

In Memoriam.

The death of THOMAS HENRY BOILEAU GRAHAM, on March 10th, 1937, closed a career which must be almost unparalleled in any such Society as ours. Mr. Graham, originally of Edmond Castle, had lived for many years before his death a life of retirement in London; never a very familiar figure at our meetings, he was almost unknown to our younger members; and yet the stream of papers which flowed annually from his pen, concise and elegant in style, scholarly beyond praise in matter, and always written in the large, neat, legible hand which was so characteristic of him, constituted for about twenty years one of the most valuable, as well as one of the largest, parts of our *Transactions*. During the years from 1911 to 1931 he seldom contributed less than two papers to any one volume, and often more than three; his papers generally occupied from 40 to 60 pages annually, and their total bulk must amount to well over 1,000 pages distributed over more than 80 articles. But he never wasted a page. Every sentence was pregnant and informative. Every paper threw fresh light, not so much on a single subject as on half a dozen or more.

This vast output proceeded, not from a wide diffusion of interest over various departments of learning, but from a strict concentration. Mr. Graham was a Cumberland man, with a deep and practical knowledge of his own county; and he was content to devote his life and his great talents as a researcher to Cumberland history. His first paper, in 1907 (N.S. vii), was on a prehistoric monument, the Grey Yauds; but in his treatment of the subject he already showed himself not so much a prehistorian as a medievalist, and the most original part of the paper is the observations it contains on place-names. In the following year he found his vocation as the economic historian of medieval and early modern Cumberland, with papers on the old village of Edmond Castle and on the common fields of Hayton. There followed two instalments of his survey of extinct Cumberland castles, and then (N.S. x) what is perhaps his greatest work, his paper on the townfields of Cumberland, in which he united profound historical scholarship with practical knowledge of agriculture in such a way

as to produce what is still the classical study of early Cumbrian agriculture and its modern survivals.

The rest of his life was spent in ranging over the entire map of Cumberland, writing studies of individual families, manors, or parishes, singly or in groups so chosen that each member threw light on the rest; and from time to time, especially in the later years after the war, dealing with wider topics such as the origin of Cumberland (xxvi), border tenure (xxv), the medieval diocese of Carlisle (*ibid.*), cornage and drengage (xxviii), or servile tenures (xxx). If the whole of this vast series of papers is taken together, it constitutes something like a history of Cumberland from before the Norman Conquest to the beginning of the more strictly modern period, with special emphasis on economic problems and on family history. It is pleasant to know that specialists on the economic history of England have long given Mr. Graham his due as their ultimate authority for Cumberland, and value our Society chiefly for its function as the publisher of his work.

He became a member in 1899, and was elected to the Council in 1912, when he had already published nearly a dozen papers. In 1923 he became a Vice-President, and after election to the London Society of Antiquaries in 1925 undertook the task of medieval editor when Mr. Collingwood's retirement in 1926 resulted in the establishment for a few years of an editorial board. His last papers, on the Denton pedigree and the chantry of Bramwra (xxxiii), were laid before the Society in 1932; in 1934 he resigned his editorship on the ground that his failing health no longer enabled him to do the work in the way in which his high standard required that it should be done; but for some time after that he was always ready with advice and help, until growing weakness made him unable to use a pen. On his resignation as Editor, the Society added him to its distinguished list of Honorary Members.

In appearance he was a tall, broad-shouldered, massively-built man, whose great physical strength, while it supported the vast labours of his scholarly life, consorted strangely with an almost timidly gentle and retiring manner. Content with criticizing himself, he seldom criticized others, and neither advertised his merits nor wasted his powers in controversy. Those who were privileged to know him will always remember with gratitude and affection a man whose whole life was devoted to the love of his native county and to the advancement of knowledge concerning its history.

