

OBITUARY.

THE LATE ARCHDEACON OF BUCKINGHAM.

The Ven. Cecil Frederick Joseph Bourke, a vice-president of this Society, died suddenly April 15th at Sidmouth, aged 68 years. He was the eldest son of the Rev. Sackville G. Bourke, rector of Hatherop, Glost. (grandson of 3rd Lord Mayo, who was Archbishop of Tuam) by his marriage with Georgiana, daughter of 4th Lord Bessborough. He graduated from Corp. Christi Coll., Oxford; was ordained 1865, priest 1866, and except for a few years at Truro, where he was sub-dean of the cathedral, all his service was in this diocese. He was for 15 years incumbent of St. Giles', Reading. He became Archdeacon in 1895, and had lived for some years with his sister, at Hill House, Taplow.

Despite his very numerous engagements, he rarely missed our meetings, and took a great interest in our Society, and the writer received much kind assistance from him. He contributed to RECORDS (VIII., 327) "Notes on Place-name Endings in Bucks."

SIR EDMUND VERNEY, BART.

Joined the Society in 1884, and died last May. He had literary tastes, and is said to have been a collector of early editions of the Bible, but does not appear to have contributed any papers to RECORDS.