

composed by Muḥammed ibn Ba'īth ; the same shaikhs spoke with praises of his cultivation (*adab*) and bravery. From the last words we may conclude that the poetry of Ibn Ba'īth, not mentioned in any "Tadhkira", and probably already forgotten in the time of the Sāmānides, must have enjoyed some success amongst his contemporaries.

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OBITUARY

T. W. RHYS DAVIDS

WE have to record, with deep regret, the death of Professor T. W. Rhys Davids, a member of the Governing Body of this School, whose name has for many years been a household word among Oriental scholars and whose great work in the field of Pali Buddhist research is of epoch-making importance. He has passed away in the fullness of years and with the satisfaction of knowing that the greater part of the task he had set himself was accomplished, although the last work for which he was responsible, the new Pali Dictionary appearing under his superintendence, is still passing through the Press.

This brief and inadequate notice of a great Orientalist is intended to be supplemented hereafter by a more detailed memoir.