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WE deeply regret to have to record the death, at 12, Pleydell Avenue, W.6, on 14th October, 1948, at the age of 84, of Francis Robert Taylor, L.R.I.B.A., M.R.San.I., a very loyal member of our Society, which he joined in 1922.

When Albert Dabbs resigned his position as Honorary Director of Meetings in 1936, F. R. Taylor accepted the post, and he carried on the task with keenness and efficiency until 1947. During the war period he was also Acting Honorary Secretary. Owing to enemy action the majority of the Society's meetings arranged at the end of 1940 and during 1941-2 were not proceeded with; and it was not till the Annual Meeting, held at St. Martin's School of Art in Charing Cross Road on 24th April, 1943, that our Society really resumed its activities. A perusal of the reports of our Society's meetings during the last dozen years will show F. R. Taylor's keenness and activity, and that work, coupled with the duties of Hon. Secretary during Commander Bridgmore Brown's absence from London, must have put a heavy load on the man who at his advanced age pluckily shouldered both jobs.

F. R. Taylor, who was born in 1864, was by profession an architect and surveyor, and, after many years with Alfred Burr of Gower Street, he practiced on his own and then with Nestle's Milk Products. He was a very keen cyclist and photographer and a great lover of old churches and the historic haunts of London. He served on the Council of the R.I.B.A., was for many years a member of the Chiswick U.D.C., and was a keen Freemason. His photographs were used by the London Survey Committee, and to illustrate Warwick Draper's *Chiswick*, and other similar volumes.

From time to time he read well illustrated papers to our Society, and was punctilious in his attendance at our outdoor and indoor meetings.

He married, on 7th September, 1907, Dudley Tanner, of Shalford, near Braintree, who predeceased him on 13th February, 1942. He is survived by two sons, two daughters and a grand-daughter.

Here is another name to add to the long list of loyal members of our Society whom we have lost in the last few years.