

OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Society has lost the following members by death during 1907 (or since the printing of last year's report):—

The REV. F. W. CARTWRIGHT died in August, 1906, but this did not come to the notice of the Society in time for inclusion in last year's list.

E. CHEYNE.

The EARL OF LIVERPOOL died March, 1907. He was elected to the Society in 1886, as Mr. C. G. S. Foljambe. Created 1st Baron Hawkesbury 1893; and the earldom of Liverpool was revived in his favour in 1905.

The REV. CANON N. T. GARRY died June, 1907. He was so universally esteemed by all who knew him that it seems only right to say thus much; although beyond a paper on "Two original Licenses," read January, 1861, but not published, he took no active part in the work of the Society. Personally, it seems mere justice to record that on applying to him while he was Vicar of S. Mary's Reading, for permission to search the early Registers of that parish, before he re-joined this Society, and while we were perfect strangers to each other, his extraordinary kindness and courtesy made the deepest possible impression on me. In 1893 his son and daughter-in-law published a transcript of the Churchwardens' accounts of S. Mary's parish, 1550-1662 (Blackwell, Reading), in a way which furnishes a model of how such work should be carried out.

F. B. PARROTT.

THOMAS PARROTT was a member of this Society for about 45 years. On Nov. 12 he met with the terrible accident which caused his death. He was widely known and much respected.

JAMES RUTLAND, who died November 19, was one who had long ago made his mark, and of whom one would have wished to write a fuller notice than is possible at the very last moment as the RECORDS is going to press. Born March 15, 1827, he carried on for many years the business of a builder, and was largely employed in camp-sheathing work on the river side. He was parish clerk of Taplow for (if I remember rightly) 40 years, and organist of that church for great part of that time. On retiring, he was presented with a suitably-inscribed gold watch and chain, which he very highly appreciated and valued. His work in the restoration of ancient buildings (amongst others, Hitcham Church), during which builders were formerly, and are frequently even now, allowed to carry off so many objects of interest discarded by an ignorant committee; and his river-side work, where he would see bones of certain quaternary animals and flint implements turned up by the dredgers, probably combined to give his tastes their archæological bent; and he gradually amassed an enormous collection of palæolithic implements from brickfields, etc., through a wide radius of S.E. Bucks; and of neolithic implements chiefly dredged from the river; while from the same source came bones of such animals as Bison (*Bison prisceus*), Urus (*Bos primigenius*), large Red deer (*Cervus elaphus*), etc., and sundry implements of bronze and iron. As none of his more perishable relics (such as those of bone or iron) received any preservative treatment, or were even kept under glass, these latter have to some extent crumbled; but of his flints, he liberally presented our Society with a goodly selection, while he sold a typical collection to the late Mr. H. Seebohm, and these through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Goolden (formerly Mrs. Seebohm), are now also in the Society's collection, and I believe others were dispersed elsewhere; but on the last occasion that I visited him, with a view to asking him to put a price on his collection, in hopes it might be possible to acquire it for the Museum of this county in which the large majority of the specimens had been found, there were still some 2,000 flints, besides a few other objects.

About 1879 or 1880, the late Rev. Chas. Whately, Rector of Taplow, asked me to open the large barrow in the old churchyard there, to which I gladly assented. As is well-known, the 5th Earl of Orkney, in 1828, persuaded the then Vicar and Churchwardens to allow him to pull down the old church, and to throw the churchyard into the grounds of his adjoining house, Taplow Court; while he provided a new churchyard and built a church therein (style of architecture immaterial!). Mr. Whately was no doubt anxious to exercise his rights over the old churchyard.

As, however, the barrow is on the lawn, close under the drawing-room windows of Mr. Grenfell's (now Lord Desborough's) house, I waited for an opportunity while he should be abroad, or other favourable moment, for invading the privacy of his garden; but in 1883, on return from my annual visit to Norway, I found a note, two or three weeks old, from Mr. Whately, awaiting me, hoping I would come over directly I returned, as Mr. Rutland was proceeding to open the barrow. Any disappointment I may have felt was largely discounted on learning that the operations had cost Mr. Rutland nearly £50; that towards the end, when at work nearly 26 ft. below the top of the barrow, the soil had "colted in" (to use the Bucks word) and nearly killed him; and that after all his expense and labour, he was not allowed to retain the objects, all of which were presented by Mr. Whately to the British Museum.

Mr. Rutland read some rough notes on this find before the Society of Antiquaries, which were reproduced in the Proceedings of that Society, X. 19, but published no full account of it. Various other accounts, however, appeared in different periodicals, a list of the more important of which is given by Mr. R. A. Smith, in the Vic. Hist. of Bucks, I. 200; to which may be added the little account by the Rev. B. Burgess, in the RECORDS, V. 331. Mr. Rutland collected material for a History of Taplow, which has been published, we believe, at the expense of Mr. Astor.