

OBITUARIES

DR. F. W. M. DRAPER, M.A., PH.D., L.ÈS L., F.S.A.

On the 23rd October, 1968, at 26, The Avenue, Muswell Hill, N.10, Dr. Frederick Draper died in his 86th year. Tributes paid to him at the Memorial Service held in St. James's Church, Muswell Hill, on Saturday, 25th January, 1969, were "to a headmaster who won respect by his extremely fair sense of justice".

To one who brought to his work such a rare combination of gifts and experience, it is difficult to do justice in words.

He was educated at Merchant Taylors' School, which always remained his first interest, and his history of that school written on its four-hundredth anniversary was the result of much painstaking research. Dr. Draper always regarded his admission to the Freedom of the Merchant Taylors' Company as some compensation for this work.

On leaving Merchant Taylors' School he went to Queen's College, Cambridge, and later to the Sorbonne, Paris.

Dr. Draper was appointed headmaster of Tollington Grammar School, Muswell Hill, in 1922, where he remained until 1944, and where "he gave leadership, not by driving, but by personal example".

The range of his interests was truly amazing; a student of European languages, a headmaster of distinction, a one-time Chairman of Group 10 of the Council for British Archaeology, the Hornsey Literary Society, the Hornsey Education Committee (and when he retired, the governing body of Tollington School)—and last, but by no means least, a consuming love of cricket.

As to our own Society, he joined as a member in 1946, was elected to Council in 1947, and was appointed Hon. Editor in 1948, and as such continued to 1960. He was elected a Vice-President in 1961. His editorship was first undertaken during the immediate post-war period, when the difficulties inherent in such a period "might well have discouraged anyone without the resilience, patience and tenacity that Dr. Draper possessed in high degree".

He was particularly interested in church bells and the history and archaeology of Hornsey and Muswell Hill, and these have found their way into the pages of *Transactions*.

There is little doubt that the high standard of scholarship on which Dr. Draper insisted throughout his distinguished editorship did much to enhance the series of *Transactions* which has now been running for well over a century.

S.W.H.

(The reader would do well to refer to the appreciation of Dr. Draper's work on his relinquishing the office of Editor by R.M.R., and appearing on p. 228. Vol. 20, pt. 4, 1961).

GEORGE EDWARD EADES, M.A.

At the age of 86, Mr. Eades died suddenly at his home in Eversley Road, Upper Norwood, on the 7th December, 1968.

Although he lived in this district for over 30 years, he was made a Freeman of the City of London about three years ago for his work in historical research and documentation.

His main interests were in the history of London, and the archaeology of London and the Home Counties, and in these subjects he was a well-known lecturer. He also wrote on these subjects—he wrote three books, and the most recent was "Historic London", which was published in 1966, largely under the auspices of the City of London Society.

A graduate of London University, Mr. Eades won several academic honours. He started as a teacher with the former London County Council. From 1919 until last year he lectured in adult education in the evenings, but retired from full-time teaching in 1948. He was, however, lecturing at Goldsmiths' College, London University, until last year.

Another of his keen interests was the City Literary Institute, of which he was one of the founders in 1919, and set up a record of 42 years as a part-time lecturer. For many years he was the president of the institute's historical society.

Of our own Society, he was an enthusiastic Life Member. He joined in 1948, and was a member of Council from 1954 to 1960. In his Will, Mr. Eades gave a legacy of £100 upon trust to invest and apply the income in provision of one lecture in each year on some aspect of the history of London.

Apart from his historical interests, he had the proud distinction of serving 58 years as a lay-preacher in the Diocese of Southwark; he was also a keen gardener, and a painter in water-colour.

He leaves a widow and two daughters by a former marriage.

S.W.H.