

THE LATE MR. CALEDON GEORGE DU PRÉ.

SINCE the publication of our last volume we have lost by death one of our original members. The late Mr. Du Pré was associated with the Bucks Archæological Society from its commencement in 1848, and his name appears in the first published list of Vice-Presidents. Mr. Du Pré died in London in October last, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was son of Mr. James Du Pré, of Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, who represented Aylesbury in 1802. Mr. Caledon Du Pré was elected one of the Knights of the Shire of Bucks in 1839, and held that seat until his retirement at the General Election in 1874; he was for many years associated, as co-representative of the county, with Mr. Disraeli. Before he entered Parliament Mr. Du Pré was connected with the army as Cornet of the First Life Guards; he had also embarked in diplomacy.

In the House of Commons Mr. Du Pré was attached to the Conservative interest, and he was throughout his whole Parliamentary career a faithful and unswerving advocate of the interests of that party. Although not gifted with the eloquence of his distinguished Parliamentary colleague, his utterances were at all times characterized by sterling ability and a sound common sense that commanded the attention and respect of his audience.

He was kind-hearted, charitable, and genial. His memory will long be preserved as that of a thoroughly honourable country gentleman.

At the Annual Excursion of the Archæological Society in 1883, Mr. Du Pré entertained the members at Wilton Park, it will be remembered, with great hospitality. He leaves two daughters, and is succeeded in the Wilton Park, Wooburn, and Quarrendon estates by his grand-nephew, William, son of the late Mr. James Du Pré. The heir is a minor.

Mr. Du Pré was interred at Beaconsfield, his funeral having been attended with every token of respect, and his remains lie in the chancel of that church.

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