

HUGH STANLEY BRAUN, ESQ., F.R.I.B.A.

Elected 3rd March 1942

Hugh Braun, who died on 5th January 1974, had a deep interest in Maltese as well as English architecture. In 1933 he went to Iraq with the Chicago University expedition to excavate Nineveh, and although he returned to this country to work, first for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and later practising privately as an architect, he continued to make trips abroad to study and excavate. His main achievement lies in his many published works. As well as papers for the R.I.B.A., these included: *The English Castle, Old London Buildings, Parish Churches, Historical Architecture, Works of Art in Malta, and Maltese Architecture.*

PROFESSOR SIR (KEPPEL) ARCHIBALD (CAMERON) CRESSWELL,
C.B.E., D.LITT., F.B.A., HON. A.R.I.B.A.

Elected 3rd February 1927

Professor Sir Archibald Cresswell, who died on 9th April 1974 aged 94, was an outstanding authority on Islamic architecture and craftsmanship. He began his study of Muslim art in 1910 and pursued his interest in the subject while he was Inspector of Monuments in Syria and Palestine from 1919 to 1920. For the next 53 years he lived in Egypt, returning to England only in the year before his death. He studied Muslim building first in Egypt, then throughout North Africa and the Near East. He was Professor of Muslim Art and Archaeology at the Egyptian University from 1931 to 1951, and Professor of Muslim Architecture at the American University, Cairo, from 1956.

In 1932 the first of his works was published; these included two volumes on *Early Muslim Architecture*, and two on *The Muslim Architecture of Egypt*. They were followed by many papers in learned journals, and by a *Bibliography of the Architecture, Arts and Crafts of Islam* (1961). The high scholastic honours bestowed upon him indicate the importance and quality of his work: in 1948 he was awarded the Sykes Memorial Medal of the Royal Central Asian Society, and in 1959, the triennial Gold Medal of the Royal Asiatic Society.

THE REVD. CYRIL LEONARD CRESSWELL, K.C.V.O., M.A.

Elected 9th May 1946

The Revd. Cyril Cresswell died on 25th March 1974 at the age of 83. He was Chaplain of the Royal Victorian Order from 1938 to 1961, and subsequently Chaplain Emeritus. He was also Chaplain of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy from 1933 to 1961.

SIR MARTIN DAVIES, C.B.E., B.A., F.B.A.

Elected 2nd March 1961

Sir Martin Davies, formerly the Director of the National Gallery, died on 7th March 1975, aged 66. He was educated at King's College, Cambridge, where he studied modern languages, and joined the staff of the National Gallery in 1932. In 1968 he succeeded Sir Philip Hendy as Director, a post which he held until his retirement in 1973. His scholarship was revealed in the unrivalled catalogues of the Gallery's pictures which he produced in the post-war years. The first of these was that of the *Early Netherlandish School* (1945), in which he was particularly interested, and which he treated again in his work, *Les Primitifs flamands*. This was followed by catalogues of the French and British schools, and, in 1951, his major work, the *Earlier Italian Schools* catalogue. In 1973 Sir Martin published his only monograph, on Rogier van der Weyden. At the time of his death he was engaged on a book about Filippo Lippi.