OBITUARY

EARL OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

John Hampden Mercer-Henderson, 8th Earl of Buckinghamshire of the 1746 creation, died on 2nd January, 1963, at the age of 56. His family, the Hobarts of Blickling, Norfolk, inherited the Bucks. estates of the Hampdens by the marriage of John Hampden's daughter Mary to Sir John Hobart, grandfather of the first Earl. Lord Bucks. was devoted to his estate and was an authority on forestry. For some years he was Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords. As a Vice-President and a Trustee he helped the Society in many ways and was interested in its work as in that of the Bucks. Record Society, of which he was President. He was a bachelor.

SIR BRUCE INGRAM, O.B.E., M.C.

Sir Bruce, internationally known as the proprietor and Editor of the *Illustrated* London News for over 60 years, died on 8th January, 1963, at the age of 85. As Editor he gave archæology a prominent place in his paper and must have done much to stimulate interest in it over the years. He was a notable collector and gave his fine collection of marine paintings to the National Maritime Museum. His home was Great Pednor Manor.

THE REV. F. C. HEWARD

The Rev. Frederick Charles Heward died in the autumn of 1962. He had been in poor health for some time. Mr. Heward became Deacon in 1931 and Priest in 1932, and after serving as Curate in Edmonton and South Croydon, became Vicar of Piddington, Oxon, 1942-46. He moved to Langley Marish, where he assisted at St. Mary's Church, and after his retirement, as far as his health would allow, devoted himself to the Kederminster Library, where his voluntary services were of the greatest value, and resulted in the Library Room and books being kept in better order probably than at any time in their history. The Society owes him a great debt in this respect. In addition, it was he who prepared the first full catalogue of the Library: and subsequently, with Mrs. Heward, made a complete transcription of the *Kederminster Pharmacopolium*, copies of which are much valued in our own and other libraries. His loss will be felt by our Society and in Langley, and latterly in Hillingdon where he finally moved.

MR. J. R. T. TARVER

Mr. Tarver, who died in 1962, was the second senior member of the Society, having been elected in 1908 and had served on the Council. He was very well known in Bucks. as a County Councillor and Chairman of the Education Committee. He lived at Wing, where he was Agent for the Rothschild estate at Ascot.

SIR WILLIAM ELDERTON

Sir William Elderton was a Past President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and the author of several actuarial and statistical works as well as a keen genealogist. He lived at Chesham Bois.

Other members whose deaths were notified during the year were: Col. N. Shaw Kydd; Mrs. J. F. Parrott; Mr. G. C. Southam, a member of the well-known Waddesdon family; and Mr. D. C. Wilkinson.