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III. OBITUARY NOTICE.

M. G. A. Schrumpf.—We have to announce with very much regret the loss of one of our members, M. G. A. Schrumpf, who died suddenly of heart disease on Dec. 16th last, aged only 48 years.

M. Schrumpf was born on the 8th Sept., 1844, at Ober-Hansbergen, near Strasbourg, at which latter place he was educated. After the Franco-German war Dr. Schrumpf, who was an ardent patriot, was interdicted by the German Government from entering Alsace-Lorraine. He came to

England in 1866, and became teacher of modern languages, first at Tettenhall College, afterwards (in 1884) at St. David's College, Llampeter, and in 1885 at University College School. He soon became known both as a scholar and a linguist, and was a member of the Philological Society, and also a member of our own Society. During the latter years of his life he had devoted himself with especial ardour to the study of Armenian, in which he not only had a great knowledge of the archaic language, but was also conversant with many of the numerous dialects of the modern tongue. He was the author of an interesting series of articles on "Armenian studies in Europe," published in England in the French paper *L'Arménie*. The value of these articles is known to all students of Armenian, and they have already been translated into that language, and are in process of publication in German and Roumanian.

M. Schrupf contributed an important paper, entitled "Progress of Armenian Studies," to the Ninth Congress of Orientalists, held in London during the past year, a paper which will soon be published in the Transactions of the Congress. He also contributed numerous notes which have been incorporated in the new historical dictionary of English appearing at Oxford.

The Society is indebted to the generosity of M. Schnæbele, the uncle and testator of M. Schrupf, for the gift of all the Armenian, and several other, books in M. Schrupf's library, numbering in all about 500.

To Professor Minas Tchérax the Society also owes its thanks, for he was instrumental in proposing what M. Schnæbele has so generously carried out.

The collection contains a great many valuable books and pamphlets, and forms an important addition to the Society's Library.

The sudden death at so early an age of so successful, enthusiastic, and promising a scholar is a serious loss, not only to the Society, but to historical studies throughout the world.