

In Memoriam.

By the death of Mr THOMAS CANN HUGHES, M.A., F.S.A., who died at his home in Lancaster in May 1948 at the age of 87, the Society has lost one of its oldest and most distinguished members. He joined us in 1905, and became a Vice-President in 1932 after serving as a member of Council for twelve years. He contributed several papers to our *Transactions*: "Notes on the Vicars of Kirkoswald since the Commonwealth" (CW2 xiii 287 f.); "Notes on some Westmorland Clockmakers" (Pt. I in CW2 xxxv 42 f., Pt. II in xxxvii 147 f. and Pt. III in xxxix 171 f.); and "A Leicester Artist in our District" (CW2 xl 167 f.); in addition he served on the committee of the Parish Register Section. He had been Town Clerk of Lancaster from 1896 to 1922, and his main antiquarian interests were in that city and its history, but he found time for the study of a far wider field as well (it has been estimated that he was a member of upwards of thirty learned societies), and he was always ready to place his remarkable stores of knowledge at the disposal of our members. He was sometime President of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, in whose *Transactions* we may hope to see a fuller notice of his life and work. He leaves a daughter, our member Miss Beryl Cann Hughes, to whom the Society's sympathy is extended in her great loss.

Mr. C. Roy Hudleston writes: "Lt. Commander CHARLES STEPHENSON JACKSON, of Hazel Bank, Yanwath, died suddenly in Carlisle on 8 July 1948, aged 62. He had been a member of the Society for 27 years, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Parish Register Committee from 1930 until 1942, and a member of Council since 1932. Modest and unassuming, he himself would have protested against any elaboration of the foregoing facts, but it must be recorded that he crowded into his life a whole host of activities, most of them for the benefit of other people. The elder son of James Jackson of Hazel Bank, he was educated at Norcroft House, Penrith, and then joined the training-ship Conway, thereafter joining the merchant navy. During the 1914-18 war he served in the R.N.V.R., and was at

the Dardanelles in 1915-16. During the period between the two wars he took up residence at Hazel Bank and lived a life of quiet usefulness as a member of many local organisations. He was a devout churchman and served as churchwarden and secretary of Barton Parochial Church Council; the ancient documents preserved in that parish were his especial care, and he repaired and re-bound many of the parish books. On the outbreak of World War II he volunteered for service, and was with the Royal Navy throughout the war, continuing in the service thereafter; he wrote to his vicar, just before his death: 'I should very much like to help you, and lead my own life, but you see we are so short of senior officers and our country is in such a plight that some of us will have to remain for a year or two.' At Christmas 1947 he left England on a voyage to America, but was taken ill on board; he underwent a serious operation in Baltimore, and recovered sufficiently to come back to this country. His house at Yanwath was still occupied, and he therefore made his headquarters in Carlisle; though obviously not well, he was out and about, and taking an interest in all his pursuits, until the sudden end came one day as he was dressing."

Mr DANIEL JOHNSTON MASON, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., of Workington had been a member of our Society since 1922. He was a solicitor, coroner for West Cumberland and, since 1936, chief agent of Lowther Estates Ltd., and had an exceptionally distinguished military record in the first World War, rising to the rank of brigadier-general; he was Mayor of Workington for three years in succession, 1927-9. He is survived by his widow, one son and two daughters.

Miss Mary C. Fair writes: "LORD REA OF ESKDALE was not a member of our Society, but he gave great and very valuable help to those working on the history and archaeology of Eskdale, where he was a considerable landowner. He gave generous permission for the investigation of any remains found on his property; it was due to his interest that a bloomery site was investigated in one of his woods, the resulting discovery of 14th century pottery enabling the site to be dated. He also lent me two stone axes found on the estate, so that they might be recorded for our Society, and in other ways he gave endless assistance whenever his help was asked for. He had a distinguished parliamentary career, and was a model landlord; he will be greatly missed in Eskdale."