

Having briefly reviewed his long connection with the College and referred to the long reigns of three of his most distinguished predecessors, Mr. Milman, concluded in the following words :—Permit me once more to thank you with all my heart for the great honour you are doing me to-day, and to repeat that my encouragement, my joy, my strength during all these forty years, have been found in the kindness and almost excessive appreciation which I have at all times received from OUR SION in her head and in her members—*esto perpetua*.

Obituary.

MR. J. W. BONE.

WE regret to have to record the death of Mr. John William Bone, a valued member, who, at an earlier period of the life of the Library Association, was frequently to be seen at our meetings. Mr. Bone was born at Salford in 1828, and received his first education under the well-known Unitarian minister, the Rev. J. R. Beard. He was subsequently at Ushaw, and took his B.A. degree at the London University in 1851. For some time he was an assistant examiner for the Civil Service Commission and for the London University. He afterwards entered the Consolidated Bank in Threadneedle Street, London, of which he became the Secretary. From this important post he retired a few years ago, and after living some time in London, settled in Birkdale. He died at Stockport, December 8th, 1895, aged sixty-six.

Mr. Bone was a member of the London Conference of 1877, when the Association was founded, and became a life member in 1878. He took part in the Manchester Meeting (1879), and was among us at Edinburgh in the following year, when he contributed an interesting account of the Monastic Library at Fort Augustus to the annual volume. In 1881 Mr. Bone was elected Auditor with the late Mr. W. Brace. These gentlemen presented a valuable report on the financial position of the Association to the Cambridge Meeting (1882). In more recent times long and painful illnesses prevented Mr. Bone from taking any active part in our proceedings, but he never lost his love for bibliographical studies. He was deeply interested in all subjects connected with the antiquities and literature of the middle ages generally and more especially with the Mediæval Church and Lancashire archæology. His name was frequently to be seen in *Notes and Queries* down to a very recent date. In 1871 he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. He came of an old Roman Catholic family; his brother, a Catholic priest, survives him. The older members of the Association who remember Mr. Bone will recall to mind his pleasant address and courteous manners. He was ever ready to impart information, and combined in an unusual degree much shrewdness and great amiability of character.

Just as we are going to press, we learn with deep regret that we have lost another founder of the Association, the Rev. William Rogers, Rector of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, who died January 19th, 1895, aged seventy-six. We propose in our next number to give a biographical notice of our late distinguished member.