

THE LATE S. WAYLAND KERSHAW.

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WE record with much regret the death, at an advanced age, of Mr. Samuel Wayland Kershaw, M.A., for many years the Librarian of Lambeth Palace, an office in which he was the successor of Wharton (author of "Anglia Sacra"), Gibson (Bishop of London), Ducarel, Maitland, and other distinguished scholars. He devoted himself especially to the task of completing the collections in that library relating to the County of Kent, so that Lambeth Palace Library is especially rich in the department of Kentish archæology. He published in 1873 a work on the art treasures in the library, and contributed to the ninth volume of "Archæologia Cantiana" a paper on the Kentish memoranda there. Everyone who has had occasion to visit this library under the liberal regime which successive Archbishops of Canterbury have authorised Mr. Kershaw to establish will long bear in mind the courtesy and kindness of the accomplished librarian.

Mr. Kershaw joined the London and Middlesex Archæological Society in 1878, and on June 24 of that year read before it a paper on the Treaty House at Uxbridge (Trans. V.). He was honorary secretary to the Society from 1880 to 1883, at first jointly with Mr. G. H. Birch, and afterwards acting alone. He read a

paper on May 6, 1882, on Hogarth and London Topography, and another, on August 17 of the same year, on the Vyne, but unfortunately neither of these papers is printed in the Transactions. After retiring from the office of secretary, he continued to serve on the Council.

He also contributed valuable papers to the British Archæological Association, the Kent and Surrey Archæological Societies, and the St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society. On March 4, 1880, he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, but he does not appear to have made any communication to that body. He was a vice-president of the Balham and District Antiquarian and Natural History Society, and took much interest in its proceedings. Like many other men of learning, he was of a retiring disposition, but was greatly esteemed by those who were honoured by his friendship. He was unmarried.