



# *Obituaries*

## *Castle Eaton*

### *Reverend John Sharpe*

One of those men who prefer to live rather in the memory of those who have laboured in the same vocation as themselves than in the public esteem, who silently perform the task allotted to them whatever be its weight or responsibility, without heed of repute or reward, has quietly been gathered to the tomb.

On the 27th ultimo, the Reverend John Sharpe, Rector of Castle Eaton, died at the patriarchal age of ninety. His last moments passed as tranquilly as the current of his long life. Endued with sound learning, a his critical faculty in classic and mediaeval lore, he, after publishing an admirable translation of "William of Malmesbury" jointly with Mr Petrie, the Keeper of the Records at the Tower of London, prepared the materials for that valuable compilation, the "Monumenta Historica Britannica". Those who have occasion to elucidate the History of the Kingdom before the Norman Conquest will all readily bear witness to the correctness and worth of this work, which is being pursued, under a different system, in the collections for the users of British History sanctioned at the present time by the Treasury and the Master of the Rolls.

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