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IN 1914, to the great regret of the Council and the members of the Society generally, Mr. Taylor retired from the Editorship of the *Transactions* of the Society, after having held the post for eighteen years, since 1893, and contributed many valuable papers to it. Indeed, his connection with the Society dates back some thirty years, for Part I of his "Analysis of the Domesday Survey of Gloucestershire" is dated 1887.

At Mr. Taylor's request the presentation, which took place on September 25th, 1914, was made privately, in a Committee Room at the Council House, Bristol, the use of which was kindly granted by the Lord Mayor.

The gifts consisted of a Georgian silver inkstand with the assay mark of 1809, a copy of the India paper edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, and a Saxon dictionary.

The President of the Council (Canon Bazeley) spoke a few words of sincere acknowledgment of the Society's debt to the Editor's scholarship and unfailing courtesy. Mr. J. E. Pritchard (Vice-President), Mr. A. E. Hurry (Hon. Gen. Secretary), and Mr. J. J. Simpson (Hon. Treasurer to the fund), also added a few words of appreciation.

Mr. Taylor, in thanking those present, said he had found archæology valuable in keeping his mind fresh for his clerical work. In his student days he had been advised to have always on hand some piece of work entirely distinct from his daily labours, and he had found the advice excellent, and he took the inkstand as an encouragement to continue contributions to the *Transactions* as circumstances permitted, a statement which was heard with great satisfaction.

IN a letter of thanks which he sent to the members, Mr. Taylor wrote as follows:—

“ The work has been throughout a labour of love, and it has always been a help in a ministry which has never been one of small responsibility, to be able to turn aside in thought to that pleasant land of forest and vale and hill which forms our district, and to do my best to throw some light on its history in days now long gone by.

“ The time came when the Editorship must needs be laid down, and then it was a source of great thankfulness that the Council did me the honour of appointing me to the office of Vice-President, so that my connection with what has been the work of half a lifetime will not cease, and it will always be a pleasure to do everything that lies in my power to help on the welfare and prosperity of the Society.”