

OBITUARY NOTICES

DR. S. W. BUSHELL, C.M.G.

THE death of Dr. Bushell on September 19 was a great loss to the Society, and more especially so to its Journal, for he was always a willing helper and adviser in all matters within his sphere of work, and his great knowledge of the Chinese language and of most things connected with the Far East made that sphere a very extensive one. It was seldom of late years that a month or two passed without some book or paper being given to him for review or opinion, and such references were always responded to with promptness and exactness.

Born at Ash-next-Sandwich, Kent, in 1844, he studied for the medical profession at Guy's Hospital, and after qualifying at the London colleges and graduating at the London University became House Surgeon at Guy's, and afterwards Resident Medical Officer at Bethlem Hospital. In 1868 he was appointed Physician to the British Legation at Peking, and held that post until 1900, when he retired on pension, and returned to England in but poor health. During his long residence in China and afterwards he was much interested in everything connected with Chinese literature and art; together with good Chinese scholarship he attained an extensive knowledge of the porcelain, coins, and curios of that country. As an expert on Chinese porcelain he was unrivalled and he published several works on that subject, the chief being *Oriental Ceramic Art*, 1896; *History and Description of Chinese Porcelain*, 1902; *Chinese Art*, 1904; and *Chinese Porcelain in the Sixteenth Century*, this last being completed but not published until a short time after his death.

Besides his papers and notes in our own Journal, Dr. Bushell contributed many articles on porcelain, numismatics, geographical and archæological subjects connected with the Far East to the Journal of the China Branch R.A.S. and other journals or periodicals.

He was elected a member of the Society in 1880, and was from 1901 to 1905 a member of the Council. He was made a C.M.G. in 1897.

As the Journal goes to press the news of the sudden death in Madras of our Honorary Member, Prof. PISCHEL, has been received. A full notice of his work will appear in the April Journal.