

In Memoriam

LORD LECONFIELD, who joined our Society in 1897 and became a patron in 1927, died at his home at Petworth, Sussex, at the age of 80, on 16 April 1952. His grandfather, the first Lord Leconfield, was the adopted heir of the third earl of Egremont, from whom the family derived their estates and possessions. He served in the 1st Life Guards, 1892 to 1898, and rejoined in the 1914-18 war. Later he was honorary Colonel of the 5th Batt., Border Regiment, and of the 98th Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry. When in 1901, his father died, Lord Leconfield succeeded to Petworth, the great Sussex house, famous for its pictures and Grinling Gibbons carvings. It came into considerate hands, for he opened its state rooms regularly to the public. He had indeed a strong sense of the responsibilities of his position for he took a prominent part in Sussex affairs as a county alderman and chairman of the West Sussex County Council, and he was also an active and conscientious lord lieutenant from 1917 to 1949. He also inherited Cockermouth Castle and large estates in Cumberland, and in 1919, in honour of the men of the Lake District who served in the 1914-18 war, he placed Scafell Pike under the custody of the National Trust. He gave Petworth and its park of 735 acres to the National Trust in 1947. A keen horseman, he was for many years master of Lord Leconfield's Foxhounds. In 1935 he was created G.C.V.O. He married, in 1911, Beatrice Violet, eldest daughter of Colonel R. H. Rawson. There were no children of the marriage and the family honours devolve upon his brother, the Hon. Hugh Archibald Wyndham, who was born in 1877 and married in 1908 the Hon. Maud Mary Lyttleton, eldest daughter of the 8th Viscount Cobham.

Lt-Col. GUY JOSEPH POCKLINGTON SENHOUSE, who died at his home, Netherhall, Maryport, on 25 March 1952, aged 70, was a very well known figure in the public life of West Cumberland. That he twice, in 1913 and 1946, served as high sheriff shews the esteem with which he was regarded. He joined the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry in 1904, becoming Lt-Col. of the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry Army Brigade in 1923, an hon. Colonel of the 51st Brigade R.F.A. (T.A.) in 1937. He was officer commanding the 4th Cumberland Battalion of the Home Guard 1940-2, and was an active

member of the British Legion in which he held high office. He was appointed J.P. in 1905, a deputy lieutenant in 1925 and was a member of the Cumberland County Council from 1907-1919 and 1922-5, and chairman of the Standing Joint Committee in 1938. An enthusiastic cricketer, he was in the Eton XI but failed to get his blue at Oxford, where he was at Christ Church. People still remember how he played the triumphant Australian fast bowler MacDonald at Carlisle in 1921, hitting him for four boundaries. He was also a keen golfer. Imbued with a high tradition of public service, he was a very generous benefactor to the town of Maryport and a great supporter of its good works. To members of our Society, which he joined in 1945, Col. Senhouse will always be associated with Netherhall and the very large collection of Roman altars and stones preserved there, which he was always willing to show to any visitor. He was unmarried and is succeeded by his brother, Mr Roger Senhouse.

WILLIAM HENRY BRAGG LEECH, M.A., who died at his home, Fir Bank, Fell Lane, Penrith, on 14 March 1952, at the age of 81, was headmaster of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith, from 1906 to 1931. He joined the Society in 1917. Born at Whitehaven, he was a graduate of The Queen's College, Oxford, and held posts in schools in London, Scotland and Wales before his appointment to Penrith in April 1906. At that time the grammar school was carried on in the old building in St Andrew's churchyard: there were only 29 boys in the school. When, however, Mr Leech resigned in 1931 there were over 300 boys and girls in the school, which had become co-educational in 1915, when a move was made to new buildings. Mr Leech was a great headmaster. A firm disciplinarian, he insisted on high standards of conduct and work, and he was always anxious that his pupils had out of school interests. In many of these he shared himself. He was particularly interested in the Scout movement, and in sport. So far as our Society is concerned, Mr Leech did much useful work in connection with the parish register section, of which he acted as secretary and treasurer during the war years when the late Commander C. S. Jackson was absent on active service.

