

John Morland

(Plate XIX)

By the death of John Morland of Glastonbury, which took place at Burnham-on-Sea on 31 July 1934, the Society has lost one of its oldest members. He reached the great age of 96 $\frac{3}{4}$ years.

Mr. Morland, who was educated at Bootham School, York, and at the Royal College of Mines (University of London), settled in Somerset while still a comparatively young man in 1870, and joined the Society in 1876. His first contribution to the *Proceedings* appeared in vol. xxvii (1881), and the last, written fifty years after joining the Society, in vol. lxxii (1926). It was in 1926 also that he became a vice-president.

He continued almost to the day of his death to attend the council meetings and excursions, and otherwise interested himself in antiquarian matters in Glastonbury and wherever he went. He had been associated with Dr. Bulleid and Mr. St. George Gray in the most interesting excavations of the Lake Villages of Glastonbury and Meare from the commencement, and was honorary treasurer of both funds.

Mr. Morland led a full and busy life, apart from his archæological interests, though he never intruded his affairs upon his friends. They all knew something of course, of his business affairs, his public work, and his work for the Society of Friends and other good causes; but the list of his scientific qualifications and distinctions, published in *The Times* (2 August) on his death, was frankly a surprise to many who had only known him as a serene old man with a passion for facts.

The following is a list of Mr. Morland's contributions to the Society's *Proceedings* :—

Vol. xxvii (1881), 'On an Ancient Road between Glastonbury and Street.'

Vol. xxxv (1889), 'St. Bridget's Chapel, Beckery.'

Vol. xxxviii (1892), 'The first short account of the Glastonbury Lake Village.'

Vol. xl (1894), 'On some Roman remains at Long Sutton, Som.'

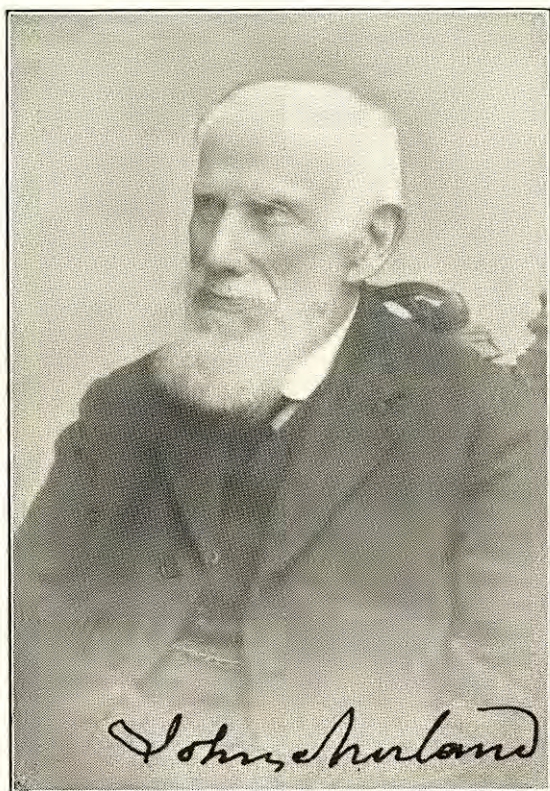
Vol. lviii (1912), 'Pomparles, Glastonbury.'

Vol. lxxiii (1922), 'The Brue at Glastonbury: The Roman road, Pons Perilis, and Beckery mill—a Regional Survey.'

