

nearly 100 articles and monographs contributed to the JRAS, the BSOAS, and other learned periodicals. And as if even all this were not a sufficient offering, he also wrote over 400 book reviews, nearly all of them for the JRAS. He shunned personal publicity and in the evening of his life expressed the wish that there should be no obituary of him, unless this Society, which was very dear to him, might care to print a brief notice in its Journal.

A. S. FULTON.

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H. C. BOWEN, 1896–1959

Harold Bowen, who died on 22nd June, 1959, had served as a young man in the Diplomatic Service. During the Second World War he worked in the Middle East Division of the Ministry of Information. At the time of his death he was Reader in the History of the Near and Middle East at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, a post which he had held since 1951.

His academic interests lay originally in the 'Abbasid period, to the knowledge of which he made a contribution by his book, *The life and times of 'Alī ibn 'Īsā* (Cambridge, 1928). Subsequently he worked on the history of the later Ottoman Empire, and collaborated with Sir Hamilton Gibb in writing *Islamic society and the West*, Vol. I, *Islamic society in the eighteenth century* (O.U.P. for the Royal Institute of International Affairs: Part I, 1950; Part II, 1957). He was also the author of a number of articles in these two fields in the new edition of *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*.

He was a man of wide interests and had taken a part in the establishment of the London branch of the Turkish Halkevi and of the British Institute of Archaeology in Ankara. From 1956 until his death, he was a Member of Council of the Royal Asiatic Society. By his colleagues and students he will be remembered for his deep kindness and sympathy, no less than for his true and unostentatious scholarship.

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PROFESSOR ELMER H. CUTTS

Rarely do scholars reach the breadth of vision attained by Professor Elmer H. Cutts who died suddenly on 4th April, 1960. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of