

IV. OBITUARY NOTICES.

Three losses to the Society by death have taken place within the quarter: two, Resident Members, one of many and one of few years' standing, the other a distinguished scholar who had been on the list of Honorary Members for four years.

John Hallett Batten, son of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Hallett Batten, Principal of the East India College at Haileybury, and Catherine his wife, was born at Haileybury, in the county of Hertford, on 5 May, 1811. He was educated at Charterhouse, and in July, 1827, received a nomination to the Bengal Civil Service from Mr. Edward Parry, a Director of the East India Company. Shortly afterwards he entered Haileybury College, and passed out in May, 1829, having obtained a prize for an Essay, and marked as Highly Distinguished. During his career at the College he was more proficient in Classics, Law, Political Economy, and Persian, than in the other subjects which formed the curriculum of his studies. John Hallett Batten arrived in Bengal on 22 November, 1829, but in the following year proceeded to Europe on furlough. On his return to India he was appointed Assistant to the Commissioner of Revenue and Circuit in the Gorakhpúr division, and somewhat later Assistant to the Magistrate and Collector at Azimgarh. Transferred in 1834 to the Meerut division, under the Commissioner of Revenue and Circuit, in 1835 he became Assistant to the Magistrate and Collector at Saharanpur, exercising the powers of Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector at that station in 1836; but shortly after he was transferred as Assistant to the Commissioner of Kumaon. In 1837 he was Acting Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector at Garhwal; in 1839 Senior Assistant to Commissioner, and in charge of the Revised Revenue Settlement at Kumaon; and in 1850 he was appointed Commissioner of Kumaon. Again taking furlough to Europe, he returned to duty in 1858, and in 1859 was appointed Civil and Sessions Judge of Cawnpore. In 1863 he was Commissioner of the Agra division, but retired from service in 1865, when he became an Annuitant on the Fund. He contributed papers to the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal and other Indian Societies. He died on July 14th, 1886, at Heavitree, Exeter, after a very short illness, aged 75. An old and esteemed Member of the Royal Asiatic Society, in the records of which his name first appears in 1856, he had visited its rooms in Albemarle Street in seeming health and vigour only a few days prior to his decease.

The name of *Mr. Andrew Cassels*, a much-respected member of

the Royal Asiatic Society, is more especially connected with Eastern interests as that of a Member of the Indian Council. After many years spent on the Continent, chiefly in Italy, Mr. Cassels went out to Bombay as partner in the great Manchester firm, Messrs. John Peel & Co., and founded the house Peel, Cassels & Co., at the head of which he remained for a considerable period. On returning from India in 1851, he continued for some years in the business in Manchester, until his retirement, when he settled in London. He became one of the Directors of the Metropolitan Railway Company, and long acted as Chairman of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, a post which he only resigned on accepting the office of Member of the Council of India, offered to him in 1874 by Lord Salisbury. At the termination of the statutory term of tenure of this office in 1884, repeated efforts were made by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and other bodies to secure his reappointment, but this was not considered expedient, as being the first vacancy after the introduction of the ten years' limit, although the value of his services was fully recognized. Mr. Cassels was an active member of the Society of Arts, in which he took great interest; he was one of their Committee appointed to aid the organization of the Great Exhibition of 1851, and was elected to their Council in 1872, and Vice-President in 1875. He died on the 2nd of August in his seventy-fifth year, and was buried in the Brompton Cemetery.

Professor B. Julg, a high authority on the Mongol-Kalmuk languages, with which he had been familiar from youth, died on the 14th August, aged 61, at Innsbruck, in the University of which city he was Professor of Classical Philology. From his special connection with Tartar Fable Literature—a field which cannot be said to be thoroughly occupied—his loss will be felt outside his own immediate sphere of work. Only four years ago he was enrolled among the Honorary Members of this Society, a distinction accorded to his widely-spread reputation. His paper "On the Present State of Mongolian Researches" was published in Vol. XIV. pp. 42-65 of the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*.

V. EXCERPTA ORIENTALIA.

Nos. 3 and 4, vol. liv. part 1, of the *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*, consist of two papers only, Mr. Growse's "Notes on the Fatehpur District, N.W.P.," and part 2 of the "Geography of India in the reign of Akbar," by Mr. Beames. No. 1 of the