

## In Memoriam.

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EDWARD WILLIAM WILSON was born on the 10th of August, 1872; he was educated at the Friends' School in Kendal, and entered his father's business in 1887.

For several years he was associated with Mr. Titus Wilson in arranging for the annual excursions and the publication of the *Transactions* of this Society, so that it is not surprising to find that he became an Assistant Secretary in 1905.

When his father's ill-health prevented him from continuing as co-secretary with Mr. J. F. Curwen, in 1911, Edward was elected as Hon. General Secretary with a seat on the Council. And from this time forward until his untimely death he remained the most efficient and courteous secretary that any Society could wish for.

He suffered an unspeakable loss when his wife died in October, 1926, which seemed to take all the life out of him, and from this blow he really never recovered, quietly passing away on the 29th of March, 1927.

Mr. JOSEPH ROBERT MASON was a member of our Council from 1924, having been elected to the Society in 1911. To these *Transactions* he contributed, in collaboration with Mr. H. Valentine, papers on Antiquities at Dean (N.S. xxiii); the British remains at Lanthwaite Green and Kirkstead, Bargate, and the terraces at Camerton (N.S. xxiv); Studfold Gate Circle, the parallel trenches at Dean, a cross-head at Harrington, and the earthwork at Greengill, Gilcrux (N.S. xxv); and in April, 1927, a report on Stones of pre-Norman age newly found at Workington. Born on March 29th, 1859, Mr. Mason entered the business established by his father as a chemist, from which he retired eight years ago. He was a bachelor, and besides his interest in antiquities and photography, he devoted himself to much unostentatious church-work in his town. Last year, on a voyage to the East, he found himself in failing health, and he died at Merle Bank, Workington, on June 15th, 1927, loved and regretted by all who knew him.

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MR. WILLIAM HEWARD BELL, a director of the Great Western Railway, died at Cleeve House, Seend, Wilts., on June 21st, 1927, at the age of 78. The eldest son of Mr. William Heward Bell of Pelton House, Durham, he was educated privately. Mr. Bell was the owner of collieries in South Wales, a magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant for Wilts., High Sheriff of the county in 1912, president of the Wilts. Archaeological Society, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Geological Society, and chairman of the Melksham magistrates, the Melksham Rural Council, and the Committee of the Avon Vale Hunt. He joined our Society in 1899, and was one of our party on the pilgrimage to the Hebrides in 1904.

MR. CHARLES WALTER RUSTON-HARRISON, a member of our Society since 1905, and of the Council since 1913, died at Eden Terrace, Stanwix, on June 23rd, 1927, at the age of 60.

Educated at Sedbergh School, he afterwards studied at Edinburgh University with a view to the medical profession, but was forced by ill-health to abandon the career he had chosen. He devoted himself, however, to the study of antiquarian research with a special leaning towards genealogy. Nearly all the volumes published by the Parish Register Section of our Society contain evidence of his assistance, especially in connection with the diocesan transcripts.

He was a member of the old Library Committee in connection with Tullie House, Carlisle, and a vice-president of the Carlisle Literary and Scientific Society. Despite the fact that he was a martyr to continuous ill-health he was of a bright and cheery disposition, ever ready to help others out of the store of his local knowledge, and his death will be regretted by many friends.

SIR BENJAMIN SCOTT, a well-known citizen of Carlisle, died at Stanwix, Carlisle, on Sunday, July 10th, 1927, at the age of 86. He had been Mayor of Carlisle, his native city, six times, and was a city and county magistrate. He was formerly chairman of the Carlisle Education Committee, and of the Tullie House and Committee, a governor of the grammar school, and chairman of the savings bank for 23 years. He was knighted in 1904. He married in 1874 Sarah, daughter of Mr. Joseph Hope of Whooff House, Cumberland, and had one daughter.

COLONEL COWPER-ESSEX. "Our Paris Correspondent telegraphs that Colonel Cowper-Essex, of Keen Ground, Hawkshead,

Lancashire, who was knocked down by a motor-car on Sunday, 10th July, 1927, in the Berry-au-Bac district, died at night of his injuries in a nursing home at Rheims.

Colonel Thomas Cowper-Essex was the elder son of the late Mr. Thomas Christopher Cowper-Essex, of High House, otherwise Yewfield Castle, Hawkshead, Lancashire, and was born on July 1, 1863. He went to Harrow, where he was in the shooting VIII, and became a painter. To the Royal Academy he contributed subject pictures, and also portraits of Amy, the daughter, and Mary L. Knatchbull, the wife, of Major-General C. S. Dundas, R.A. Miss Amy Dundas married his brother, Captain H. S. Cowper. From 1906 to 1917 he was Lieutenant-Colonel, 3rd Battalion The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He served in the South African War in 1901-2, and received four clasps to the Queen's medal. He assumed in 1903 the additional name of Essex, as his father had done before him. In the Great War he was in command of the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and retired as hon. colonel of the battalion in 1917. Colonel Cowper-Essex was successful in various amateur motoring competitions at Brooklands."

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