

OBITUARY NOTICES.

THE LATE BISHOP OF OXFORD.

Though much has been written concerning Bishop Stubbs since his death, yet it would be a grave omission not to pay a tribute to the memory of the late President of our Society. The Bishop's many engagements precluded him from being an active President, yet nothing could have been more suitable than his choice as the chief officer of the Society, and the acceptance of this position by so learned an historian was greatly appreciated and welcomed, and at the same time conferred an honour on the Society over which he presided. Dr. Stubbs was a most laborious investigator into the history of England in the Middle Ages, laying the foundation of his great work in his editions of mediæval chroniclers in the Rolls series. These earlier labours alone placed him in the first rank among archæologists. The permanence of his position as a great historian was assured by his thorough knowledge of original authorities, so that when "The Constitutional History of England" was completed, he had produced a work of lasting importance in the study of the history of this country up to the time of the Tudors. Bishop Stubbs's reputation was not confined to England; he was well-known among the scholars of France and Germany, by whom his ripe experience was called into practical service. He was elected corresponding member of learned societies in both those countries, and through his "scientific methods of research" attained fame as an historian nothing less than European. Yet with all this the Bishop was very accessible, ever ready and prompt in giving information where he detected a real anxiety for knowledge. It is needless to say that he possessed remarkable mental powers, and these were combined with great simplicity of character. In these few sentences the desire has been to leave on record in

this publication an appreciation, however imperfect, of a great man who was once our President, and has passed away to the sincere regret of the vast number who knew the value of his literary labours, many of whom, too, also knew the very real loss the English Church sustained by his death.—Ed.

THE LATE REV. WILLIAM MILES MYRES.

We have to lament the death of the Rev. William Miles Myres, the late Vicar of Swanbourne and Rural Dean of Mursley, which occurred on the 21st February, 1901. Mr. Myres was at the time of his death chairman of our Standing Committee. He took much interest in the welfare of the Society, and was a constant attendant at its meetings. Mr. Myres was, in his Oxford days, an Exhibitioner of Brasenose College, and took a second class in Moderations in 1859, and graduated with a third class in *Lit. Hum.* in 1861. Confining our observations in this obituary notice to that which Mr. Myres accomplished in literature, we should record that he was the author of two volumes—the one published in 1884 being “Memorials of the Rev. R. Brickel, of Hoole, Lancashire,” and the other published in 1887 on “The Book of Common Prayer compared with the first Prayer Book of Edward VI.,” with a preface by Dr. Mackarness, Bishop of Oxford. It will be remembered that Mr. Myres was the father of Mr. J. L. Myres, F.S.A., who gained the Craven Fellowship, was at one time Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and who has rendered special services to our Society in having held the office of one of its honorary secretaries, and in contributing valuable papers to “The Records.”—Ed.