

Maritime Service, to Mary Harriett, only dau. of the late John Lusson, esq., of Marlborough-pl., Old Kent-road.

At Crondall, Hants, George Selater Booth, esq., M.P., eldest son of William Lutley Sclater, esq., of Hoddington-house, Hants, to Lydia Caroline, only dau. of the late Geo. Birch, esq., H.E.I.C.S., of Clare-park, in the same county.

At St. George's, Hanover-sq., the Rev. Frederick Paget Wilkinson, Rector of Great Orton, Cumberland, son of the Rev. P. Wilkinson, of Martindale, to Jane Ellen, dau. of Sir John Powlett Orde, bart., of Kilmory, N.B.

At Edgbaston, near Birmingham, by the Rev. Isaac Spooner, M.A., Vicar, Henry Willicombe, esq., of Tunbridge-Wells, to Lucy Lockwood, only dau. of the late John Vize, esq., of Hendon, Middlesex.

Dec. 9. At Leeds, Thomas Cash, son of the late William Cash, of Peckham-Rye, Surrey, to Rosamond Alice, dau. of the late Henry Rimington, of Brackenholme, Yorkshire.

At Hoddesdon, Herts, the Rev. Francis Storr, M.A., Vicar of Brenchley, Kent, to Cecilia, widow of the Rev. Richard Davies, and second dau. of the late Rev. F. J. Faithfull, Rector of Hatfield, Herts.

At Saffron Walden, John Clowes, esq., of Yarmouth, so icitor, to Maria Dorothy, third dau. of the late John Overton, esq., of Fakenham.

At St. George's, Hanover-sq., Capt. Walter John Grimston, R.A., second son of Charles Grimston, esq., of Grimston Garth, and Kinwick, in the co. of York, to Olivia, dau. of the late Major-Gen. Thomas Steele.

At Hove, Brighton, Charles Sutherland Dowson, esq., Capt. 7th Royal Fusiliers, eldest son of the late Capt. Charles Dowson, of H.M.'s 89th Regt., to Mary Anne, second dau. of James Frost, esq., of London, and widow of the late Edward Underwood, esq.

At Leighton, Montgomeryshire, the Rev. Geo. Richard Turner, Rector of New Radnor, eldest son of the Right Hon. Lord Justice Turner, to Emily Murray, youngest dau. of the late John Edwards, esq., of Ness Strange, Salop.

At Cork, Earnest Augustus Hawker, 3rd Depot, Battalion, Fermoyle, eldest son of the late Gen. Sir Sam. Hawker, G.C.H., Col. 3rd Dragon Guards, to Frances Mary, dau. of the late Major Henry Jackson Close, 9th Lancers, and widow of the late James Duncan, esq., 55th Regt.

At Stonham Astal, Suffolk, Robert, younger son of the late Thomas Roberts, gentleman, of Alderton, to Maria, only dau. of John Turner, esq., of Stonham Astal, Suffolk.

At Crossmolina, the Hon. Algernon Moreton, Capt. 3rd Light Dragoons, to Anna Jane, only dau. of Thomas Paget, esq., of Knockglass, co. Mayo.

At South Brent, Francis Meynell, esq., of Brent Moor-house, to Caroline Strachan Brown, of Glazebrook-house, South Brent, Devon, and dau. of the late Rev. Charles Brown, Rector of White-stone, Devon.

At Holy Trinity Church, Bromley-common, Wilmot, youngest son of Lancelot Holland, esq., of Langley, Beckenham, to Margaret, third dau. of John J. Wells, esq., of Southborough, Bromley, Kent.

At Turton, James Simpson Young, esq., of Altrincham, to Alice Anne, only dau. of Richard Riley, esq., late of Preston.

Dec. 15. At Charter-house, the Rev. R. W. Fiske, Curate of Boughton Bleau, Kent, to Mary, youngest dau. of the Rev. William Elwyn, late Perpetual Curate of Loose, near Maidstone.

At Brighton, Henry Jordan, youngest son of the late George Thornhill, esq., M.P., of Diddington, in the co. of Huntingdon, to Elizabeth Julia, eldest dau. of the late Major Barre William Goldie, Bengal Engineers.

Dec. 16. At St. George's, Hanover-sq., Henry Hatherly, esq., of Wareham, Dorset, second son of the late John Hatherly, esq., of Teignmouth, Devon, to Emily Elizabeth, second dau. of William Griffith, esq., of Eaton-sq.

Dec. 17. At St. George's, Hanover-sq., the Hon. W. D. Mortimer Best, eldest son of Lord Wynford, to Caroline, eldest dau. of Mr. and Lady Georgiana Baillie.

## OBITUARY.

### THE LATE REV. DR. BLISS.

WE have been favoured with the following sketch of the life of this distinguished antiquary, from the pen of an intimate friend who had known him for many years. It was, unfortunately, received too late for our last number, but as it contains some additional particulars, we have thought it best to insert it entire, although at the risk of some repetition.

Died, at the Lodgings in St. Mary Hall, Oxford, in the 70th year of his age, the Rev. Philip Bliss, D.C.L., Principal of that society.

