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Isaac Sharp, 1847-1917

ALTHOUGH the majority of our readers will have received, before this issue reaches them, the sad tidings of the death, on the 9th October, of Isaac Sharp, the vice-president of the Historical Society and also its treasurer, we wish to place on record our sense of the value of his services to this Society throughout its existence. In early days he acted as joint secretary and editor, and, although later, other work compelled him to withdraw officially from these positions, he was always at hand to advise, and he gave constant and valuable help to our present secretary and editor. Isaac Sharp was also a contributor to *THE JOURNAL*—perhaps the last of his public writings was the review which appears in our present issue, page 174.

Isaac Sharp was the thirteenth successor to Ellis Hookes, who was appointed Recording Clerk to the Society of Friends about 1657, and he held this office for twenty-seven years (1890-1917). During this time the work of Friends at the Central Offices very largely increased and the responsibility of the Recording Clerk became in consequence much greater, but Isaac Sharp was always ready to throw his energies into fresh channels and was prepared to give advice and assistance in a great variety of ways.

His death took place after a serious operation, and his cremated remains were laid to rest in the Friends' Burial Ground at Wanstead on the 13th October, amid many tokens of affection and regard.