

In Memoriam

Mr C. Roy Hudleston writes: "Mr JOSEPH SIMPSON YEATES, who died at his home, Skiddaw Grove, Penrith, on 19 May 1949 at the age of 87, enjoyed the distinction of having been a member of the Society for more than sixty years. He joined it in 1887, and although he never took an active part in the Society's work, he was keenly interested in it, and regularly attended its excursions; many members will remember his energy and high spirits at the autumn meeting in 1947, the diamond jubilee of his membership. Almost to the end of his long life he continued his interest in local government affairs; he was an alderman of the Cumberland County Council and a member of numerous other public bodies. He was a grandson of Thomas Yeates, watch and clockmaker, who settled in Penrith in 1817, going there from Whitehaven; he himself inherited the business in 1882, and carried it on very successfully for more than half a century."

Colonel JOHN FRANCIS HASWELL died at his home, the Friarage, Penrith, on 3 February 1949 at the age of 84. He became a member of the Society in 1893, and was elected a member of Council in the following year; in 1911 he became Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Parish Register Section, and in 1913 a Vice-President of the Society; and in 1945 he was elected an Honorary Member, in recognition of his long and invaluable services to the Society. The Parish Register Section constitutes the most obvious and impressive memorial of those services—Colonel Haswell was responsible for nineteen of the 34 volumes which have been issued to date, transcribing the registers, compiling the indexes and reading the proofs with equally meticulous care. To our *Transactions* he contributed a series of important articles: "Notes on local heraldry" (CW1 xiv 160 f.); "Heraldic glass in Edenhall church" (CW1 xv 111 f.); "Notes on the Friary at Penrith" (CW2 iii 350 f.); "On armorial stones at Yanwath and Barton Church" (CW2 85 f.); "The castle of Penrith" (CW2 vii 281 f.); "The family of Dalston" (CW2 x 200 f.); "Cliburn hall" (CW2 xii 126 f.); "The college of Kirkoswald and the family of Fetherstonhaugh" (CW2 xiv 196 f., written jointly with Mrs Fetherstonhaugh); "The Irtons

of Threlkeld" (CW2 xxiv 17 f.); "The Whelpdale family of Penrith" and "The Hutton effigies in St. Andrew's church, Penrith" (CW2 xliii 31 f. and 147 f.)—not to mention a long series of lesser notes. Apart from the period when he was serving overseas during the first World War, there were few volumes of our *Transactions* issued during the long period of his membership which did not contain evidence of his activity, whether as speaker on excursions, as photographer, as referee on matters of heraldry (a subject which he had made peculiarly his own), or as the preserver and exhibitor of chance finds; and in addition, behind the scenes he was in constant demand as a consultant on questions of local history in general and on the history of Penrith in particular.

Colonel Haswell was born at South Shields on 29 December 1864, and educated at the Friends' School, Kendal, the Leys School, Cambridge and at Edinburgh University (where he in due course took his M.D. in 1898); he was Medical Officer of Health for the Penrith Urban and Rural Councils from 1904 to 1935, and was for many years in private practice in the town. He was an active member of the old Volunteer Force, with a contingent of which he saw service in the South African War, and, from its formation, of the Territorial Army, with which he served in India during the 1914-18 war; and after his retirement from the Territorials, in 1919, he served for many years as a member of the Cumberland and Westmorland Territorial Force Associations. The Society's deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, to his daughter, our member Miss B. M. Haswell, and his sons, Colonel F. W. Haswell and Major R. H. Haswell.

Mr NORMAN FORSTER WILSON died at Castle Lodge, Kendal on 12 September 1949. He had been a member of the Society since 1900; and though he only contributed one article to our *Transactions*, namely "Ejected ministers in Westmorland and Cumberland" (CW2 xxiv 66 f.), he devoted long and faithful service to the Society, for upwards of twenty years, as Honorary Auditor. He himself was twice Mayor of Kendal and had served as an alderman of Kendal and of the Westmorland County Council, thus continuing the tradition which had been established by his great-grandfather, Isaac Wilson, who was elected to the Kendal Town Council in 1836, the year of its first establishment; John Jowitt Wilson, his grandfather, was Mayor of Kendal four times, and his great-uncle, John Whitwell, held that office six times, while his father, Isaac Whitwell

Wilson, was compelled by ill-health to decline the offer of it. Mr Wilson was educated at Stramongate School, Kendal, subsequently at the Whitgift Grammar School, Croydon, and Bootham School, York, and thereafter studied at the City and Guilds Institute; and for forty years, until his retirement in 1934, he was in business as managing director of the engineering firm of Gilbert Gilkes & Co. His interests were not confined to those which have already been referred to; he was a churchwarden of Kendal parish church, an active member of the Liberal Party, a Justice of the Peace for Westmorland for upwards of forty years, a Freemason and, in his younger days, a member of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club. He is survived by his wife and three sons—one of them, Professor E. M. Wilson, a member of this Society—to whom our deepest sympathy is extended.

Mr DAYRELL EARDLEY MONTAGUE CRACKANTHORPE of Newbiggin Hall, Temple Sowerby, who died on 9 February 1950, was head of one of the oldest families in Westmorland, being descended from the Crackanthorpe who acquired that property by marriage with its heiress in the reign of Edward III. He became a member of the Society in 1915, two years after succeeding to the estate, and after his retirement from the Diplomatic Service in 1922 he often attended our excursions; he met us for the last time on our visit to Kirkby Thore in September 1948. He was born in 1871, educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, and entered the Diplomatic Service in 1896; during a critical period in the 1914-18 war he was Minister in Belgrade, and accompanied the Serbian government in its wanderings after the occupation of its capital by the enemy, receiving the C.M.G. in recognition of his services. He was High Sheriff of Westmorland in 1928, and during the recent war served in the L.D.V. and the Home Guard. His wife and two sons predeceased him, but he leaves a daughter, Mrs Eugster, and a grandson, Mr David Crackanthorpe, who succeeds to the estate.

We also record, with regret, the deaths of the following members of the Society, whose dates of joining it are added in parenthesis:—

Mr T. W. HELME, Morecambe (1921).

Mr H. E. AYRIS, Carlisle (1922).

Mrs HOLLINS, Kirkby Lonsdale (1924).

Mr SAM GRUNDY, Grasmere (1932).

- Miss ELIZABETH BROCKBANK, Yealand Conyers (1934).
Mr S. HART JACKSON, Ulverston (1938).
Major W. J. W. NOBLE, Bromley (1939).
Mr W. R. BOOTH, Grange-over-Sands (1943).
The Rev. M. H. HUTHWAITE, Ambleside (1945).
Mr E. H. L. DICKSON, Silverdale (1946).