

OBITUARY.

THE LATE COLONEL E. D. LEE.

Colonel Edward Dyke Lee was born in 1842, the son of the Rev. James Fiott, who married a daughter of Sir Percyvall Hart Dyke, 5th Bart. The family assumed the name of Lee in 1850. Colonel Lee was educated at Rugby and Oxford, and in 1866 succeeded to the entailed estates of his uncle, Dr. John Lee, LL.D.

The ancient family of Lee of Hartwell, is usually understood, as stated by Lipscomb (II. 162), to have had their first settlement in this county at Morton in Dinton, probably early in the reign of Henry IV. They are a junior branch of the Lees of High Lee or Leigh in Cheshire, now represented by the Leghs of Lyme (Lord Newton). Hartwell passed to the Lees by the marriage of Sir Thomas Lee (of East Claydon and Dinton) with Eleanor, sister and heir of Sir Alexander Hampden, on the death of the latter in 1617.

In addition to the interest attaching to Hartwell House itself, is that attaching to its contents, including numerous family portraits. Its museum has lost some of its original objects of interest, but there remain a good many skeletons and other relics of Anglo-Saxons found on the estate near Stone.

Colonel Lee was Colonel of the late Bucks Militia; he succeeded Colonel Pratt in the command of the Regiment in 1884, and retired in 1896. He joined the County Architectural and Archæological Society in 1908, in connection with the examination of a "Natural Barrow" on his property at Stone, described in *THE RECORDS*, *ante*, p. 263 (1907), when the writer was indebted to him not only for presenting the objects found to the County Museum, but for very kind hospitality. Mrs. Lee was already a member of our Society.

Colonel Lee died October 8th, 1909. One of his sisters is married to Colonel Goodall, of Dinton Hall, one of the Society's vice-presidents.

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