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Obituary.

THE LATE HENRY WILSON, M.A., F.S.A.

The Council of the Royal Archaeological Institute have received with very great regret, which they are sure will be shared by all the members, the information of the sudden death by accident of their esteemed colleague, Mr. Henry Wilson. He joined the Institute in 1893, was elected a member of the Council in 1898, and remained a member of that body until his death. For some time he undertook the duties of Honorary Editor of this *Journal*, and he accepted the arduous post of Secretary for the meeting at Tunbridge Wells in 1905. As he was then verging on his seventy-third year, those who know the labour and strain involved in the duties of that office will appreciate the mental and physical vigour displayed by him up to the last.

Returning from Catford by bicycle to his home at Farnborough in Kent at 11 o'clock on the night of the 8th January, 1907, he came upon some furniture vans at a part where the road was being repaired, and, in endeavouring to guide his bicycle along the narrow space allowed, was thrown under the wheels of a van and instantly killed.

Mr. Wilson was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1899, but it does not appear that he contributed either to the proceedings of that Society or to our *Journal* any formal communication of importance. At our meeting on 1st April, 1896, he exhibited a book of sketches of churches in Cheltenham and its neighbourhood and on 3rd March, 1897, a small Roman bronze figure found at Sidcup. His presence was always a welcome feature of our annual meetings; and in the social intercourse and informal discussions which are so pleasant an incident of those meetings, he was ever ready to give his fellow members the benefit of his great learning, his retentive memory, and his ready eloquence.

Mr. Wilson was born at Banks Hall, Barnsley, and educated at Catherine Hall (now St. Catherine's College), Cambridge, where he took the degree of M.A. After leaving Cambridge he followed the profession of a school-master, and for some years had a private school at Malvern. He removed to Farnborough in 1891. He had become a member of the British Association in 1883. In social politics he was a strong individualist, and a frequent correspondent of the *Times* newspaper, and contributor to the *Liberty Review*. An article of his on the subject of the Carnegie millions appears in that Review for January, and may be referred to as an excellent example of his literary style. E. W. B.

THE LATE JOHN THOMAS MICKLETHWAITE, F.S.A.

The Institute has suffered a serious loss by the death of Mr. John Thomas Micklethwaite, one of its Vice-Presidents and an active member for thirty-one years. Having written briefly, in *The Architectural Review*, what I had to say of him as an architect, as a fellow pupil in architecture, and a friend of forty years' standing, I hoped that someone more competent would have spoken of him as an archaeologist. It may be safely said that never did archaeology, or more strictly ecclesiology, enter so largely into the professional practice of an architect as in Micklethwaite's career. Instead of its being a recreation or a study to which only the hours snatched from business could be given, it was with him an essential part of the profession and business of his life; and sound and good as his architecture was, it is, I believe, rather as an ecclesiologist that he will be chiefly remembered.

While various works were being carried out in St. Albans Abbey Church in 1872, under the direction of Mr. George Gilbert Scott, Micklethwaite, who was then still engaged in his office, assisted in the work, and it was he who, when his attention was called by the clerk