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## ABBREVIATIONS.

|          |   |
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| ac.      | acre.   |
| B.H.R.S. | Bedfordshire Historical Record Society: Octavo Publications, unless marked as Quarto Memoirs. |
| car.     | carucate.   |
| D.B.     | Domesday Book.  |
| D.N.B.   | Dictionary of National Biography.   |
| deft.    | defendant.  |
| Kg.      | King.   |
| kt.      | Knight.   |
| li.      | libra or pound.   |
| mess.    | message.  |
| N.E.D.   | New English Dictionary.   |
| P.R.     | Pipe Roll.  |
| P.R.O.   | Public Record Office.   |
| P.R.S.   | Pipe Roll Society.  |
| pltf.    | plaintiff.  |
| r.       | rood.   |
| R.C.     | Record Commission.  |
| R.S.     | Rolls Series of Chronicles and Memorials.   |
| V.C.H.   | Victoria County History (Bedfordshire, unless another County is named).                       |
| v.       | virgate.  |





## IN MEMORIAM W.A.

By the passing of William Austin, the Society has lost one of its most devoted supporters. Elected as Treasurer at the Foundation Meeting in 1912, he served it in that office up to the last. In spite of the exacting claims of his profession upon his time, he made leisure to contribute to its volumes several papers, marked by originality both in outlook and in choice of subject. His historical interests were mainly focussed upon Luton, its families and manors, its mills, markets and fairs, and upon the prehistoric relics of antiquity found within its boundary. Elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1915, he contributed to its publications papers on 'Saxon Graves at Luton' and on 'A Saxon Cemetery at Luton' (*Antiquaries' Journal*, vi, 184; viii, 177). Besides his well-known 'History of a Bedfordshire Family' which dealt with the Crawleys of this county, he published privately a scarce work, 'A Short History of Freemasonry and of the Bedfordshire Lodge of St. John the Baptist, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 475' (Luton: Atkins: 1891, 8vo.), for the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge's existence. Of the History of Luton, which will include materials collected by Mr. Austin for many years, he had passed only the first six chapters; fortunately for local history, his friend Mr. Jos. Hight Blundell has undertaken to complete the first and to edit the second volume.

At the Annual Meetings of the Society, his genial optimism and his delight in its work will be greatly missed.

