

## OBITUARY NOTICE.

## OBITUARY OF CAPTAIN BOUGHEY BURGESS.

COMMUNICATED BY W. ARNOLD BURGESS.

CAPTAIN BOUGHEY BURGESS, who died suddenly of heart-failure at 4, Clifton Terrace, Southsea, on May 18, 1897, was the second son of John Burgess, Esq., who lived in London, and at Amersham and Elmhurst, Great Missenden, Bucks, early in the century.

The deceased officer was born at Amersham on May 11, 1822, and entered the 20th Bombay Infantry Regiment in 1842, proceeding to India, where he shortly afterwards married Miss Gardner.

His regiment was stationed principally at Poona and Ahmednuggar, and after ten years' service he returned to England in 1852, and after the death of his first wife, who left two daughters, he lived at Little Hampden for some time near his brother, the late Rev. William Johnson Burgess, for many years Vicar of Lacey Green Princes Risborough. Like him, he took a great interest in the archæology of the county, and as Hon. Secretary of the Bucks Archæological Society contributed in the RECORDS OF BUCKS articles on "the Earthworks at Hampden and Little Kimble," and on the "Entrenchments at Bray's Wood, near Lee, Great Missenden," both of which papers were read before the Society in 1855. In this same year, Captain Burgess was placed on a committee for the formation of a County Museum at Aylesbury. He married, secondly, on September 11, 1860, Elizabeth Anne Ballard, daughter of John Ballard, Esq., of York Terrace, Cork, and leaves three sons and six daughters by his second wife. Like his first cousin, the late Rev. Bryant Burgess, Rector of Latimer, he was devoted to natural history and was a good artist. Captain Boughey Burgess was for thirty-six years Secretary of the

Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, and during that long period discharged with great ability the onerous duties of that responsible position.

As an evidence of the esteem in which Captain Boughey Burgess was held, the following notes on his death are extracted from the *Royal United Service Institution Journal*.

“Much regret has been experienced by all who have been associated with the late Secretary of the Royal United Service Institution, Captain Boughey Burgess, at his death . . . Captain Burgess entered the Hon. East India Company's Service on the 15th March, 1842, as Ensign in the Bombay Army, and was appointed to the 20th Bombay Native Infantry on 30th May following. On 21st January, 1845, he was attached to the Public Works Survey at Ahmednuggar, where he remained for some time. On 21st January, 1846, he was promoted to Lieutenant in the 20th Bombay N. I., and retired from the Service with the brevet rank of Captain on the 3rd November, 1854. On the death of Mr. Tonna, Secretary of the Royal United Service Institution, in April, 1857, Captain Burgess was in the following month, appointed his successor, and for thirty-six years carried out loyally and conscientiously the duties of his office. Captain Burgess during his long connection with the Institution, witnessed the introduction of many changes and improvements, and he lived to see its removal to new premises, and its entrance on a career of increased utility. The *Journal*, which is now the most important portion of the work carried on by the Institution, was for many years edited with great care and ability by Captain Burgess; and when the time arrived for his retirement, in 1893, he was unanimously voted a pension for life by the Council, a resolution which was heartily acquiesced in by the Members at the Annual Meeting. Captain Burgess' long and faithful services to the Institution were fully appreciated by the Members and the Council, and it is with great regret that his decease is announced in this *Journal*.”