

OBITUARY.

The Society has to mourn the loss of its President, the EARL OF ROSEBERY, who had held the position since 1901. In 1904 he opened the Society's Exhibition held to celebrate the Society's Jubilee, and made the speech which, when printed, forms the most brilliant paper contributed to the RECORDS (vol. IV., pp. 94—103).

Other losses include that of Mr. GEO. WELLER, who had been a member for 53 years, and had been a generous donor to the Society (the list of his gifts appeared in the RECORDS, vol. X., pp. 449 and 450).

Canon JOHN WOOD, who died in his 97th year, was our oldest member, having been elected as far back as 1857, when he was a curate at Aylesbury, to which he was ordained by Dr. Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford.

The Rev. F. W. RAGG, who died in his 85th year, had contributed a good deal to our RECORDS,—chiefly papers dealing with the material contained in the Archdeaconry records, and one dealing with his beloved Masworth Church, which he did so much to restore with his own hands when Vicar of that parish. He was also the author of the article on the Political History of the County, which is a bright ornament in the fourth and last volume of the *Victoria County History*.

Mr. HOWARD HAZELL and the seventh EARL OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE were also members whose loss the Society has to deplore.