

## OBITUARY

**Sir Edward Brabrook, C.B., F.S.A.**—It is with very deep regret that I have to record the death of Sir Edward Brabrook, which occurred on 20th March 1930, at his home at Wallington, as he was completing his 91st year.

His membership of this Society dated from 1893, and although he did not take an active part in its proceedings he retained an interest in them. He resided in Surrey about thirty-seven years: twenty-one years at Balham and thereafter at Wallington.

He was called to the Bar in 1866, and was a member of Lincoln's Inn. In 1869 he was appointed Assistant Registrar of Friendly Societies, and from 1891 until his retirement in 1904 he was Chief Registrar. In this connection he represented England in International and other conferences on Economic Subjects, and wrote a standard work on Provident Societies and other books and papers; and in 1904 he was President of the Economics Section of the British Association.

A man of wide interests, he was an honoured member of the many societies in which his intellectual vigour and attainments made him prominent for more than half a century.

Among his varied studies Archæology and Anthropology took a leading place. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1860, and after acting as a Vice-President he was its Director for many years. At the time of his death he had been for twenty years President of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, after serving successively, during sixty-five years' membership, as Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President. His other Presidencies include the Royal Archæological Institute, the Folk Lore Society, the Anthropological Section of the British Association, and the Antiquarian Societies at Lewisham and Balham.<sup>1</sup>

He was also an active member of the Royal Statistical Society, the Royal Society of Literature, and the Society for Child Study, among other Societies; and of the Athenæum Club (more than forty years), the Writers Club, and the Cocked Hat Club of the Society of Antiquaries.

On the personal side, I have lost an old and highly esteemed friend, who was my sponsor at the Society of Antiquaries and

<sup>1</sup> The Balham Antiquarian Society was founded by him in 1897.

similar bodies ; and my visits to him continued until shortly before his death. He had a very wide circle of friends, and his learning, his wit, and his excellent command of language made him an admirable conversationalist ; while his unflinching courtesy, geniality and friendliness endeared him to all who knew him.

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**Amherst Daniel-Tyssen, M.A.**—Another member of very long standing has been, to our great regret, removed by death. Amherst Daniel-Tyssen, M.A., D.C.L., of 59 Priory Road, Kilburn, died on 19th January 1930 as the result of a motor accident eight days previously, at the age of 86. In 1864–5, when he was a student at Merton College, Oxford, he became a Life Member of this Society, and also of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, of both of which his father, the late J. R. Daniel-Tyssen, F.S.A., was a member of Council. In both of these Societies he was the member of longest standing. From an early age Dr. Tyssen took a special interest in Bells and Bell Founders ; his *Church Bells of Sussex* was published more than sixty years ago, and recently he read a paper on the history of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to the London and Middlesex Archæological Society—of which he was a Vice-President—which has appeared in that Society's *Transactions*.

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**John S. Blake.**—We have to record also with regret the death of another member of long standing, Mr. John S. Blake of Richmond, who joined the Society in 1888 and attended the meetings regularly until about five years ago when he underwent a serious operation. His chief archæological interest was centred in the old churches of Surrey and Sussex.

**Miss Emily Drummond.**—A further loss was sustained on June 2nd 1930 by the death of Miss Emily Drummond at the great age of 92. Miss Drummond had been a member of the Society since 1892, and was the daughter of Thomas Drummond, Under-Secretary of State for Ireland from 1835 to 1840. After her father's death she moved to 18 Hyde Park Gardens, where she entertained the political, literary and artistic celebrities of her day at her famous salon. As a child she had known Wordsworth and Sir Walter Scott, and in her old age Robert Browning used often to visit her. The closing years of her life were spent at her country home near Dorking, where she found scope to express her love of landscape gardening.