A periodical of this description, which has always endeavoured to do justice to the memory of literary persons, especially of those who have shewn themselves well acquainted with the history and authors of former times, cannot be contented with the mere announcement of the removal

from us of this eminent antiquary and amiable and excellent man, who had been for so long a period a most conspicuous and a most useful and duly appreciated officer of the University of Oxford.

The deceased, the son of the Rev. Philip Bliss, M.A., of Oriel College, Oxford, Rector of Doddington and Frampton-Cotterell, Gloucestershire, was born at Chipping-Sodbury, where he received his preparatory education. He was subsequently removed to Merchant Taylors' School, and in 1805 admitted Scholar, and in 1809 Law Fellow, of St. John Baptist's College. His acquaintance with Mr. Price, the then Keeper, introduced him into the Bodleian; and his occupation there in cataloguing books, and familiarizing himself with their contents, must have had a decided influence on his future studies.

Through Lord Spencer, as well known as a book collector as a statesman, Mr.

Bliss obtained an office exactly to his mind, as an Assistant-Librarian in the British Museum; but he retained it a very short time, being recalled to Oxford by Mr. Price's successor, Dr. Bandinel, the present able Librarian of this wonderful and ever-increasing collection of printed works and of manuscripts—which has, I believe, more than doubled under his superintendence. He continued, however, Sub-Librarian a very short time; for on the resignation of Mr. Gutch he was elected by Convocation Registrar of the University, A.D. 1824, and was nominated his successor in the court by the Chancellor, Lord Grenville, 1831. In 1826 he had been elected Keeper of the Archives. Oxford became henceforward his home; and it was his peculiar felicity that his official duty was the work in which he delighted, and for which he was, from his turn of mind and previous studies, singularly adapted.

He held the office of Registrar nearly thirty years, and by the cheerful and ready manner in which he assisted the enquiries of all with whom he had any intercourse, he rendered himself universally popular; and we only repeat the judgment of all, when we say that there could not be a more accurate, painstaking, and courteous Registrar. The Acts of the University, recorded in his minute yet distinct and appropriate handwriting, deposited in the Archives, will exhibit to posterity a fine specimen of legible calligraphy.

In 1848 the Duke of Wellington, the then Chancellor, rewarded his public services with the headship of St. Mary Hall, which he put into complete repair at a considerable expense, appointed an able Vice-Principal, and when a change in the examination statute enlarged the circle of academical studies, he strengthened him by the addition of instructors in other departments.

The Principal was also a Commissioner of the Market and a Delegate of the Press.

Dr. Bliss married the second daughter of the Rev. Robert Barker Bell, M.A., formerly Fellow of New College, by whom he had a son, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Sophia, a most attractive girl, whose removal, at the interesting age of eleven, was a severe affliction to her parents, and who is still remembered by their friends for her precocious talents, pious disposition, and promise of future excellence.

Dr. Bliss was ordained deacon and priest by the amiable Bishop Legge, and though he was by habit better suited for

literary investigation than for the active duties of the pastoral office, he was conscientiously mindful of his ordination engagement; for he continued curate to his friend (and predecessor as Principal) Dr. Pett until his death, and afterwards, on the nomination of another friend, the late Sir Alexander Croke, served the chapel at his residence at Studley Priory. A paralytic seizure compelled him to resign this, as well as his University office.

The reprints of antiquaries are too often dry and repulsive; but those of Dr. Bliss—as Arthur Wilson's "Inconstant Lady, a play," and "The Christmas Prince, as acted at Oxford, 1607," Bishop Henshawe's "Meditations," and that very curious exhibition of characters in Bishop Earle's "Microcosmography,"—throw light upon the manners of the age in an agreeable form.

Dr. Bliss may be regarded as a connecting link between our own Oxford and the Oxford of our ancestors; and no man has done so much to bring the latter as it were before our eyes, by reviving our local annals, and exhibiting to us the picture of a long line of preceding worthies, in editing the "Remains of Thomas Hearne, from his manuscript Diaries," a work commenced in youth and finished in old age, and above all, by his elaborate edition in four quartos of "Wood's Athenæ," the deficiencies of which he has supplied from various sources. We only regret that he has left it to some future antiquary to complete that original work, which is so rich a storehouse of Oxford biography, and to which he would have brought a better temper and a sounder judgment.

The Principal was a decided Conservative, of the old school, and has recorded in the strongest terms his condemnation of the recent change in the constitution of the University, and the total disregard of the limitations of founders and benefactors. Nevertheless, his opposition was not to men, but to measures, and his variety of information, cordiality of manner, and obliging disposition, made him an acceptable companion even to those who differed most widely from him in University and political matters. And it may be truly said that he not only died deeply lamented by his widow and a large circle of friends, but that his decease is regretted as a loss to the University, to the credit and popularity of which he had so greatly contributed, by the manner in which he discharged the duties of the responsible office of Registrar, and by the firm, yet courteous and parental, authority with which he continued to the last to preside over St. Mary Hall.