

In Memoriam.

PROFESSOR W. W. BUCKLAND.

THE lamented death of Professor Buckland has deprived the Cambridge Law School of one of its greatest scholars during the last two generations. His reputation as a Roman lawyer was established not only on both sides of the Atlantic and on the Continent, but also in every part of the World where the subject is studied. Moreover, this by no means marked the limits of his interest in, and knowledge of, law. As his colleagues and his former pupils fully realised, he was well acquainted with most of the branches of English law that came within the range of teaching at Cambridge, and he often discussed with the writer of this notice problems raised by judicial decisions in England and in the over-sea Dominions. No man carried his years more lightly. He passed from us when he was eighty-six, but he was younger at that age than many a man is at sixty-six. It was characteristic of his vigorous intellect that he produced last year "Some Reflections on Jurisprudence," and that only a fortnight before his death he gave me invaluable help on a series of difficult questions in the Civil Law. He had an inborn talent for going straight to the point, and a frank hostility to views founded on insufficient research or on pure speculation. His latest book was a striking illustration of this, for, while he fully recognised in it the wide interpretation put upon Jurisprudence by some of its expositors, he noted that in some respects their views related rather to matters extraneous to the law than to the analysis of law itself. Quite apart from his scholarship, his wide range of human interests and his kindness of disposition impressed all those who had the privilege of his friendship. One of my happiest recollections is a visit that I had with him to America. It was notable how easily he established social contact with our fellow-voyagers whom we had never met before.

Frederic Maitland was an intimate friend of his, and there was much in common in the outstanding services that both of them rendered to legal learning.

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