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In Memoriam.

HARRY MENGDEN SCARTH.

THE Science of Archæology and also the Church of which he was a greatly respected minister, have sustained a severe loss in the recent death of the Rev. HARRY MENGDEN SCARTH, M.A., Rector of Wrington, Prebendary of Wells, and Rural Dean of Portishead, in the County of Somerset. Mr. Scarth was the son of Mr. Thomas Freshfield Scarth, of Staindrop, co. Durham. He was born in 1814, and educated at the Edinburgh Academy, whence he passed to Christ's College, Cambridge, and took his B.A. degree in 1837 and M.A. in 1840. In the same year he was ordained to the Curacy of Eaton Constantine, Salop. Here, in the immediate neighbourhood of the famous Roman Station of Uriconium, he acquired a taste for Roman Archæology which never forsook him. He soon afterwards was appointed to the Perpetual Curacy of Kenley in the same diocese, but in 1841 he was presented by the Duke of Cleveland to the Rectory of Bathwick eum Wooley, co. Som., which benefice he held for thirty years. Here he had an opportunity during his hours of recreation of pursuing his favourite study of Roman Remains. In 1871 he was presented by the son of his previous patron to the more important benefice of Wrington in the same diocese. In 1848 he was made a Prebendary of Wells, and became Rural Dean of Portishead as stated above.

Mr. Scarth was, what is called, a High-Churchman, and worked heartily with Archdeacon Denison in forming the Bristol Church Union, which was eventually absorbed in the English Church Union. He did not, however, we think, become a member of the latter body. Moreover, he was an active and zealous Parish Priest. His worth was recognised in the diocese, as shewn by his preferments, and his genial, quiet, modest, and unaffected manners caused him to be beloved and esteemed by all who knew him.

Mr. Scarth was well known throughout Eng'and and on the Continent as an accomplished expert in Roman and Romano-British Remains. On this subject he was a frequent contributor to the Journal of the Royal Archæological Institute from 1852 to the last year of his life; also to the Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society; to the Wiltshire Archæological Society; the Bath Field Club; and our own Society, which he assisted to inaugurate, and was a member of the Council, and took a great interest in the progress and work of the Society from that time to the day of his death, especially in the excavation by Sir John Maclean of the Roman Villa at Tockington Park in 1887 and 1888.

The principal work which he published was "Aquæ Solis; or Notices of Roman Bath," which has been long out of print, and we are glad to hear that hopes are entertained of a new edition, for which Mr. Scarth had prepared notes, bringing the notices down to the date of the recent discoveries.

At the request of the S.P.C.K. he wrote for their popular series a most interesting little book entitled "Roman Britain," which has given great satisfaction, and is often cited by eminent scholars. It has been stated that so thorough was his special knowledge of the subject that he was able to write this useful book off without being obliged to refer to authorities or make any special preparation.

In 1842 Mr. Scarth married Elizabeth S. Hamilton, daughter of the Rev. J. Leveson Hamilton, Rector of Ellenborough, co. Bucks, by Susan his wife, daughter of the Rev. Richard Woodward, Rector of Glanworth, co. Cork, Ireland. His wife and four of his children pre-deceased him, and he was left a widower with three surviving daughters. His daughter Alice Centenari, the author of the "History of the 'Old Catholic' Movement," died at Wrington last year to his great grief.

Mr. Scarth had been failing in health for a year or two, and sought rest and relaxation in the South of Europe. This last year, to escape an English winter, he, with his two daughters, went by sea to Tangiers, hoping the change might restore his health. He greatly enjoyed the sunshine and bracing air of the climate, and was much interested in the vestiges of Roman occupation, as inscribed stones, coins, &c., which he found there. In one of his letters from Tangiers he remarks: "Things, apparently, continue here much as they must have been left on the breaking up of the Roman Empire. The manners and customs of the people, and their dress and mode of conveyance remain the same." He took a chill, however, and suffered an attack of intermittant fever with congestion of his lungs, which was too much for him in his feeble condition. He rallied a little, and no serious apprehensions were felt by his daughters until Holy Thursday, when he became worse, and quietly fell asleep on the morning of Easter Eve, 5th April, 1890, aged 76. His body was brought home and interred in his own churchyard at Wrington on the 21st of the same month. He will be greatly missed.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM HENRY PAINE, F.R.C.P., F.G.S.

SINCE the issue of the last Part of our Transactions the Society has lost another of its Original Members in the decease of Dr. PAINE, of Stroud, after an illness of considerable duration. He was a native of Stroud, and was born on the 28th April, 1824, and died the 15th June, 1890, aged 66 years.

Dr. PAINE was much respected in the town for his great professional skill, his liberality, his unobtrusive and always courteous demeanour, and his devotion to all good works. He was greatly instrumental in the erection of the Hospital in the town, and took the greatest interest in its management afterwards, visiting it daily. He was very active in the establishment of the Cemetery, was the first Chairman of the Board of Health, was strenuous in the effort to form a Mechanics' Institute, and subsequently of the Stroud Institute; he encouraged young men in the study of Art and Science, and himself formed and conducted a class in Physiology. He was a great promoter of the foundation of the School of Art and of the Stroud Natural History and Philosophical Society, and in advancing other philanthropical objects. He was in the Commission of the Peace for the County of Gloucester, and was a member of the Royal Geological Society, the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club from its foundation, and of the Bristol and Gloucester Archæological Society, on the Council of which he served for some years. He frequently attended the meetings of the Society, but he has not enriched the Transactions with any communication.

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