

OBITUARY

MAURICE W. BINGHAM

THE London and Middlesex Archaeological Society lost a valued member and a very able past Honorary Secretary at the death of Maurice Bingham at the early age of 50 on 26th June, 1951, after a long illness.

It was in 1931 that he took over the Honorary Secretaryship and steered the Council through a very difficult time for the Society until he had to give up in 1936 owing to ill health and pressure of business. He was partner with his father in an old-established firm of City solicitors.

The early spring of 1951 found him admitted to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, being placed in the Rahere Ward, where he passed away. By a strange coincidence one of his duties as Honorary Secretary was to write up the visit the Society paid to St. Bartholomew's Hospital on 28th November, 1931, for insertion in the Annual Report of that year. His original draft actually mentions the Rahere Ward by name.

Only a week before his death he was discussing the most recent Part of the Society's *Transactions* as well as some books on London which he had borrowed from the Hospital library. Despite the fact that he had been unable to attend any of the Society's lectures and visits for some years, he always showed a keen interest in the welfare of the Society.

It was with a very great sense of personal loss of an old friend and past colleague that I attended the funeral on behalf of the Society on 29th June.

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MIDDLESEX MANORIAL DOCUMENTS

It is planned to publish a list of surviving Middlesex manorial documents. Various repositories have been circularised and permission has been obtained to publish the catalogues compiled by different libraries and lists of documents in the possession of private owners. The kindness of owners and custodians in sending such lists, or allowing them to be made, and in giving leave to publish is gratefully acknowledged. Owing to the serial method of publication it is proposed at present to group the documents alphabetically by owners or repositories in each part of the *Transactions*, and an effort has been made to minimise the inevitable diversity in lay-out and content of lists of such diverse origins. As soon as the survey is complete or as complete as possible, it is hoped to publish it in book form, when the collected lists will be indexed by manors and parishes.

Ct. = Court; C.Bn. = Court Baron; C.Bk. = Court Book; C.R. = Court Roll; V.F.P. = View of Frank Pledge. In long series gaps of less than 50 years are disregarded.