

THE FUNERAL OF SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY.

THE funeral of Sir William Ramsay took place at Hazlemere, High Wycombe, on Wednesday, July 26, in the presence of a large and representative gathering comprising very many who had been students of his. The congregation included:—Sir J. J. Thomson and Prof. Emerson Reynolds (representing the Royal Society); Prof. F. G. Donnan, Prof. E. G. Coker, Prof. A. R. Cushny, Prof. G. D. Thane, Prof. J. A. Platt, Dr. S. Smiles, Mr. H. Keene (acting treasurer), and Dr. W. W. Seton (secretary) (representing University College, London); Dr. Alexander Scott, Sir W. Tilden, Sir J. Dobbie, Lieut.-Col. A. Smithells (also representing the University of Leeds), Prof. Liversidge, Prof. J. M. Thomson (also representing King's College, London), Prof. Frankland (also representing the University of Birmingham), Prof. H. E. Armstrong, Prof. J. F. Thorpe, Prof. W. H. Perkin (also representing Magdalen College, Oxford), and Prof. Phillips (representing the Chemical Society); Sir Boverton Redwood, Sir A. Pedler, Lady Napier Shaw, and Mr. R. Mond (representing the British Science Guild); Sir Philip Magnus and Prof. H. Jackson (representing the University of London); Sir Henry Craik, M.P. (representing the University of Glasgow); Prof. Philip and Dr. Schryver (representing the Imperial College of Science and Technology); