

OBITUARY

The Society has to deplore the loss by death of several members, some of long standing: MR. J. B. FORTESCUE, of Dropmore; MR. NORMAN McCORQUODALE, of Winslow Hall; DR. W. W. VAUGHAN, a comparative new-comer to the County, but known in a wider area as headmaster of Rugby; MRS. STANLEY FLOWER, the wife of Major Flower, who was for many years a member of the Council; and COLONEL E. T. LEA, who was a constant attendant at Excursions until after reaching the four-score years, which he carried so lightly.

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1874—1937

The Society has had, in the last few years, to record the death of a number of its distinguished members; and we have regretfully to add yet another name to that list in the person of Professor William Wright, who died after a long illness last year. He was one of the most eminent anatomists in the country, and had held the Professorship of Anatomy at the London Hospital since 1908, and had been Dean of the College for 27 years, having succeeded Sir Arthur Keith, and having held many other important scholastic and administrative posts. He contributed valuable papers to Volume ix of our Records on skulls found at Stone, and Ellesborough. His best-known work is probably the remarkable paper he contributed to *Archaeologia* in 1935 with Mr. Lawrence Tanner, on the "Princes in the Tower."

It is sad that he should have been deprived of the pleasures to which he was looking forward in his retirement. One of these was a closer association with the work of our Society.

Latterly, he had attended our meetings and been keenly active in our efforts to secure a wider membership. His simple and unassuming manner, his great scholarship, and his kindly encouragement, especially to the younger archaeologist, will be gratefully remembered. And our Society is the poorer by his death.

E.C.R.

EDWARD DOMETT SHAW, first Bishop of Buckingham.

By the death of Bishop Shaw, which took place on November 5th, 1937, the Society has lost one of its oldest members. For many years a vice-President, in 1901 he became Chairman of the Committee, and held the office till 1909. Almost the whole of his clerical life was spent in the County of Buckingham. Coming to High Wycombe as Assistant Curate in 1894, he became Vicar in 1895, Rural Dean in 1901, and Archdeacon in 1910. In 1914 he was consecrated as First Bishop Suffragan of Buckingham, and retained that office till his resignation in 1920, when he left the County to become Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, Archdeacon, and Assistant Bishop of Oxford. Of late years the Bishop's many engagements precluded him from being an active member of the Society, but he always took a deep interest in its work, and indeed in everything relating to the life of the county. He was a wise counsellor, a loving and most faithful friend, and excelled in the conduct of business. One who knew him intimately once described him publicly as "a mountain of common sense." That was a true description; but his ability as a man of affairs, in presiding over a meeting or a committee, could never conceal the simplicity of his character, and his genuine love of and sympathy for all with whom he was brought into contact.

R.F.B.