

## OBITUARY

### GODFREY W. MATHEWS

GODFREY W. MATHEWS joined the Society 26 February, 1920, was elected to the Council in 1924, and became a Vice-President in 1935. He took an active interest in the work of the Society until failing health and subsequent blindness, caused him to relinquish office, but he attended meetings until shortly before his death, which occurred on Friday, 1 December, 1950.

He contributed the following papers:—

1923. "Chester Mystery Plays," Vol. 76, p. 147.  
1926. "Some Notes on the Liverpool Election of 1806," Vol. 79,  
p. 74.  
1928. "Some Notes on the Parish of Harthill, Cheshire," Vol. 81,  
p. 38.  
1930. "The Chester Heralds."  
1934. 1. "The Becket Boss in the Lady Chapel of Chester  
Cathedral," Vol. 86, p. 41.  
2. "Biographical Notices of some Cheshire Poets."  
1941. "John Bolton, A Liverpool Merchant, 1756-1837," Vol. 93,  
p. 98.

Besides his interest in Archaeology, Mr. Mathews was widely read, and owned at one time a very extensive library.

He was for many years a member of the Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society, to which he read many papers, and of which he became President in 1925. His presidential address was on William Blake. For over seventeen years he was Secretary of the Liverpool Poetry Society, and as an active, co-opted member of the Wallasey Libraries Committee in its early days, he helped it to gain the position which it holds in the Library world of today.

He published two volumes of verse and several volumes of essays and lectures. His lecture on Pirandello was printed, and, at the time of the centenary celebrations, he wrote a life of William Roscoe.

Generous and kindhearted, he was always willing to help those less fortunate than himself, and he is sadly missed in the literary circles of Merseyside.

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