

Obituary.

WILLIAM JACQUES, ESQ., J.P.

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden death of an old and valued member of our Society, Mr. W. Jacques, of Chesterfield. On the last day of 1930 he retired for the night apparently in good health and before sunrise on January 1st he had passed away.

At the time of his death and for the past ten years Mr. Jacques was on the Council of the Derbyshire Archaeological Society, and those who have met him at our meetings will appreciate the loss which the Society has sustained.

Mr. Jacques was in his 72nd year, but carried his age well, and appeared good for another ten years at least. His was a full and happy life devoted whole-heartedly to the furtherance of education, the study of history and archaeology. He was looked upon as the leading authority on Chesterfield history, and in 1921 contributed a paper to our *Journal* on "Chesterfield Gilds and Corporation Insignia." In collaboration with Mr. John Pendleton he wrote, what is still a standard book, "Modern Chesterfield—its history, legends and progress." Mr. Jacques was trained as a journalist and followed that profession until 1909, when he was appointed secretary to the Chesterfield Education Committee, a post he retained until 1928 when he retired on superannuation. It would take too long to enumerate all the educational institutions with which he was connected, suffice it to say that few men ever received or deserved such public appreciation as has frequently been accorded to Mr. Jacques. His intimate knowledge of the Chesterfield district was of the utmost value to our Society whenever excursions or meetings were held in that part of the County, and his loss will be difficult to repair.