

FRANK CHARLES BEAZLEY.

THE Society has suffered inestimable loss by the death on 6 April, 1931, of Frank C. Beazley, a member since 1899. As Honorary Treasurer 1905-11, Honorary Secretary 1910-14, and Vice-President from 1915, he served the Society faithfully and well. His scholarly contributions did much to lend prestige to the *Transactions*, and though for some years he had found his health unequal to attendance at meetings, his researches and writings were continued to the end. More particularly, the younger members of the Society found in him a patient and willing helper, ready not only to guide them in entering fields unknown but also to place at their disposal the accumulations of material on the history of Lancashire and Cheshire that he had compiled.

The third son of the late James Beazley, Esq., of Liverpool, Frank C. Beazley was born in 1856. He was educated at Marlborough College, and was brought up to a business life. Disliking this, he took to ranching in California. He returned to England about 1899 and devoted himself to sport and archæology. He became a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1908, and was a Founder and Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, London. He was a Councillor of the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire and acted as Honorary Treasurer of that Society 1909-22. From 1909 to 1911 he was Editor of the *Cheshire Sheaf*, to which he was a constant contributor of valuable notes.

A list of his publications is appended. With the love of accuracy that marked all his work and that consideration for others that was innate in his personal relations, it was characteristic that Mr. Beazley's executors found among his papers the list of publications and the facts

of his career as set out here addressed to the Editor of the *Transactions* of the Society.

PUBLICATIONS.

Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

Notes on the Parish of Woodchurch. (With W. F. Irvine.)
1902.

Index to the *Transactions*, 1 to 51.

Monumental Inscriptions at Backford, Stoak and Thornton-le-Moors. (With J. P. Rylands.) 1906. Reprinted.

Notes on the Parish of Burton in Wirral. 1915. Reprinted with additions.

Monumental Inscriptions at Bunbury. (With J. P. Rylands.) 1918. Reprinted.

The Crosse Family of Wigan, Chorley and Liverpool. (With R. Stewart Brown.) 1922.

Notes on the Brock and Brooke Families. 1923.

Thurstaston, a history of the Manor, etc. 1924. Reprinted with additions.

Four Liverpool Clippers. 1925.

Wirral Records of the Seventeenth Century. 1926.

Henry Park, Surgeon, and his Register. 1929.

A Legacy to St. Mary del Key, 1509. 1931.

Privately printed.

The Parish Church of St. Saviour's, Oxton.

Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

Hearth Tax Returns, City of Chester, 1664-5.

A Calendar of Monumental Inscriptions and Wills.

Cheshire Sheaf.

Many contributions under own name and pseudonyms.

Genealogist, London.

The Dairy and Pedigree of Xofer Sanderson of Eggleston.
N.S., xxii.

Pedigree of Glynn of Glynn and Liverpool. N.S. xxiv, xxv,
xxxiii.

Miscellanea Genealogica.

Bisley of Abingdon Pedigree. 5 S. vi, Pt. 7. 1927.

Bisley or Beazley Pedigree. 1928.

JOHN BROWNBILL, M.A.

THE death was recorded on 20 May last, of Mr. John Brownbill. He was appointed Honorary Editor of the *Transactions* of the Society in June 1911 and resigned in June 1928, after serving the Society well for seventeen years. During that time he was responsible for editing sixteen volumes of the *Transactions*, to which, and to earlier ones, he contributed many valuable papers and notes. Mr. Brownbill wrote a *History of St. Peter's Church, Lancaster*, and edited, for Mr. E. B. Royden, in 1924, a volume of family history, entitled *Three Royden Families*, and in 1928, *West Kirby and Hilbre*. Mr. Brownbill published a pamphlet in 1907 on *The Tribal Hidage*. Articles by him also appeared in *The English Historical Review*. As an editor for a time, and as a contributor, to the *Cheshire Sheaf*, he did much to advance the investigation of the medieval and local history of that county.

He was joint editor with Dr. Farrer of the *Victoria County History of Lancashire*, and contributed articles to the *Complete Peerage*.

THE HISTORY OF THE

This history was compiled and written by Mr. J. W. Howard, who was appointed Honorary Editor of the Transactions of the Society in 1841, and continued to edit it until his death in 1857. The work is a history of the Society from its first meeting in 1780 to the present time. It is a history of the Society as a body, and not of the individuals who have been members of it. It is a history of the Society as a whole, and not of any particular part of it. It is a history of the Society as a body, and not of the individuals who have been members of it. It is a history of the Society as a whole, and not of any particular part of it.

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