

OBITUARIES

SIR EDWARD RICHARD HARRISON, LL.B.

Members will have heard with the deepest regret of the death of Sir Edward Harrison, which occurred at his home in Sevenoaks on the 10th November, 1960, in the 88th year of his age.

For fifteen years, from 1935 to 1950, Sir Edward held the key office of Honorary General Secretary to the Society, and on his retirement from that office he was appointed a Vice-President. During the long years of his service Members learned to appreciate the urbane nature of his personality ; for his high ability as an administrator and long experience of men and affairs joined to his archæological and historical knowledge was applied to the conduct of our affairs in a kindly and charming manner which endeared him to all who came into contact with him. His name will always be associated with those of other distinguished and devoted workers who have done so much to sustain our Society.

Edward Richard Harrison, was the son of that remarkable man, Benjamin Harrison of Ightham, whose name will always be honoured in the records of prehistoric studies. It was natural, therefore, that Edward should share his father's interests in the human story in its widest extension, and he paid homage to his memory, when in 1928 he published *Harrison of Ightham*. This was followed four years later by *The History and Records of Ightham Church* ; he also contributed to our *Archæologia Cantiana*.

Edward Harrison was born in 1872 and privately educated. For a time he taught in a school, but fixed his career when in 1892 he took the Civil Service Examination, and was posted to the India Office, where he stayed two years. In 1894, he entered the tax inspectors' branch of the Inland Revenue, joined the Head Office Staff in 1902 and seven years later was transferred to the Inland Revenue Secretariat. In 1914 he became Clerk to the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, was Director of Establishments in 1919, and finally, from 1922 to 1932 was Chief Inspector of Taxes. He published *A Digest and Index of Official Reports of Tax Cases*. He was a barrister-at-law of the Middle Temple, and received the honour of knighthood in 1923.

In 1909, he married Elsie, daughter of the late Rev. Ralph Green, who survives him, and to whom our sympathy is extended.

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MR. C. W. HOPPER

We regret to record the death recently of the Society's Collector, Mr. C. W. Hopper of Canterbury. Mr. Hopper had undertaken the collection of members' subscriptions for many years, his appointment dating from the time when the late Mr. Stokes was Honorary Treasurer. He carried out his duties in a most efficient and painstaking manner and his death will be especially felt by the Honorary Treasurer who always found him a helpful and willing Assistant.

Mr. Hopper who had lived and worked in Canterbury for most of his life died comparatively young after a short illness.

We extend our sympathy to his widow and daughter.

S.M.