

## In Memoriam.

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Our Society has lost an old and valued member in Mr. JAMES HOLME NICHOLSON, M.A., who died at Wilmslow on May 17th, 1901, aged 76 years. He was born at Orton, Westmorland, and educated at Lancaster Grammar School. In 1853 he was appointed clerk and librarian to Owens College, Manchester, which had been founded in 1851. In 1867 he was made secretary, and three years later registrar to the college, a position which he held until his retirement in 1884. The Victoria University conferred upon him its first honorary degree. He was a contributor to the *Palatine Notebook*, and an active member of the Chetham Society, the Manchester Literary Club, and the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, of which last he was a founder and in 1898 president. He joined our Society in 1874, and was well known to many of us by his constant attendance at meetings. He contributed four papers to the *Transactions*—"Notes on High House at Hugill" (Vol. VI., Art. 10); "The Parish Registers of Orton, Westmorland" (Vol. XI., Art. 21); "Notes on John Penny, Bishop of Carlisle" (Vol. XIII., Art. 5); "Note on the inscribed doorhead of Crakeplace Hall" (Vol. XIII., Art. 34).

The Rev. JOHN NEUENHAM HOARE, M.A., Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and vicar of St. John's, Keswick, who died after a brief illness on April 28th, 1901, had been a member of our Society since 1885. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he took his B.A. in 1859; first class in divinity and M.A. in 1863. He was ordained deacon in 1863, priest in 1864, and after holding curacies and a rectory in Ireland, and the honorary chaplaincy to the Lord Lieutenant, he moved to London in 1875, and in 1883 succeeded Canon Battersby at Keswick. He was popular as a lecturer on many subjects, though not a contributor to our *Transactions*.

Mr. JAMES LUMB, J.P., D.L., of Homewood, near Whitehaven, a solicitor by profession, for some time agent of the Lonsdale estates in West Cumberland, member of the Whitehaven Trustee Board, Conservative registration agent, officer of militia, and generous benefactor to the church, died on May 14th, 1901, aged 75 years. He had been a member of our Society since 1893.

Mr. ARTHUR BENSON DICKSON, of Abbots Reading, Haverthwaite, J.P., a barrister of Lincoln's Inn, and an active member of many public bodies in North Lonsdale, was elected to our Society as long ago as 1876. He died on September 24th, 1901, aged 74 years.

Mr. ALFRED HARRIS, formerly of Lunefield, Kirkby Lonsdale, J.P., died at Wharfenden, near Farnborough, Hants., on November 14th, 1901, having been a member of our Society since 1883. He contested Kendal in the Conservative interest against Mr. J. Whitwell in 1880, and again eight months later against Mr. James Cropper, both times unsuccessfully; but he is best known in Westmorland, and not unknown in much wider spheres, as the successful originator of the Kirkby Lonsdale School of Handicrafts, and as the promoter of a movement which has done great things in bringing out the capacities for art latent in our country-folk.

Mr. THOMAS C. COWPER-ESSEX, of Yewfield, near Hawkshead, who died on October 6th, 1901, was the eldest surviving son of the late James S. Cowper-Essex of the same place, and was born in 1825. He was a member of this Society since 1889, and although he never attended the meetings, he was really interested in past local history. He will be remembered in the Hawkshead district as a generous employer of rural labour and supporter of local industry. He leaves two sons, Major T. Cowper, of the 3rd Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and Mr. H. S. Cowper, F.S.A., a member of our Council.

Mr. THOMAS RYMER, the owner of Calder Abbey, died there on March 3rd, 1902, aged 77 years. He had been a member since 1886, and kindly welcomed and entertained the Society on its visit to Calder in 1892.

Mr. A. METCALFE-GIBSON died at Coldbeck House, Ravenstonedale, on the 16th January, 1902, aged 52. He was elected in 1888, and took an active part in making arrangements for the visit of the Society to Ravenstonedale in August, 1902. He was an enthusiastic collector of old furniture and domestic utensils.

We regret to hear, at the last moment before completing our volume, of the death of Mr. CADWALLADER JOHN BATES, of Langley Castle, Northumberland, author of "Border Holds," etc. It will be fresh in the memory of most that Mr. Bates, in his "History of Northumberland," published in 1895, suggested that the Wall of Hadrian might have been of sods, and that this original turf wall might be found at Appletree. Two weeks after the publication of his book the turf wall was found there. In the following year Mr. Bates became a member of our Society. He died on March 21st, 1902, aged 49 years.

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