

OBITUARY.

During 1915 the Society lost by death several of its oldest members. Lord Addington was elected so long ago as 1858, and became an honorary member 1909.

Mr. Edward Wilkins, Coroner, died Jan. 22nd, 1915. Elected in 1884, he succeeded Mr. John Williams as Treasurer in 1905.

The Rev. W. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of St. Albans, died in the same month at the age of 79.

The Rev. J. C. Farmbrough died Sept. 4 at Bournemouth; a student of heraldry and family history, and said to have had a good collection of book-plates, one of the oldest members.

Gurney White Buxton, Captain, R.A.M.C. (T.), mobilised on outbreak of the war with the South Midland Mounted Field Ambulance; was sent to Egypt, and thence to Gallipoli, where hardship and fatigue brought on an illness which terminated fatally at sea on Sept. 9, aged 46 years.

The Master of Kinloss (Hon. R. Morgan Grenville), who for a short time was a member of this Society, is also among those who have laid down their lives for their country.

LORD BURNHAM.

By the death of Lord Burnham (January 9, 1916), principal proprietor of the "Daily Telegraph," English life, the "Times" remarks, is robbed of a remarkable and vigorous personality. For something like sixty years Lord Burnham filled, always with honour and distinction, a leading position in the world of journalism.

He was spoken of by Mr. J. L. Garvin as "a human, dramatic, cheering force." Matthew Arnold said that the "Daily Telegraph" represented the "rowdy

Philistine" in British life; meaning that it represented all the robustness and vivid patriotism of the middle classes. It was the first daily to be sold at a penny, and it struck a note which pleased and appealed to a large section of the people, although some of its writers were occasionally tripped up for inaccuracy. At its best "it was not only expressing the sentiments of the great army of its readers, but was also speaking with the very voice of Edward Levy Lawson himself. It was his spirit which inspired the paper; his own ideas, his own beliefs and hopes, which inspired and won success for the 'Daily Telegraph.'"

Lord Burnham was born Dec. 28, 1833, the eldest of eight children of J. M. Levy, of 51, Grosvenor Street. His mother was daughter of Godfrey Alexander Cohen. He had a good record at University College School, but was not tempted by the allurements of a University career, but went at once into business. Though not an archæologist, Lord Burnham had been a supporter of our Society since 1893.

Since the above was in type news comes of the death of Sir (George) Laurence Gomme, F.S.A., &c., founder and some time secretary of the Folklore Society. He formerly edited the *Antiquary*, the *Archæological Review* and the *Folklore Journal*. From 1900 to 1914 he held the important office of Clerk to the London County Council. He was author of *Primitive Folk-Moots* (1880), *Ethnology in Folklore* (1892), *The Making of London* (1911), and edited or contributed to many periodical issues. He had a profound knowledge of London and its history, and was I think one of the promoters of the London Topographical Society. No wonder that he was not a contributor to these pages though he was elected to our Society in 1911.

With all his appreciation of and affection for London it was in the peace and old-world picturesqueness of a Buckinghamshire village, Long Crendon, that he sought the retirement—all too brief—which he had so well earned.