

Obituaries.

SIR REGINALD THOMAS TOWER,
K.C.M.G., C.V.O., F.S.A.

SIR REGINALD TOWER, President of the Kent Archæological Society since 1937, died at his home, Memories, Ash-next-Sandwich, on January 21st, 1939, at the age of seventy-eight. His long and distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service took him successively to Constantinople, Madrid, Copenhagen, Berlin, Washington, Peking, Bangkok, Munich and Stuttgart, Mexico and Buenos Aires. On returning from Argentina in 1919, after the close of the Great War, he became temporary Administrator of Danzig and afterwards High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig.

Following retirement from his diplomatic career, Sir Reginald Tower joined the Kent Archæological Society, in 1921. Five years later he was elected to a seat on the Council of the Society, and on the resignation of the Presidency by the late Lord Conway, he was unanimously appointed his successor, in April, 1937.

During his term of office as President, Tower took a notable interest in all the Society's activities, including excursion and business meetings. His unassuming manner and geniality, coupled with his diplomatic qualities and a reserve of firmness, fitted him well for guiding the destinies of the Society at General and Council Meetings, and he will be remembered with admiration and affection by those who came most into contact with him. His harmonious co-operation with the Executive of the Society was constant, and markedly helpful.

Two articles from the pen of Sir Reginald Tower will be found in *Archæologia Cantiana*, for 1927 and 1928. He also wrote the obituary notice of Dr. Kenneth Jones, which appears below. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1938.

During the last months of his life Tower's health was frail, and a few weeks before his death he was ordered complete rest. The hopes entertained for his recovery unhappily faded gradually away.

Tall, bearded, and distinguished in appearance, Sir Reginald Tower was affectionately described by one of his best-known colleagues on the Council of the Society as reminding him of one of "our Elizabethan ancestors". The aptness of this description will be readily recognized.

E.R.H.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN JONES, R.N.(Ret.).

SURGEON-CAPTAIN KENNETH HURLSTONE JONES, who died on November 15th, aged sixty-five, had been a member of the Kent Archæological Council since 1923. His efficiency and zeal were ever at the disposal of his colleagues. And it was not only in archæology that Captain Jones was pre-eminently useful. After a varied and distinguished career in the Royal Navy, extending over twenty-seven years, he retired to make his home at St. Stephens, Canterbury. He became local correspondent of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; a member of the East Kent Natural History and Scientific Society, and of the Canterbury Archæological Society; Corps Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade; Chairman of the Canterbury Branch of the National Lifeboat Institution; a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. These among many other activities filled his last years. His loss will be severely felt, and the geniality with which he devoted himself to useful service will be long remembered among his friends in Kent.

R.T.T.

With these words the President fitly epitomizes some of the varied and useful activities of our late member. It only remains to say that to many not archæologists he was a delightful friend and ever ready to help them in their own special interests with his enthusiasm and advice.

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