

OBITUARY.

DR. J. C. BAKER.

The Society sustained a severe blow in the death of Dr. J. C. Baker, who died on 4th October, 1924, aged 62 years. For many years he was a valued member of the Council, where his knowledge of ornithology and interest in archæology were of great assistance. This aid was rendered still more welcome by the charm of his manner, and it was particularly valuable to have an active member living next to the Museum.

MR. JAMES GRIFFIN.

In March, 1924, there died in his 92nd year Mr. James Griffin, who to numerous acts of private benevolence added others which entitle him to notice in these pages; he was the donor of the magnificent statue to John Hampden, so ably executed by Mr. H. C. Fehr, which forms one of the best public monuments in this or any county; and he subscribed liberally to the noble and dignified statue of Lord Beaconsfield, made by the same eminent sculptor after the portrait by Sir Francis Grant, which was painted in 1852; the latter statue was unveiled in September, 1923. Our Society in particular is deeply indebted to the late Mr. Griffin for his generous gift of English coins (reported in the "Records," p. 223 of the current volume).