LADY BROMLEY-WILSON who died at Dallam Tower, Milnthorpe, on July 27th, 1936, aged 69, was the daughter of Mr. William Turner, of Over Hall, Winisford, Cheshire. She was married, firstly, to Captain Godfrey Armitage, of the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and after the death of her first husband, to Sir Maurice Bromley-Wilson, of Dallam Tower. She was president of the South Westmorland Women's Unionist Association and took a lively interest in the welfare of the Milnthorpe and District Nursing Association. She was a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society and an authority upon gardening. She was also a great lover of birds. She became a member of our Society in 1926, and members will recall with gratitude the helpful interest she took in their visits to the neighbourhood of Milnthorpe.

Mr. WILLIAM LINDOW FLETCHER, of Stoneleigh, Workington, who died on December 21st, 1936, was an old and valued member of our Society, which he joined in 1886. He was an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and the Society is deeply indebted to him for the admirable photographs which he provided, year after year, for the illustration of the volumes of its *Transactions*. As some recognition of Mr. Fletcher's services he was elected an honorary member of the Society.

As long as his health and strength permitted, he never failed to attend our meetings and excursions, and was a personal friend of many of our members. He took a keen interest in public matters, and was appointed a magistrate in 1908. His tastes were not confined to photography, for he was also an enthusiastic collector of old furniture and objects of archaeological interest. He was fond of foreign travel, and was a keen observer of what he saw during the course of his visits abroad.

One of his last acts in connection with the Society was to present to it the valuable set of negatives of the photographs which he had supplied for our *Transactions*. By his death we lose a valued friend and a worker on behalf of the Society whose place it will be hard to fill.

Mr. WALTER BRUNSKILL, of Windermere, who died November, 1936, was an enthusiastic supporter of our Society, of which he had been a member since 1932.

Mr. G. THOMPSON, Carlisle, who died September, 1936, had been a member of our Society since 1927.

COL. R. M. WATSON, of Wetheral, Carlisle, who died in 1936, joined our Society in 1934.

Mr. H. LESTER, Glasgow, who died in December, 1936, had been a member of our Society since 1914.

Miss CAROLINE AGNES WELCH, of Leck Hall, who died on January 27th, 1937, aged 71, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Welch. She was a generous supporter of many local institutions and was a governor of Casterton and Leck Schools. She was on the panel of magistrates for the Hornby division, patroness of the living of Leck, a keen supporter of the Leck and Cowan Bridge branch of the Women's Unionist Association, the Waifs and Strays Society, and Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops. She had been a member of our Society since 1926.

Miss AGNES HOLDEN MAKANT, who died at Fallbarrow, Windermere, on January 27th, 1937, was the only daughter of the late Mr. William Makant, of Bolton. She had resided at Fallbarrow for the last thirty-two years, and was often affectionately called "The Lady Bountiful" of Windermere. She took a lively interest in philanthropic work and was beloved for her quiet and unostentatious acts of generosity. She was Dame President of the Windermere Habitation of the Primrose League for 25 years and President of the Women's Section of the Windermere branch of the British Legion. She was an earnest worker for Windermere Parish Church, a member of the Parochial Church Council, and parochial secretary for the Church Army.

She was deeply interested in archaeological subjects and became a member of our Society in 1912. Despite her advanced age of over eighty years, she took a delight in attending our meetings and retained her mental vigour up to the last. Her loss will be keenly felt by a wide circle of friends.

The Rev. ROBERT HARTLEY LAW, Rector of Lazonby, near Penrith, who died on February 8th, 1937, was well known to many friends in Cumberland and Westmorland. He was curate at St. John's, Windermere, from 1894 to 1897, at Burneside for the next four years, and afterwards at Heversham for seven years with the late Canon Gilbert. He then became vicar of Arnside, where he remained until 1910, when he exchanged livings with the Rev. James Fell at Christ Church, Penrith.

Mr. Law was a man of literary tastes, a wide and discriminating

reader, and a contributor of verses to the "Spectator" and other literary magazines. He was a valued member of the Carlisle branch of the Historical Association and one of its vice-presidents. He joined our Society in 1903, and though in latter years seldom able to attend our meetings, took a lively interest in our work. He was a man of great personal charm and of many and varied interests. He is survived by his widow.

