

In Memoriam

Sir SAMUEL HASLAM SCOTT, Bt., of Yews, Windermere, our senior vice-president, died 23 June 1960 aged 84. He was the elder son of Sir James Scott (who was created a baronet in 1909 and died in 1913) and was educated privately and at Oriel College, Oxford, taking his M.A. in 1902. For thirty-three years (1913-1946) he was chairman of the family business, the Provincial Insurance Company, whose head office is at Sand Aire House, Kendal.

Sir Samuel was devoted to Westmorland and he was High Sheriff in 1926 and became a magistrate the following year. He took a particular interest in the agriculture of the county, was chairman from 1931 to 1950 of the Westmorland Agricultural Society, and president from 1928 to 1950 of the Rough Fell Sheep Breeders Society. Formerly he exhibited Rough Fell sheep at the local shows.

He was elected a member of our Society in 1904, a member of Council 1914, and a vice-president 1931, and used often to attend meetings and excursions. He contributed two articles to *Transactions* (CW2 xx and CW2 xxii). For twenty-five years he was chief correspondent for Ancient Monuments in Westmorland and Lancashire—North-of-the-Sands.

As long ago as 1904 he published a readable small book *A Westmorland Village*, about Troutbeck, in the preparation of which he had the advantage of access to the Browne MSS. and of advice from the late Mr George Browne. In later years he wrote several volumes of essays and memoirs, a book of short stories translated from the Italian, and a biography of Thomas Day; he was also a contributor to the *Transactions* of the Bibliographical Society.

At his charming home — an enlargement of an ancient farmhouse — he was a most friendly host, and he was a notable benefactor of good causes. He gave a number of Lake District properties to the National Trust, and served on the executive and local committees of the Trust. His elder son, Capt. Philip Scott, died of wounds in Libya in 1942, and he is succeeded by his second son, now Sir Oliver Scott, Bt. B.L.T.

Dr J. R. K. THOMSON, who died at Thorpe, Tirril, on 16 February 1960, was elected a member of our Society in 1947, became a member of Council in 1951 and a vice-president in

1959. As a founder member of the Penrith regional group, and later as chairman, he did much useful work in his own quiet way. One of his particular interests was the collection of old wooden domestic utensils, of which he had a fine collection, and upon which he was an acknowledged expert.

James Robert Karran Thomson was born at Penrith in 1890, the eldest son of Dr D. G. P. Thomson of Bishop Yards. He was educated at King William's College in the Isle of Man and gained a Price entrance science scholarship to The London Hospital, where he won the Letheby prize. He had honours in pharmacology in his intermediate M.B. at London University, where he qualified L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., in 1913. He held house appointments at The London Hospital, and while there played rugby for the hospital and for the Eastern Counties in 1913-15.

From 1915 until 1919 he served in the R.A.M.C. in Malta, Egypt and Palestine. For his services in the last-named country he was awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division) and he was twice mentioned in dispatches for "conspicuous bravery in refusing to retire until all the wounded were removed."

When he returned to England he acquired his father's medical practice in Penrith, which he carried on single-handed until 1923, when he was joined by his younger brother, the late Dr Douglas Thomson. He retired in 1950.

His interests covered a wide field. He was president of the Westmorland Conservative Association from 1957 until 1959, chairman of the Lakeland Dialect Society, a founder member of the Ullswater Preservation Society, a member of the Friends of the Lake District, and of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

He was a great authority on dialect, and no one who heard him lecture in his own inimitable way is likely to forget the flow of anecdote and jest, delivered in broad Cumbrian.

Until almost the end of his life he was a regular follower of the Ullswater Foxhounds, and he was joint master of the pack for more than ten years.

A familiar figure at our meetings for many years, Mr J. B. MACALPINE, of Michael's Nook, Grasmere, died a few months after resigning from Council at the end of 1959.

James Barlow Macalpine was son of the late Sir George Macalpine, and was one of the most distinguished surgeons in the country. He studied at the Universities of London, Manchester and Vienna, qualifying in 1907 and becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1910. Before his retirement he was

surgeon-in-charge of the genito-urinary department of Salford Royal Hospital, consultant urological surgeon at the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, and honorary lecturer in urology at Manchester University, from whom he received the honorary degree of D.Sc. in 1943. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and of the Association of British Surgeons, he was the first person to be awarded the St. Peter's Medal by the British Association of Urology Surgeons in 1949. His *Cystoscopy and Urography* has become one of the standard textbooks, and has been translated into Russian, Italian and Japanese.

He retired in 1945 and went to live at Grasmere, where he took part in a multitude of activities. His membership of our Society dated from 1946, and he, with his wife and daughter, were regular in their attendance at the Society's excursions. In 1952 he was elected a member of Council, retiring in 1959.

A great lover of music, he was for many years a member of the Hallé Concerts committee. At Grasmere he was conductor of the choral society. Keenly interested in the church choir, a member of the Mary Wakefield Festival committee and Westmorland Music Council. He was a Dove Cottage trustee and a member of the local committee of the National Trust.

Major EDWARD HAROLD PATTINSON, M.B.E., of Quarry Howe, Windermere (1933), died at his home on 2 July 1960 at the age of 70. He was a well-known Lakeland personality, and took an active interest in the public and business life of Westmorland.