

local topics and on local languages, to the study of which he devoted in early days much of his spare time.

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The Society has lost by death Mr. C. H. H. Macartney, who was a member for fourteen years. He earned the gratitude of Arabic scholars by his elaborate edition of the Odes of Dhu'l-Rummah, an Umayyad poet, famed for the wealth of his vocabulary, but more than ordinarily monotonous. For this edition Mr. Macartney availed himself of practically all existing materials, and his work constitutes a monument of accurate scholarship. To appreciate these odes seems to require not only a great command of the language of the desert, but a very special taste, such as few Europeans possess or acquire.

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