

Worshipful Company of Leathersellers and had a great deal to do with the building of the Chapel at the Leathersellers Almshouses at Barnet. He was an officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a member of Council and a Trustee of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. Sir William Ray spoke of him as a great Londoner and Canon Savage bore eloquent testimony to his devotion to ancient churches and his care in their loving restoration. He had never seen more reverence than had been shown by Sir Aston Webb and Mr. Dove in their efforts to preserve and restore the Church of St. Bartholomew.

Our Society sent a wreath in honour of Mr. Dove and Mr. Francis R. Taylor, the Honorary Director of Meetings, attended on behalf of the Society.

WALTER HENRY WHITEAR, F.R.Hist.S.

Mr. Whitear was an old and valued member of our Society and had been for many years a keen member of Council. He was 79 years of age when he died on 28th April, 1932, and had lived for many years in Chiswick, to whose history he had devoted much research. His chief hobby was the study of Pepys, and he was a very keen member of the Pepys Club. Following on the discovery by Mr. Walter G. Bell of the record of the birth of Samuel Pepys in the register of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, Mr. Whitear made a systematic examination of the surveys of London made after the Great Fire, and was able to identify the site of the house in Salisbury Court where the diarist was born. On his recommendation the Corporation of London has placed a tablet on the present house (the White Swan Public House) to commemorate the birth of Pepys.

Mr. Whitear had grangerised his copy of Wheatley's *Pepys*, and had increased it to 16 volumes with prints, portraits, etc. He published in 1927 *More Pepysiana*,

and contributed papers on the subject to our *Transactions*.

He collaborated with the late Mr. W. P. W. Phillimore in Historical Collections relating to Chiswick, and had an unrivalled knowledge of the history of Chiswick. He was President of the recently formed Archaeological Society there, and was always ready to lecture in the district on his two great hobbies.

The Society was represented at his funeral by Mr. G. J. B. Fox and Mr. Francis R. Taylor, and sent a wreath in his memory.

EDWARD REGINALD TAYLOR,
F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S., A.C.

Mr. E. Reginald Taylor had only been on the Council of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society for a short time, but his work as Honorary Secretary of the British Archaeological Society for many years made him one of the best-known archaeologists of the day. He was a very keen traveller in all parts of Europe, especially in Dalmatia, Bosnia and adjacent countries. But Switzerland was his Mecca, and he had visited it and climbed its mountains more than 30 times. As a member of the Alpine Club and as a citizen of Sidcup, and a devoted supporter of its literary and scientific interest, Mr. Taylor did yeoman service, and he will be very much missed. He died on 14th May, 1932, and was buried at Foots Cray Church.

Our Society was represented at the funeral and sent a wreath.