

## III. OBITUARY NOTICE.

*Mr. George Phillips.*

The death of Mr. G. Phillips has deprived the Society of a modest, but painstaking investigator, in a special department.

Mr. Phillips was born at Lower Walmer, in Kent, in the year 1836. He was educated first at a private school at Hastings, and afterwards at King's College School and King's College, London.

In 1857 he obtained, by competitive examination, an appointment in the China Consular Service. After learning the Chinese Language in Hongkong, he was appointed to Foochow. He served in various subordinate positions at Amoy, Foochow, and other ports, and in 1877 he was promoted to be H.M. Consul at Kiukiang. From this he was transferred to Taiwan (South Formosa) in 1880, and to Foochow in 1886. On August 1, 1892, ill-health obliged him to retire on a pension, and he took up his residence at London.

Mr. Phillips contributed a large number of articles to the *China Review*, the *Chinese Recorder*, the *Journal of the N. C. B. of the R. A. S.*, and to this *Journal*. His contributions dealt chiefly with geographical questions connected with China, and especially with the province of Fuhkeen. He maintained with much learning and great earnestness that the Zaitun of Ibn Batuta and Marco Polo was Chang-chow, not Chin-chew (Ch'uan-chow), as certain high authorities supposed.

Mr. Phillips died rather suddenly at his residence in Brondesbury on the 25th October last. He was a F.R.G.S., and he retained an interest in Chinese geographical writers and the geography of China up to the end.

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