

OBITUARY NOTICES

George Francis Legge

By the death of F. Legge the Society loses a member of the late Society of Biblical Archæology. He was the son of George Legge, a well-known architect and member of the Council of the Skinners' Company, his mother's maiden name being Hay.

A man of varied attainments, he published many articles in *P.S.B.A.* from 1897 onwards, his studies leading up from carved Egyptian slates, Coptic magic names, and the like, to his two volumes of *Forerunners and Rivals of Christianity* in 1915, followed in 1921 by two more, *Philosophumena, or the Refutation of all Heresies*, a translation from the text of Cruice, formerly attributed to Origen, but later to Hippolytus. A third work, on the *Pistis Sophia*, was only partly completed at the time of his death. He was elected to the S.B.A. Council in 1900, and on their migration, to that of the R.A.S., both of which he served devotedly, earning a reputation for a businesslike capacity. He had also seen the practical side of archæology as a member of one of the Egyptian excavating expeditions. He was elected F.S.A. in 1910.

He had another scientific interest besides archæology, that of physics. He translated Le Bon's *Evolution of Matter* in 1907, and Skellon's *Introduction to Electricity* in 1908, and wrote several short articles for the *Athenæum* on allied subjects.

As an athlete his tall, well-set-up figure was often to be seen in the early days of this century at the Inns of Court School of Arms, where he fenced, chiefly with the *épée*. He took over the *Epée Club* after the death of its secretary, and worked it up to a high reputation.

He served in 1916 in the Censor's Office, especially reviewing the British Press. Thence he went to the Ministry of Labour

after the war, and subsequently to the Military Service (Civil Liabilities) Department, where he became a First Class Examining Officer. Throughout, his several chiefs were unstinted in their praise of his work.

Apart from his work, of him as a personal friend it is easy to speak. He was always ready to help others with encouragement, spoken and written, and many a youthful author has found himself cheered thereby. There are many who will not easily forget the charm of his geniality, his appreciation of humour, and his kind and sympathetic nature. Want of space forbids that I should write more.

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Charles Henry Tawney, M.A., C.I.E.

Mr. Tawney, who was for many years (1883–1915) a member of this Society, died on Saturday, 29th July, 1922, at the age of 85. The following account of his career is excerpted from an excellent notice which appeared in the *Times* of the following Monday:—

Mr. Charles Henry Tawney was a son of the Rev. Richard Tawney, vicar of Willoughby, whose wife was a daughter of Dr. Bernard, of Clifton. From Rugby, which he entered while the great days of Dr. Arnold were a still recent memory, he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he greatly distinguished himself. He was Bell University Scholar in 1857, and Davies University Scholar and Scholar of Trinity in the following year. In 1860 he was bracketed Senior Classic and was elected a Fellow of his college.

The Presidency College, Calcutta, was still almost in its infancy when Tawney [partly for reasons of health] went out in 1864 as a professor. The Bengali student at that time was very responsive to English influence, and Tawney won a warm place in the hearts of his pupils by his gracious, unaffected friendliness. His promotion in 1876 to the principalship was both well merited and popular. He combined with the position the Registrarship of the Calcutta University, and he had three officiating spells