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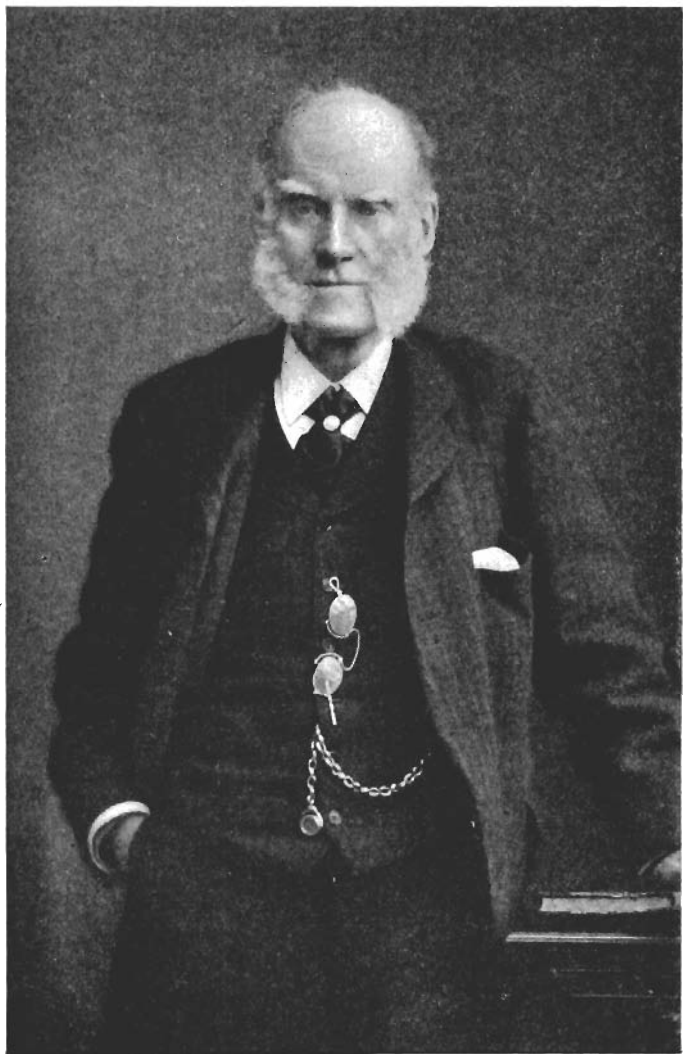
In Memoriam.

ROBERT HALL WARREN, F.S.A.

Mr. Warren, who passed away on June 24th last in his 80th year, was notable not only because he was a grandson of the Rev. Robert Hall, Assistant Pastor of Broadmead Chapel in 1784, and Pastor 1826 to 1831, but also because he was one of the very few persons who could remember Bristol before the great changes took place which were carried through in the middle of the last century. Mr. Warren had not only read the books about Bristol, but he knew the place itself through and through, and his knowledge was always at the service of those to whom it would be helpful. It would be true to say that there is no one now left who knew the ancient city so well. From 1848 to 1887 Mr. Warren was engaged in business as an iron merchant, but retiring from active work in the last-named year, he devoted himself for the last quarter of a century of his life to the pursuit of benevolence, art, and archæology. For twenty years he served on the Committee of the Royal Infirmary, and when the Convalescent Home was opened by Queen Victoria he became a member of the Committee, and continued his service to the time of his death. For many years he was connected with the Fine Arts Academy, acting for some time as Honorary Secretary. But it was as an antiquary that we knew him best, because for many years he was a member of the Clifton Antiquarian Club, serving as its Treasurer; and for yet more years he was a member of our Society, serving on the Council. Furthermore, he was elected a member of the Society of Antiquaries in 1894. Mr. Warren knew and loved Bristol well, but best of all he knew and

loved Bristol Cathedral. A man who could tell you a story about Canon Randolph, who died in 1831; who remembered the sermons of Canon Lee, the orphan carpenter's apprentice who became Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge; and who had seen the precentor enthroned as proxy for the bishop, was indeed a link with a long-forgotten past. Those who have the opportunity of doing so, should read the paper, "A Lord Bishop's Enthronisation by Proxy," by Mr. Joseph Leech, in *The Church Goer* ("Added Papers"), and they will realise over how long a period measured by years, and how much more measured by taste and feeling, the memory of Mr. Warren extended. The enthronisation of a bishop with the precentor in the episcopal stall, and the registrar in that of the archdeacon, is happily now quite unthinkable, but Mr. Warren was one of the congregation of less than twenty persons who saw it in 1856. But he knew and loved the fabric of the old church as well as he loved its history, and he set down the fruits of his knowledge in a series of most helpful papers. It was fitting that the Dean and Chapter should have placed on their records a resolution thanking him for his long-continued interest and his admirable work; also that on the day before his death he should have attended divine service in the Cathedral, and have listened to the Bishop's tribute to his old friend Canon Robeson; and finally that the first portion of his funeral service should have been held in the old mother church of the diocese where he had worshipped for so long.

The Society is indebted to the kindness of Mr. J. W. Arrowsmith for the picture of Mr. Warren.



ROBERT HALL WARREN, F.S.A.