

Obituary.

THE LATE RICHARD EDWARD GOOLDEN, F.S.A.

It is the fate of all societies, and perhaps more especially of Archaeological Societies whose members are more frequently elderly men, to continually deplore the loss of old friends and old faces each of them attractive to us by some special gifts or graces. A few months ago we lost our venerable Treasurer, now we have to regret the departure of another of our friends endeared to us by the same personal ties always created by gentleness and urbanity. Mr. Richard E. Goolden was the eldest son of the late Richard H. Goolden, M.D., F.R.C.P. He was born in John Street, the Adelphi, on the 24th July, 1839. His mother, the younger daughter of J. Naylor, Esq., was an intimate friend of Crabbe Robinson, the famous and brilliant raconteur and literary gossip, and nothing delighted Mr. Goolden more than to report stories and anecdotes which he had himself heard at his table. He was educated at the Merchant Taylors' School, and after learning his business in the City he became a partner in an East Indian firm and went out to Calcutta in 1863. In 1866 he returned to England in ill-health and continued in business as an East India merchant for some years, when he retired and afterwards lived at Cookham with his sister, in a very attractive house, to which he loved to take his intimate friends; and eventually he, in 1897, married the widow of the famous naturalist, Henry Seebohm. He was a skilled oarsman and a member of the Leander Club, and was also proficient at polo in the early days of the game. In his latter years he took great interest in archaeology, especially in that of the Thames valley, and he enriched the British Museum by several gifts of objects found in the Thames. Mr. Goolden joined the Institute in 1897; he was a very constant attendant at our meetings in London, and also at our excursions in the country, and served for some years on our Council, and his genial face and kindly presence will long be missed among us.

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