



Obituary

T. S. GLEADOWE, M.A.

ON the 9th February, 1911, the Society sustained a great loss in the death of one of its Vice-Presidents, Mr. T. S. Gleadowe. The eldest son of one of its original members, the late Canon R. W. Gleadowe, he had for many years taken a warm interest in the Society; and, till his health failed him, was a constant and regular attendant at the meetings of the Council, even when he was not resident in Chester, but was living at Alderley Edge.

He showed, too, his interest in a most practical manner, for in May 1899 he purchased the "Potter" Collection of Antiquities, collected from the Cheshire shore at Great Meols, and presented it to the Society, together with a large case for its preservation. The collection consisted of Prehistoric, Roman, Saxon, and Mediæval remains, and was formally presented to the Society on May 25th, 1899, when the generous donor gave a short description of its formation and extent; and Mr. R. Newstead described the salient features of the collection, illustrated by lantern slides of selected specimens.

On other occasions, Mr. Gleadowe made handsome gifts to relieve the financial difficulties of the Society, whilst at the Council meetings his wise counsel and advice was much valued.

The Council put on record the deep sense of their loss, and their warm sympathy with his surviving brother and sister. Native of Chester as he was, and associated with the City and County for so many years, his knowledge was most helpful; and his removal from us has created a blank which

it is impossible adequately to fill. It severs a link with the past, and breaks a connection with the early days of the Society, for, as has been stated above, his father was an original member of it. It is satisfactory to know that his name will not be forgotten, associated as it is with the Collection of Antiquities which he so munificently presented to the Society.

E. B.

WILLIAM SHONE, F.G.S.

We have lost another old member in the person of Mr. William Shone, F.G.S., who joined us in 1870. A pathetic incident attaches to his death in the posthumous publication of a book ("Prehistoric Man in Cheshire") which he had written. The book is well illustrated, and twelve of the illustrations give pictures of objects in the Grosvenor Museum, thus showing that Mr. Shone was an intelligent and observant member of our Society. Though his tastes might be supposed to connect him more closely with the Natural Science Society, and more particularly with its Geological Section, this book gives sufficient evidence that he was no idle member of our Society, but that he took a keen interest in its work, and was helped by its researches.

E. B.

Allusion is made elsewhere to the death of Mr. J. Douglas, who had been a member for half a century.

