

OBITUARY NOTICES

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MARQUESS OF WILLINGDON, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.,
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President, 1939-40

The Director, Sir Richard Winstedt, represented the Society at the funeral of Lord Willingdon in Westminster Abbey on 20th August.

Although still a strenuous servant of the Empire, Lord Willingdon consented to be President of our Society for a year. None of the Councillors will forget his extreme courtesy and charm, or his kindness in attending the annual meeting and making a speech in spite of the many calls upon his time and strength.

Sir George A. Grierson, O.M., K.C.I.E.

Sir George Grierson, O.M., died at Camberley on the 7th March, in his ninety-first year. It is fitting that this Society should pay homage to the memory of one who not only was a member for fifty-seven years, an honorary Vice-President, and a Gold Medallist of the Society, but also, in the grand tradition of Sir William Jones, proved himself one of the greatest scholars, perhaps even the greatest there has been, of India and its languages.

George Abraham Grierson, son of the late Dr. G. A. Grierson, was born at Glenageary, Co. Dublin, on 7th January, 1851. From Shrewsbury School he went to Trinity College, Dublin. Here the foundation of his life-work was laid. For though he took mathematical honours, he was also exhibitioner in Sanskrit and Hindustani. Robert Atkinson, Professor of Oriental Languages at Trinity College, was the first to direct his interest to those studies to which he was to make through long and fruitful years so monumental a contribution. In the