Mr. JOHN SEWELL, who died at his residence, Woodmancroft, Scotby, on February 20th, 1937, aged 76, was one of Carlisle's oldest and most respected solicitors. He was the son of the late Mr. Thomas Sewell, of Carlisle, was educated at Grovesnor College in that city and served his articles, first with Mr. J. Hewetson, and afterwards with Mr. E. Mounsey.

He was a staunch Liberal of the old school and took a prominent part in the party organisation in Carlisle and district. He had a deep-rooted affection for all pertaining to the history and traditions of Carlisle and the Borderland and was a mine of information upon these subjects. An enthusiastic amateur photographer, he was always ready to help lecturers upon archaeological subjects with the slides they required to illustrate their lectures. He took a keen interest in the Carlisle Scientific and Literary Society, and was its president in 1911 and 1912. He became a member of our Society in 1911 and was a regular attender of our meetings and excursions. He was at one time a member of the City Council and took an active interest in Educational matters. By his death many of our members lose a valued friend, and the City of Carlisle one who was ever ready to support any object which contributed to its welfare. He is survived by his widow.

Dr. WILLIAM SMITH PAGET-TOMLINSON, who died at his residence, The Biggins, Kirkby Lonsdale, in February, 1937, aged 88, was well-known for his philanthropic work in Westmorland and Lancashire. After a brilliant medical career, he succeeded to the estates of the late Miss Elizabeth Tomlinson in 1889, and from that time onwards devoted himself to public work. He was a keen educationalist and a benefactor of Casterton and Kirkby Lonsdale schools. He was one of the joint founders of Meathop Sanatorium and helped to provide the Kirkby Lonsdale Parish Institute besides rendering that parish many other valuable services. He was a Justice of the Peace, and in 1897 High Sheriff of Westmorland.

He joined our Society in 1905, and took an interest in its welfare. He married in 1874 Miss Price, of Standish, and is survived by two sons, Col. W. Paget-Tomlinson, of Wrayton Hall, and Dr. E. E. Paget-Tomlinson, of Kirklington, Yorkshire, and a daughter, Miss Mabel Paget-Tomlinson.

The Rev. Canon THOMAS PATESHALL MONNINGTON, of Sparkenhoe, Penrith, who died in March, 1937, at the advanced age of 90 years, had long been connected with the diocese of Carlisle, of the Cathedral of which he was an honorary canon since 1894. A student of Christ's Church College, Oxford, he took his degree in 1870, and after being curate at Henley-on-Thames from 1872 to 1873, and holding other appointments in the south, was rector of Skelton from 1880 to 1888.

He was vicar of Penrith from 1888 to 1905 and rural dean from 1889 to 1905. After leaving Penrith, he was for a time vicar of Broughton-in-Furness and rural dean of Ulverston. He was chaplain to the Bishop of Carlisle from 1902 to 1919 and rector of Newton Reigny from 1918 to 1922. He was known and beloved throughout the district, and his loss will be deeply felt. He became a member of our Society in 1902.

The Rev. Canon GEORGE READE, M.A., who died at his residence, The Poplars, Windermere, on June 2nd, 1937, aged 95, was one of the oldest members of our Society, which he joined in 1892. Educated at Paisley Grammar School and Trinity College, Dublin, after holding curacies in Chester and at Etherley, co. Durham, he came to the Carlisle Diocese as vicar of Skelsmergh in 1872. From 1895 to 1910 he was vicar of Milnthorpe, and from 1910 to 1919 vicar of Hugill and Ings. After his retirement, despite his advanced age, he frequently took services in neighbouring churches. He was an honorary canon of Carlisle Cathedral from 1914 onwards, and held many public offices. He was a member of the South Westmorland Rural District Council from 1910 to 1920, and of the Board of Guardians from 1906 to 1910. From 1910 to 1919 he was chairman of the governors of Bateman's Charity. He was deservedly esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. He is survived by his son, Mr. J. A. D. Reade and two daughters, Mrs. Minnikin, of Windermere and Mrs. Norman Wood, of Birkenhead.