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In Memoriam.

JOHN BEDDOE, F.R.S.

Dr. Beddoe was one of a singularly brilliant group of medical men who found their home in Bristol in the middle of the last century, others of the number being Dr. Pritchard, the ethnologist; Dr. Budd, a high authority on zymotic disease; Dr. Estlin, the ophthalmologist; and Dr. Herepath, famous in his day as an analytical chemist.

Dr. Beddoe was born at Bewdley in 1826, and abandoning the profession of the law, took his M.D. degree at Edinburgh in 1853. In the following year he went to the Crimea for service in the military hospitals, and his journey home through Vienna gave to him the first opportunity on a large scale of the study of ethnology, which he had begun in Orkney in 1852, and which he continued to the end of his long life. In 1857 he settled in Clifton, and lived there till some twenty years ago, when he retired to Bradford-on-Avon.

Dr. Beddoe was one of the best known anthropologists in Europe. In 1867 he was awarded a prize of a hundred guineas by the Council of the Welsh National Eisteddfod for the best essay on the Origin of the English Nation. This essay was afterwards expanded into his well-known book, *The Races of Britain*. In 1889 he was President of the Anthropological Institute, and in the following year he delivered his Rhind lectures on "The Anthropological History of Europe," a work which showed profound knowledge of the physical characters, migrations, and evolution of the peoples of Europe; and quite lately he was appointed Honorary Professor of Anthropology in the University of Bristol.

Dr. Beddoe was one of the founders of our Society. In December, 1875, as Chairman of the Provisional Committee of the Society, he, together with Lord Ducie and Mr. P. Hallett, issued a circular proposing the formation of the Society, and at the Inaugural Meeting held on April 22nd, 1876, he seconded a vote of thanks to Bishop Ellicott for taking the chair, a special vote of thanks having been previously passed to him, together with Mr. Hallett and Mr. John Taylor, for their services in the formation of the Society.

Dr. Beddoe served as President of the Society at the meeting held in Bristol in 1890, and delivered a characteristic address: he also contributed some valuable papers on local ethnology to our *Transactions*. That two such notable anthropologists as Dr. Beddoe and Dr. Rolleston were willing to take part in its work was a very great assistance to our Society in its early days, and that Dr. Beddoe was able to do so much first-rate and pioneer work, in spite of the pressing claims of an exacting professional career, for so long a time, is a striking proof of his energy and persistence. Even when he had settled down at Bradford-on-Avon he did excellent work for his new neighbours, serving on various local boards and committees, as well as on the Wilts County Council. He closed his long, distinguished and useful life at Bradford-on-Avon on July 19th last.

SIR JOHN DORINGTON.

It would be true to say that to give an account of what Sir John Dorington was to Gloucestershire would be to write a summary of the administration of county business for the last quarter of a century at least. He was a Gloucestershire man, educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, who found the work of his life among his own people, and did that work thoroughly well. He was one of the founders of the Society, having given in his name to the Provisional Committee as one who would help on its objects to the best of his power, and at the Inaugural meeting he seconded a resolution which had been moved by the Bishop of Clifton. At the fifth annual meeting, held at Stroud in July, 1880, Mr. Dorington was naturally chosen President of the Society, and he delivered an excellent address. Knowing as he did the Cotswold district thoroughly, he brought his Archaeological knowledge to bear upon it in a most interesting and instructive way. The address is still very well worth reading, as showing how much teaching can be drawn from careful observation of the natural features of a country.

Sir John Dorington was, of course, too busy a man to be able to give much time to the work of the Society, but he was a life-member, and his death marks the passing of one more of the rapidly dwindling band of those who formed our Society now thirty-five years ago. He died in London on April 5th last in his 79th year.