

In Memoriam.

Mrs. GERALD SPRING-RICE, Gatesgarth, Penrith, a member of our Society since 1919, who died on July 1st, 1937.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR HERBERT C. MAXWELL, BART, D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., F.S.A.Scot.

By the death of Sir Herbert Maxwell at his ancestral home, Monreith, Wigtownshire, on October 30th, 1937; at the venerable age of 92 years, Scotland has lost one of her prominent public characters and the world of science and literature a man of outstanding and versatile talents. As statesman, writer, sportsman and naturalist, Sir Herbert Maxwell covered a wide field with his activities, and the amount of work which he accomplished during the course of his long and useful career seems almost incredible. It is, moreover, a remarkable fact that despite a multiplicity of interests which would have dissipated the energies of most men, and deprived their work of permanent value, Sir Herbert's contributions to the study of the subjects upon which he wrote are held in high and well-deserved esteem. His loss will be regretted universally and nowhere more so than among the members of our Society of which he was the senior honorary member and in the work of which he always took an active and sympathetic interest.

Born at Monreith on January 8th, the son of the sixth baronet of Monreith, and a descendant of the Maxwells of Caerlaverock Sir Herbert Maxwell was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. He afterwards joined the Militia Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, retiring as major and honorary lieutenant-colonel. In 1877 he succeeded to the baronetcy, and in 1880 was returned Conservative member for his county of Wigtownshire, continuing to hold his seat till 1906.

In Parliament, he took a special interest in social legislation and served as chairman on many committees. From 1886 to 1892 he was a Lord of the Treasury, and was sworn to the Privy Council in 1897. In 1903 he was made Lord Lieutenant of Wigtownshire, and in 1933 received an unusual honour for a commoner in being created a Knight of the Thistle.

It is as a writer, however, that he will best be remembered. He wrote history, biography, fiction, essays and literary and artistic criticism, besides contributing to the illustration of archaeology, philology and natural history. In all this varied work he showed an original point of outlook and his ideas were invariably suggestive and stimulating. Perhaps his best-known work is the Creevy Papers which he edited in 1903. Of special interest to members of this Society are his numerous contributions to the history and archaeology of Galloway and Dumfriesshire—"the Historian of Dumfriesshire" was a title often and deservedly accorded to him. Among books written by him relating to our own district are his translations of part of the Lanercost Chronicle and the Scala Chronica.

Those of us who had the privilege on the occasion of the Society's visit to Galloway in 1925, of hearing our honorary member's striking description of St. Ninian's cave, in the excavation of which he took a leading part, will have a pleasant recollection of his striking personality, nor will they forget the charming hospitality with which he afterwards received them at Monreith. It was a great source of gratification to all of us that on the occasion of our recent visit to Glenluce Abbey, Sir Herbert Maxwell, despite growing infirmity, made a point of coming to welcome our Society and was able to address a few kindly words to its members.

Among the many honours accorded to him in recent years were the first presidency of the Governing Board of the Scottish National Library, the chairmanship of the Royal Commission on Scottish Historical Monuments and the presidency of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. He was elected F.R.S. in 1898, and was Hon. LL.D. of Glasgow and Hon. D.C.L. of Durham. A man of wide human sympathies and a thorough sportsman Sir Herbert was a charming conversationalist, a delightful impromptu after-dinner speaker and, as all who have read his "Evening Memories," written at the age of 87, will realise, the possessor of an inexhaustible fund of anecdotes and reminiscences. He is succeeded in the title by his grandson, Mr. Aymar Maxwell.

He was buried in Kirkmaiden churchyard in the midst of the country he loved so well and for which he had done so much in his descriptions of its beauties, its history and its antiquities.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR HUTCHINSON, O.B.E., F.R.S.

Professor Hutchinson was born on the 6th July, 1866. He was the son of the late George Hutchinson, formerly of 24,

Stanley Gardens, London. He was educated at Clifton College, Christ's College, Cambridge and the Universities of Wurzburg and Munich, and was professor of mineralogy for the University of Cambridge from 1926 to 1928. He was, for more than thirty years, a fellow of Pembroke College and after his election as Master of that College in 1928 on the sudden death of Mr. W. S. Hadley, did splendid service for the College at a difficult time.

In 1901, he married a sister of Sir Arthur Shipley, who was Master of Christ's College. He was a Past President of the Mineralogical Society; and for some years secretary of the general board of studies for the University and chairman of the University Library Syndicate. He spent much of his holidays at his house at Culgarth, Penrith, joined our Society in 1924 and with his wife and daughter frequently attended our meetings and was very pleased when, in 1934, he was elected to the office of Vice-President. In 1937 he retired from the Mastership of Pembroke College and on 12th December of the same year he died at his house in Grange Road, Cambridge and was buried in St. Giles' cemetery, Cambridge after a commemorative service had been held in the College Chapel and at St. Botolph's Church.

One of his sons was president of the Cambridge Union and his daughter is engaged in social work at St. Alban's.

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COLONEL JOHN WILLIAM ROBINSON PARKER, who died at Browsholme Hall, Yorkshire aged 80, was the chief representative of a family which has been seated at Browsholme Hall since the sixteenth century. He was educated at Bradfield and in the Royal Military College, and joined the Yorkshire Regiment in 1876. He retired when second in command in 1896, and joined the 3rd (Militia) Battalion, the East Lancashire Regiment in 1899. He commanded that battalion in the South African War, and was mentioned in dispatches. He was made a C.B. in 1910, and was High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1913-14. In the late War he was Colonel in charge of T.F. records at Hounslow, 1915-1918, and livestock commissioner of the Ministry of Food, 1918-20.

Colonel Parker was an antiquary of note. He was elected F.S.A. in 1907 and was vice-president of the Society from 1927-1930. He was appointed a member of the Ancient Monuments Board for England in 1920, and was president of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, the Lancashire and Yorkshire Parish Register Societies and the Harleian and Chetham Societies, vice-president of the Royal Archaeological Institute and the Surtees

Society, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a member of the Pipe Rolls, Lancashire and Cheshire Record and other antiquarian societies. He had been a member of our own Society and of our Parish Register Section since 1910.

His chief work was that of calendaring and editing volumes of the early Lancashire Assize Rolls, Yorkshire Fines (Henry III), and Lancashire Palatine Plea Rolls and also that of transcribing and printing parish registers. In these tasks he performed an enormous amount of valuable work and deserves the gratitude of all who are interested in the publication of early documents.

He is survived by his son, who is in the Green Howards, and two daughters.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN HENRY BATES, of Fir Bank, Penrith, who died in April, 1938, had been a member of our Society since 1918. Colonel Bates, was one of Penrith's most prominent townsmen, and a former manager of Martins Bank. He was a native of South Westmorland, and spent his early life in the Milnthorpe district. As a young man he joined the staff, at Kendal, of the banking firm of Wakefield, Crewdson and Co., a business subsequently taken over by the Bank of Liverpool, which in turn was absorbed by Martins Bank, Ltd. While at Kendal, he joined the Border Regiment Volunteers, but, being moved to Morecambe, he transferred to the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, with which he served during the war, being gassed at the second battle of Ypres. He attended many of the Society's excursions, and his absence on future occasions will be felt by his many friends.

MR. HENRY INCE ANDERTON, of the Hotel des Trois Couronnes, Vevey, Switzerland, a member of our Society since 1912. Though precluded by residence abroad from participation in our meetings, Mr. Anderton, maintained his membership and took a lively interest in the welfare of the Society.

MR. P. H. FOX, M.A., High House, St. Bees. A member of our Society since 1911, who took a keen interest in the work of the Parish Register Section.