The Rev. REGINALD SOUTHWELL GRAHAM GREEN was the senior member of our Society which he joined in 1893. He was a Hastings exhibitor of Queen's College, Oxford, becoming B.A. in 1888 and M.A. in 1892. He was ordained, as curate of Ulverston, in 1889 and spent the whole of his life in the diocese of Carlisle, holding the livings of Croglin, Millom,

Wetheral and Warwick, Hayton and Broughton-in-Furness from which he retired in 1936. Though he only contributed one paper to *Transactions*, on "An Incised Slab found at Croglin", which was read at Carlisle in 1895 (CW1 xiv 210-1), he was much interested in our work and was frequently present at excursions. He was particularly interested in the history of schools and churches and was a most scholarly man.

The Rev. JOSEPH WHITESIDE, who died on 4 April 1952 in his ninety-first year, was a member of our Society from 1887 until 1920, and served on our Council from 1901 until 1916, when he resigned from it on leaving the district. He was educated at Durham School and at Trinity College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1884; he was for some years a schoolmaster and then, after curacies at West Hartlepool and Kirkby Lonsdale, became rector of Kirkbride in 1894 and two years later succeeded his father as vicar of Shap and Swindale; in 1900 he became incumbent of Helsington, and in 1916 he was preferred to the rectory of Plumstead with Matlask, Norfolk; on retiring from that living in 1939, he returned to Shap, his old home, where he remained until his death. During the decade from 1897 onwards, he was a frequent contributor to our *Transactions*, as will be seen from the following list of his papers: CW1 xv, "Lintel inscription at Reasgill", 139 f., "Keld chantry", 142 f. and "Kirkbride church", 145 f.; CW2 i, "A letter of 1745", 167 f., "Little Strickland chapel", 171 f., "Matterdale church and school", 235 f. and "Swindale chapel", 256 f.; CW2 ii, "Shap church", 118 f. and "Mardale chapel and the Holmes of Mardale", 141 f.; CW2 iii, "Paines made at Shap", 150 f. and "Chancellor Burn and the Quakers", 163 f.; CW2 iv, "Orton, Westmorland: the church and some documents in the chest", 154 f.; CW2 v, "Some Accounts of Anne, Countess of Pembroke", 188 f.; and CW2 viii, "Notes on the chapelry of Helsington", 113 f. and "Letters of John Nicolson to Chancellor Burn", 331 f. His papers relating to Shap and district were re-issued, with additional matter, in his "Shappe in Bygone Days" (Titus Wilson, 1904), a brief notice of which will be found in CW2 v 311; it is a work of abiding value, as will be seen by any of our members fortunate enough to secure copies of it.

Dr THOMAS SHIRLEY HELE, O.B.E., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., of 8, Lyndewode Road, Cambridge, died on 22 January 1953 at the age of 71. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Warwick Hele of Carlisle. He was educated at Carlisle Grammar School and Sedbergh; he took his degree at Emmanuel College,

Cambridge, becoming a Fellow of the College in 1911. After serving in the R.A.M.C. in the first World War, he was made lecturer in bio-chemistry at Cambridge. In 1935 he was appointed master of Emmanuel College, holding that position till 1951; he was also vice-chancellor of the University from 1943 to 1945. For services rendered to Norway in the last war, he was awarded the Cross of Freedom by King Haakon. He became a life member of our Society in 1934.

Mr NICHOLAS SIZE, who died at his home in Buttermere on 14 April 1953, had been a member of our Society since 1927. He only contributed one paper to *Transactions*, on a "Click Mill at Buttermere and Buttermere Notes" (CW2 xxxvi 192 f.), but he will also be remembered for his romances of life in Buttermere and Eskdale, *The Secret Valley* (1929) and *Shelagh of Eskdale, or the Stone of Shame* (1933). He was 86.

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

Mrs BURGESS, Kirkandrews-on-Eden (1934).

Mr G. A. LONGDEN, Bowness-on-Windermere (1946).

Dr E. C. PAGET-TOMLINSON, Greenodd, Ulverston (1937).

Rev. Prof. C. E. WHITING, F.S.A., Hickleton (1929).