



Yours very truly  
J. W. Stone

## In Memoriam.

THOMAS WILLIAM SHORE, F.G.S.

1840—1905.

On the death of Mr. T. W. Shore a wish was widely expressed that a fitting appreciation of his long and valuable services to the Hants Field Club and Archæological Society should be shown by the publication in a permanent form of some of the papers which he read to the members at their meetings ; many of these appeared in the columns of local newspapers. The issue of the present volume will, it is hoped, serve as a slight memorial of Mr. Shore's labours for the spread of antiquarian knowledge in Hampshire. The work of selection was committed to the present writer, who as Editor of The Hants Field Club Papers (1887—1905) was for many years associated with Mr. Shore in the work of the Society. For the materials of this prefatory memoir he is greatly indebted to the notices which appeared at the time of Mr. Shore's death and the communications of private friends.

Thomas William Shore, son of William Shore, Architect, by his wife Susannah, *née* Carter, was born on 5th April, 1840, at Wantage, Berks—the birth-place of King Alfred—and was brought up in that town. For eight years, 1865—1873, he held the post of Organizing Secretary of the East Lancashire Union of Institutions, at Burnley. This Union was a movement for the encouragement of science-teaching, fostered by the great pioneer of education, Sir James P. Kay-Shuttleworth.

Mr. Shore was sent, with others, by the Science and Art Department to report on the Paris Exhibition (1867), in relation to scientific and technical education, and he gave evidence on the subject before a Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1868. In 1873 he was appointed Secretary and Executive Officer of the Hartley Institution, Southampton, which post he continued to hold for twenty-three years;

retiring in 1896. Of his excellent work at the Hartley there are enduring memorials, and the Institution is indebted to his influence for many valuable gifts, notably a collection of Books, Prints and Pamphlets relating to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, formed by the Rev. Sir William H. Cope, Bart., of Bramshill (died 1892). During Mr. Shore's time there were two or three variations of the Hartley Trust Scheme, gradually leading up to the development of the Institution as a University College, which necessitated his retirement.

The following resolution dated December, 1905, was adopted by the Council :—

“That, bearing in mind the valuable services rendered by  
 “Mr. Shore to the Hartley Institution for a period of  
 “twenty-three years, and considering its financial  
 “position to be such as to render it impossible to  
 “continue the payment of the present salary, he be  
 “invited to resign as from January 1st, 1906 his  
 “position as Secretary and Curator and Executive  
 “Officer.”

A pension was at the same time awarded to him.

It was while at the Hartley that Mr. Shore made acquaintance with every nook and corner of Southampton and the County. He was a great walker and used often pleasantly to style himself “the Hampshire Tramp.” In the course of his visits to remote spots and out-of-the-way places not only did he look out for things with the eye of an expert student, but he was wont to pick up many a quaint tradition or bit of folklore from old villagers whose acquaintance he would make in his wanderings. Mr. Shore gave much attention to the study of geology and was elected F.G.S. in 1878. On the occasion of the visit of the British Association to Southampton in 1882, Mr. Shore was Secretary to the Section of Geology.

It was his association with the Hampshire Field Club and Archæological Society which made Mr. Shore's name widely known as an authority of high repute on geological and antiquarian subjects. He was the originator of that society, for, as appears from the Minute Book, on 20th March, 1885, Mr. Shore

called together the Rev. G. Woodhouse, Vicar of Ropley, the Rev. W. L. Eyre, Rector of Swarraton, and Mr. W. Whitaker, F.R.S., of the Geological Survey, and by these the Hants Field Club was founded. Mr. Shore became one of the Hon. Secretaries, having as his colleague Mr. Ernest Westlake, of Fording-bridge. In 1887 Mr. William Dale undertook the duties of Hon. General Secretary and became the faithful ally of Mr. Shore, who as the Hon. Organizing Secretary now gave his attention to the planning of the Summer Meetings, and in this matter did inestimable service. Not only did he make the preliminary arrangements but gave much time to the preparation of papers. He could always be relied on to have something that was interesting and useful to say about the places visited and things to be seen.

The portrait we have been able to reproduce gives a good idea of his genial personality. His cheery voice was a welcome sound and the members looked to him as a matter of course to talk to them out of his wonderful store of knowledge. Alert and vigorous, his sturdy active figure led the party, walking over hill and dale, along country roads, through woodland or valley without wearying, finishing the freshest of all at the end of the day.

In 1896 Mr. Shore left Southampton for London, and in that year the Hampshire Field Club and Archæological Society made him a present of a purse of gold and a handsomely bound set of their publications, together with an album containing the names of more than a hundred contributors. He did not resign the office of Organizing Secretary on his removal from the County but continued his interest in the affairs of the Club.

After taking up his residence in London he founded the Balham Antiquarian Society; and on March 6th, 1900, became joint Secretary of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, to which he contributed a series of papers on Anglo-Saxon London and Middlesex.

Mr. Shore was a ready speaker and an industrious writer. One of his most successful works is his "History of Hampshire," in Mr. Elliot Stock's series of Popular County Histories, published in 1892. He also wrote "Vestiges of Old

Southampton" and a Guide Book to Southampton. For some years before his death Mr. Shore had been engaged on a study of the Anglo-Saxon Settlement of England, and his labours resulted in an important work "The Origin of the Anglo-Saxon Race," which was edited by his sons and published posthumously. His papers published in the Hampshire Field Club Proceedings are numerous, and a large number of communications from his pen appeared in the Hampshire local papers and other publications. He also contributed papers to "The Antiquary," "Notes and Queries," The Middlesex Archæological Society and other learned bodies.

On Jan. 24th, 1861, Mr. Shore married Amelia Lewis of Gloucester, who died May 31st, 1891. His five children survived him—two sons, Thomas William Shore, M.D., Dean of the Medical School of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Lewis Erle Shore, M.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and University Lecturer in Physiology, also three daughters. He died suddenly at his residence, 157, Bedford Hill, Balham, on Jan. 15th, 1905, and was buried at the Cemetery of St. Mary Extra, Woolston, nr. Southampton. Numerous friends gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of one whom they greatly held in esteem. Wreathes were sent by the Hants Field Club and Archæological Society, the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, the members of the Balham Antiquarian Society, and many private friends.

A touching tribute to Mr. Shore's memory appeared in the *Church Times* (Jan. 20th 1905,) from the pen of "Peter Lombard" (the late Canon Benham, D.D., F.S.A.) who says:—

"I have lost a dear friend and Hampshire one of its most  
 "brilliant antiquaries. I knew Shore as a lovable  
 "man, a most affectionate son and brother. He was  
 "a man who spared no pains to get his facts right,  
 "most industrious, most acute, and—a higher gift than  
 "these—with a real love and human interest in the  
 "places he laboured to throw light upon. R.I.P."

G. W. M.