

OBITUARY.

THE LATE JAMES THOMAS HARRISON.

Died April 8th, 1914, aged seventy-one. According to our List of Members, he was elected in 1860 (at the early age of 17). He had thus been a member of our Society for 54 years, and for 16 years was a member of the Committee. He was the eldest son of the late Alderman Jas. Harrison, and senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Harrison and Sons, auctioneers and estate agents, which was established in the town in 1813, the firm having celebrated its centenary last year. The deceased had been associated with practically all the institutions in Buckingham. Until recently he held a seat on the Buckingham Town Council, his term of service extending over thirty years, half of the time in an Aldermanic seat, and he had served the office of Mayor. Although not an active player, there was no organisation with which he was associated in which he took keener interest than in the Cricket Club. In everything affecting agriculture Mr. Harrison was deeply concerned. He was a practical member of the Chamber of Agriculture and Dairy Farmers' Association, and his experience and advice was always welcomed. The deceased took great interest in the preservation of local buildings, etc., and one of his latest benefactions was to defray the cost of the exterior renovation of the Old Gaol, and a few years ago he published an illustrated "History of Buckingham."*

THE LATE CHARLES TRICE MARTIN, B.A., F.S.A.

Though not a member of our Society, Mr. Martin had of late years, since his retirement from the Public Record Office, dwelt amongst us and made friends of

* *Bucks Herald*, April 11 1914.

all his neighbours. He was a contributor to our last issue of RECORDS, so that a brief tribute to his memory will not be out of place. He was a prominent Fellow of the Antiquaries, and his working life was spent at the Public Record Office, where he served no less than 45 years. He was associated with the late Dr. Brewer and Dr. James Gairdner in the preparation of a Calendar of Papers of the reign of Henry VII.; † edited Wright's Courthand Restored, and in 1910 produced a "Record Interpreter," very useful to the student of old documents. He was Hon. Secretary of the Pipe Roll Society; a keen fisherman, a good swordsman. Those who had the privilege of his intimacy will not forget his personal charm.

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† *S. Bucks Free Press*, May 22, 1914.