

OBITUARY

MR. E. S. ROSCOE

The Society has suffered a grievous loss by the death, at the age of 83, of Mr. E. S. Roscoe, who for some years served on the Council. This was by no means all he did for the county. In 1891 he published under the name of *Buckinghamshire Sketches*, some charming essays which had already appeared in the *St. James's Gazette*; this edition contained pleasant drawings by Bloomer. Reprinted in 1907 under the title of *Penn's Country*, he took the opportunity to enlarge and re-arrange some of the material; the illustrations were then inferior process-blocks. Twenty years later it appeared once more, with another title, *Between Thames and Chilterns*. Again the matter was somewhat altered, and the illustrations continued to be unworthy of the graceful text.

A still greater favour conferred on all lovers of Bucks was his volume for Methuen's *Little Guides*, first published in 1909, and several times re-issued. This is a sound and reliable volume, which contains a great mass of facts in very concise form. No more handy volume can be carried by the traveller who has not time or opportunity to go more deeply into parochial history.

This is not the place to speak of his official duties in the Admiralty Court, or of his interest in Johnson and other worthies of the 18th century. It can be said that he most worthily followed his great-grandfather, the William whom Washington Irving so highly extolled in the *Sketch Book*, and in losing him Bucks has to mourn one who knew and loved her well.

G.E.

DR. PAGET TOYNBEE

Though the Society had the honour to include this great Dante student amongst its members, it cannot boast of any communication from him to the *Records*; his profound scholarship was concerned with wider themes. It will ever be the regret of the Editor that his slight correspondence with Dr. Paget Toynbee took place when he was an invalid, or he would certainly have pressed for a paper on a subject well within the doctor's scope—the association of Horace Walpole with Bucks. It is something to be able to claim so eminent an authority on the great Italian poet and on our own poet, Gray, as qualifying by residence at Burnham, to figure amongst the worthies of Bucks.

MAJOR T. SUTTON TIMMIS

In Major Timmis the Society has a severe loss; for some years he had served on the Council, and was always a regular attendant at the Excursions, and in all ways showed interest in the Society's welfare. Major Timmis was not an antiquary, but took more than a dilettante interest in old silver, forming a fine collection which it delighted him to show to the numerous guests at his ever hospitable home at Walton, Aylesbury.

F. W. PIXLEY, F.S.A.

Another member lost to the Society was Mr. Pixley, who served as honorary treasurer for some eight years, at a time when his health was by no means good. His work on the history of the baronetage, and his interest in that Order are familiar; he did not, however, make any contribution to our *Records*.

Amongst other members of long standing whose loss the Society deplores are Mrs. DONALD STEWART, of The Prebendal, Aylesbury, and Dr. JAMES SHAW, also of Aylesbury.