

## OBITUARY NOTICE

### Sir Charles Eliot

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There are many, no doubt, who knew the late Sir Charles Eliot better than I, but I travelled out with him in 1926 on the *Hakozaki Maru*, at the time when he was revising his great work on *The History of Hinduism and Buddhism*. He did me the honour of asking me to make any suggestions I might please on the portion dealing with Siam and we had many talks on certain aspects of Buddhism in this country. One remark of his stands out clearly in my memory. I was questioning him about some particular point of doctrine, when he suddenly turned to me in that way peculiar to himself and said: "How should I know? I am not a Buddhist." You may perhaps agree with me that it will be of value to place this remark on record.

Sir Charles was a great man and a most lovable one to those who shared his interests and his love of the East.

His loss is an irreparable one to all interested in Buddhism, and his family may be glad to know that a tribute to his greatness and his services has been recorded in the annals of the Siam Society.

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