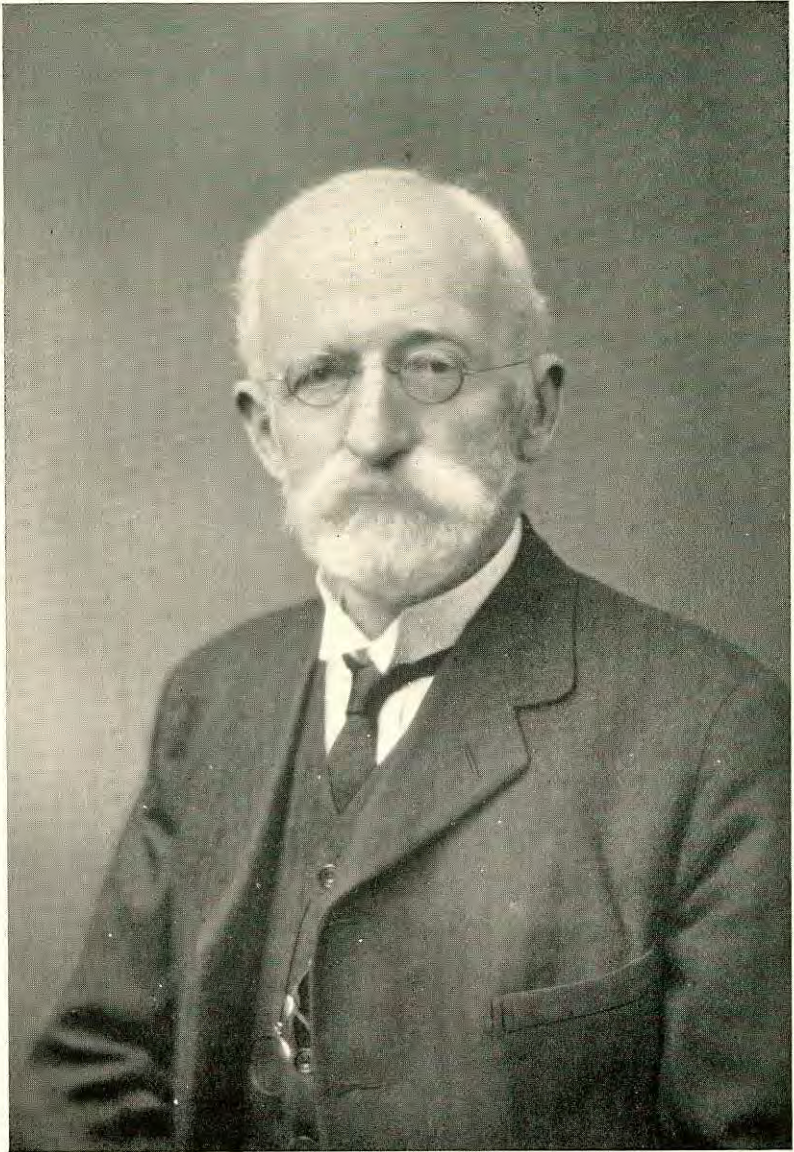
Vol. lxxii (1926), 'The Mound, Glastonbury' (written jointly with Dr. A. Bulleid).

H. F. SCOTT STOKES.

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JOHN MORLAND,
of Glastonbury



HENRY SYMONDS, F.S.A.

From a Photograph by R. W. Brown & Son, Weston-super-Mare

Henry Symonds. F.S.A.

Barrister-at-Law

(Plate XX)

HENRY SYMONDS was born on 30 January 1859, his father being Henry Symonds of Broadwinsor in Dorset and his mother Mary Leekey of Milverton in Somerset. He was at Rugby under Jex-Blake, but after his school career further studies were prevented by eye-sight trouble. Later he read for the Bar to which he was called in 1886, and was elected a member of Lincoln's Inn. He joined the Midland Circuit, but after his removal to London in 1897 he devoted most of his time to reading and research at the British Museum and the Record Office, his special subjects being numismatics and genealogy. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1911. He was also a member of the Royal Numismatic Society and his papers on coins and medals, on which he was a recognised authority, were published in that society's *Chronicle*. His researches in genealogy were published in the *Proceedings* of the Dorset Natural History and Antiquarian Field Club which he edited from 1913 to 1916. During the war he acted as Honorary Deputy Assistant-Keeper in the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum. Sir George Hill, now Director of the Museum, was Keeper of Coins and Medals at that time and he very kindly writes: 'He was a scholar and a student, and it was always a pleasure to see him in the Department. When, during the war, he volunteered service in the Department (I was left alone, all my younger colleagues having gone to the front or to Whitehall) I most gladly welcomed him. He was with me from 8 November 1915 to 12 February 1916; and he settled down to the rather dull routine of the Department, and did his work just as if he were no more than a junior assistant, but of course much more efficiently.'

'His contributions to numismatics were very valuable. It was especially on the Tudor and Stuart periods that his most remarkable work was done.' Sir George gives a list of six papers published in the *British Numismatic Journal* and twenty-four papers in the *Numismatic Chronicle*.

After his removal to Staplegrove near Taunton he took an active part in the work of this Society ; he became a Local Secretary in 1918, was a member of the Council from 1920 to 1928, and acted as Honorary Secretary from 1920 to 1925. His legal knowledge enabled him to give valuable service on several occasions and especially in connection with the Society's appeal against Income Tax.

When he removed to Weston-super-Mare he took great interest in the work of that Branch of the Society, was one of its Vice-Presidents, and contributed several lectures on his special subjects to its winter meetings. He died at Weston-super-Mare on 11 February 1933. After his death valuable gifts from his library were made to the Society's library by Mrs. Symonds and his son, the Rev. Harold Symonds.

C. H. BOTHAMLEY.