

Obituaries

SIR WALTER GURNER, C.S.I.

Born on 18th January, 1888, Cyril Walter Gurner was educated at Merchant Taylors' School, Oriel College, Oxford, and University College, London. Having passed the Indian Civil Service examination in 1910 he was posted to Bengal and spent his career there. In 1918 he was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation and from 1925 to 1929 served there as Secretary to the Local Government Department. In 1940 he became Special Officer in the Revenue Department, and in 1943 Special Officer in the Public Health Department. In 1946 he was knighted.

Retiring in 1947 he was until 1951 a Regional Controller, Ministry of Town and Country Planning. Joining this Society in 1921 he was a frequent reviewer of works on Sanskrit and twice served as a valued member of its Council. He died on Sunday, 14th August, 1960.

J. S. FURNIVALL

Born in 1878, John Sydenham Furnivall was educated at Epsom School and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Having passed into the Indian Civil Service he served in Burma from 1902 until 1925. On retirement he settled with his Burmese wife in Rangoon and interested himself in adult Burmese education, opening a bookshop and organizing the translation of European works into Burmese. In 1939 after studying at Leyden and visiting Indonesia he produced his *Netherlands India: a Study of Plural Economy*, and in 1948 was published his *Colonial Policy and Practice*. In 1936 Cambridge appointed him Lecturer in Burmese. From 1948 until 1960 he served an independent Burma as Adviser to the Minister of Planning at Rangoon. He died at Cambridge, aged 82.

H. ST. J. B. PHILBY, 1885-1960

The death of H. St. J. B. Philby in Beirut on the 27th September, 1960, has robbed the Society of one of its oldest members (he joined in 1909, and served on the Council for a year in 1920) and of a most distinguished personality.