

COMMUNICATIONS.

JOHN FORD-JONES.

MR. J. FORD-JONES died on Monday, the 20th April, 1936, at 33 Rocky Lane, Anfield. He was buried at Anfield Cemetery.

Born on the 25th March, 1860, he spent his early years at Crosby. He was educated at the Merchant Taylors' School and the Liverpool College, Shaw Street, where he was considered a very clever student and was a scholarship winner.

He entered the business of Evans Sons, Lescher and Webb, Wholesale Chemists, Hanover Street, ultimately occupying the position of analyst and traveller.

His father lived at Woburn Hill, etc., and carried on business as a wine and spirit merchant ; his mother was formerly Margaret Hammond.

Mr. Ford-Jones was an original member of the Liver Sketching Club and a life member of the Liverpool Artists' Club. In 1897 he edited "A short history of painters, engravers, sculptors, etc. : a descriptive catalogue of the prints, mezzotints, and engravings, presented to and deposited in the rooms of the Liverpool Artists' Club."

He contributed many articles to the newspapers on items of local interest, and from 1920 was a member of this Society.

He is best known for his excellent etchings portraying old houses and streets, particularly of Liverpool, which he so ably executed. His studio was situate on the north side of Clayton Square, since covered by a draper's em-

porium, and later on the east side of Cases Street. From 1891 he was a successful exhibitor at the annual Autumn Exhibitions held in the Walker Art Gallery. It is most fortunate that the Liverpool Public Library authorities fully appreciated his artistic efforts and acquired a representative collection of his etchings of Liverpool, numbering sixty-eight.

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FRANK HALLIDAY CHEETHAM, F.S.A.

FOUR days before his sudden death on October 9, Mr. Cheetham, whose name is prominent in this volume, was selecting with the Editor the necessary illustrations for the Bidston article. The volume was then complete and only this small space remains to give a short notice of our loss. In the next volume a more complete record of Mr. Cheetham's work will be given. He began to contribute to the Society in 1909 and at least eighteen papers in volumes previous to this one came from his pen. Elected to the Society in 1922, he became a member of the Council in 1926. He was local secretary for Lancashire for the Society of Antiquaries, of which he became a Fellow in 1919. He was responsible for the architectural descriptions in the last five volumes of the *Victoria History of Lancashire*, and in many other volumes of other counties. His loss is a great one to the society, but he leaves, besides a wide range of work accomplished, an example of meticulous accuracy in the accomplishment, and of wholehearted enthusiasm for his work.

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