

OBITUARY, 1943-4

The Society has to record the loss of two members of the Council: ADMIRAL RICHARD P. F. PUREFOY, C.B.E., M.V.O., who died on 19 Dec., 1943, aged 81. The Admiral was as assiduous in his attendance at the Council as in the performance of his other duties, and his interest in the Society was made evident by the way he welcomed the Annual Excursion at Shalstone in 1931, and by documents associated with his family's lengthy association with that place which have come to the Museum since his death.

The other member was COL. STANLEY BARRY, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., of Long Crendon, whose interest in the work of the Society remained active so long as his health allowed.

MRS. C. S. BAKER, who had been a member since 1902, continued the long association which had begun with her husband, Dr. Baker, when he served on the Council. Her unobtrusive services to the Society were continuous and deserve to be recorded in this humble way.

Amongst other, and less active members whose loss the Society has to deplore, were Dr. Louisa Garrett-Anderson, C.B.E., the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Cooper, of Iver, the Rev. G. Street, and Mr. E. J. McCarthy.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Society's Annual Meeting took place on 22 Apr., 1944, with Lord Cottesloe, vice-president, in the chair, as Lord Justice Mackinnon, the president, was unavoidably prevented from attending.

After the transaction of the formal business the Society had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Walter Rose speak upon the subject of which he, more than anyone, is a complete master—craftsmanship in wood. Since Mr. Rose is a very experienced carpenter and a most skilful carver, and has written a book on the subject which is easily the best we have,—the Society had the privilege of listening to a practical authority who also had the gift of expression, one who knows timber as well as the printed page, one who can handle chisel and gouge, as well as his pen.