

OBITUARY NOTICES.

THE REV. WILLIAM JOSIAH IRONS, D.D., was the son of an eminent Independent minister, the Rev. Joseph Irons, of Grove Chapel, Camberwell. He was born on September 12, 1812, and graduated at Oxford in 1833. In 1840 he became Vicar of Brompton, a post which he held for thirty years. In 1860 he was appointed a prebendary of St. Paul's and he was Bampton Lecturer in 1870. His last living was that of St. Mary Woolnoth. Besides the Bampton Lectures on 'The Theology of St. Paul' he was the author of numerous pamphlets, and of one of the best known translations of the hymn 'Dies Iræ.' He contributed to the Transactions of this Society a valuable series of papers on the 'Struggle of Christian Civilisation from the era of the Crusades to the Fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453.' He died on June 18, 1883.

MR. FREDERIC DE PEVSTER, LL.D., President of the New York Historical Society, was born in New York on November 11, 1796. Educated at Columbia College, he was in 1819 admitted

to the Bar, and in 1820 was appointed a Master in Chancery. Soon after his admission to the Bar he was appointed Captain in the 115th Regiment, and afterwards became aide-de-camp and Military Secretary to Governor de Witt Clinton. Of his career as Master in Chancery it was said that he never made a decision that was not sustained on appeal. When the Court of Chancery was abolished he occupied his time with historical researches and as an active member of many benevolent societies. He was the author of numerous works, of which the most important are :

'William III. as a Reformer ;'
 'Prominent Men of the English Revolution ;'
 'Early Political History of New York ;'
 and the 'Life and Administration of the Earl of Bellomont'—the last an address delivered to the New York Historical Society at the age of eighty-three. In that Society he took the deepest interest. A member for nearly sixty years, he held several offices, and was President from 1873 till his death on August 17, 1882.