeology of his district. He was the hon. curator of the North Lonsdale Field Club, and one of the very few surviving representatives of the original promoters of that institution. A member of our Society since 1907, he was a constant contributor to these *Transactions*. Among these articles might be mentioned the reports of the North Lonsdale Field Club upon the excavations at the "Druid" Circles on Birkrigg (vol. xxii, n.s.) and the Sunbrick disc barrow (vol. xxvii, n.s.), together with his article on Barnscar Caves in the same volume. He was to have explained the exhibits at the Museum of the North Lonsdale Field Club, upon the occasion of the Society's visit to Ulverston, last September, had not his death intervened.

He was a man of kindly nature, who in addition to his many other pursuits was actively interested in religious and philanthropic work, and his death will be deeply regretted in Ulverston and in many other places.

His Honour Judge GAWAN TAYLOR, who died on Dec. 9th, 1928, at his home, Croftlands Heads Nook, near Carlisle, aged 72, was appointed County Court Judge of the Cumberland and Westmorland circuit in 1912.

Judge Taylor was a Yorkshireman, being the son of the late Mr. William Taylor, Cober Hill, Cloughton and Scarborough. In 1874 he matriculated at London University. He was a graduate of Cambridge, where he was a law scholar and prizeman. He was also an LL.B., in which he obtained first-class honours, at London University. He was awarded the Lincoln's Inn Scholarship in International and Constitutional Law, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1882, when still an undergraduate. In 1883 he graduated in the Law Tripos with honours.

He acted as a revising barrister on the North-Eastern Circuit from 1895 to 1910. He was chairman of the Joint Committee of the Durham Coal Trade from 1906 to 1910.

He joined our Society in 1924 and took part in some of our excursions. His kindly sense of humour and the tactfulness with which he discharged his duties upon the bench will cause his loss to be widely regretted.

Mr. MYLES KENNEDY, J.P., D.L., who died at his residence, Stone Cross, Ulverston, on Thursday, August 9th, 1928, aged 66, was for many years prominently interested in the business interests and the public life of his district. Educated at Harrow and subsequently at the Royal School of Mines he became head of the firm of Kennedy Brothers and of the Dalton Iron Ore Mines. He was chairman of the North Lonsdale Iron and Steel Company, Ulverston, and a director of the District Bank. He became a magistrate for the County of Lancashire in 1899, and in 1922 was High Sheriff.

His other activities were many and varied and among the many public bodies of which he was president were the N. Lonsdale Unionist Association, the N. Lonsdale Agricultural Association, the Ulverston Amateur Operatic Association, and the Ulverston Choral Society.

He was keenly interested in sport and was one of the supporters of the Grasmere Sports, Vice-Chairman of the Kent Fishery Conservators, and president of the Ulverston Cricket Club, Angling Association, Golf Club and Swimming Association.

He became a member of this Society in 1889. His loss will be deeply regretted in all the departments of public activities to which he gave such generous and self sacrificing service.

We record with regret the death of COLONEL RALPH P. LITLEDALE. He was not a member of our Society, but the author of the long paper on the Patricksons of Ennerdale, contributed to Volume xxv of these *Transactions*. His wide research and scrupulous care in matters of detail are reflected in the footnotes to that paper.

MRS. ISABEL CLAYTON, of Chesters, who died in May, 1928, had been a member of our Society since 1903, and was the valued friend and patroness of all archaeological workers on the central part of Hadrian's Wall. The widow of Nathaniel George Clayton, who succeeded his uncle the great John Clayton in 1890, she became the owner of Chesters in 1900, on the death of her son

John Bertram Clayton, and from that time forward she treated the care and preservation of the Roman remains on her estate as her first duty. It was her husband who, shortly before his death, built the museum at Chesters, and it was Mrs. Clayton who took in hand the work of cataloguing its contents. Under her care the museum was a place in which it was always a pleasure to work, and it was entirely owing to her personal interest that the forts at Chesters and Housesteads were kept in repair against the ravages of the weather and of careless or mischievous visitors and made accessible to the public. Her house was always open to antiquaries visiting the Wall, and many scholars can think with gratitude and affection of visits which they have paid to Chesters, and of the wit, the mental vigour and the unfading charm which their hostess preserved unimpaired to the very end of her life.
