

Dr. Cock was for many years a much valued member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee on Faculties, now the Committee for the Care of Churches. For the last two years his health and especially his sight had been failing, but his mind was as clear as ever up to the last day of his life. We shall all miss his cheerfulness and kindness and goodness ; we shall treasure the memory of his industry in research, his desire to share with others what he had learnt, and his unfailing charity. He never said an unkind or harsh word. God rest his soul !

R.U.P.

The Council for British Archaeology.

THE government is well aware that the rebuilding of our bombed cities, and the setting out of new towns, will give rise to many questions upon which the views of archæologists ought to be heard. It is anxious to consult with the right people but the National Archæological Societies cannot speak with authority for local interests, while the local and County Societies can only cover limited areas. It is desired to set up regional bodies which can deal with any question affecting the interest of a group of counties, and which can advise a Central Council after co-ordinating and discussing the views of its own constituents. These new bodies are to be called Regional Groups. One group includes Kent, Surrey and Sussex and a meeting representing seven Archæological Societies from these counties was held on January 28th, 1944. Some four to six smaller societies in Surrey and Sussex have yet to appoint representatives. The Kent Archæological Society is represented by Mr. W. P. D. Stebbing, F.S.A., and Dr. Gordon Ward, F.S.A., who is acting as chairman of the group. The Secretary is Mr. S. S. Frere (Surrey Archæological Society), of 3 Bernard Gardens, Wimbledon, S.W.19. The group appointed as its representative on the Central Council for British Archæology the officers named above and Dr. Eliot Curwen, F.S.A., from Sussex. The precise functions of the group have yet to be outlined in any detail, but it is recognized that it must not displace the county societies and any tendency to do this will certainly be regarded with disfavour. But it may act as a useful co-ordinating body interesting each of us, for example, in excavations and explorations made by the other and perhaps in a common policy for investigating simultaneously the same sort of archæological problem in each county. A further report will be made to members in due course. G.W.