

## OBITUARY

## Mr. JOHN DOUGLAS

It is with profound sorrow that the Council has to report that on the 27th August the Society lost by death the services of a devoted member—Mr. John Douglas—who became a life member in 1913, a member of Council in 1919, subsequently Deputy-Chairman of Council and a Vice-President in 1928.

A native of Edinburgh, Mr. Douglas came south nearly half a century ago, and at once, with all the enthusiasm of which he was capable, plunged into various benevolent and other activities.

He was the Governing Director of William Douglas & Sons, Ltd., and although an extremely busy man he always found time for any useful work he was called upon to undertake for the public good.

It is not possible to enumerate all the varied activities in which he had interested himself, suffice it to mention that he had been Governor of the Royal Scottish Association; Director of the London Scottish Charity; Director of the Royal Caledonian Schools; President of the Caledonian Society of London, and had taken an active part in the work of more than a score of other literary and benevolent societies, in all of which offices his influence was widely felt. So numerous had been his interests, that at one time he had been designated the Prime Minister of Scotland in London. As Chairman of the Federated Council of Scottish Associations in London from 1914 to 1923 he performed most valuable work, particularly in rendering aid to wounded men and prisoners of war. During the period of the war he also acted as military representative for the Borough of Wandsworth, having to deal with over 20,000 claims for exemption, a public service which he carried out with marked ability.

As the recognised historian of the Caledonian Society of London, he placed to his credit the *Chronicles* of that

Society (1905-30) which were published in two royal 8vo. volumes, and also he was the Editor of the *Year Book of Scottish Associations*.

As a life member of the Society of Antiquaries (Scot.) it was natural that he should show special interest in the work of our Society and, indeed, in all antiquarian archaeological matters, bringing to bear upon them the same conscientious and serious mind that characterised whatever he undertook. His presence at our meetings was always like a ray of sunshine with his kindly and attractive smile.

In the later part of the year 1930 Mr. Douglas was afflicted with a stroke which compelled him to withdraw from many societies with which he had for so long been connected, and our Society was one that was deprived of his services and sound advice. This disability must have been a great trial to a man hitherto so powerful and active.

He was a man of wonderful magnetism, of great personal charm and sterling character, and one was always impressed by his fairness of mind, his keen judgment and his grasp of principle. By his constant geniality, good humour, kindly disposition and large heartedness he had endeared himself to all.

With his passing this Society has lost a member of exceptional ability and distinction to be mourned by a wide circle of friends, both in London and Scotland. C.W.F.G.

### PHILIP MAINWARING JOHNSTON, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.

By the death of Philip Johnston on 17th December our Society loses a distinguished Honorary Member and English archaeologists an admirable exponent of our ancient churches and their contents.

Born in 1865, the seventh child of John Brooks Johnston, Secretary in London of the Royal Insurance Co., he was educated at King's College School and at the University of London. He studied drawing and painting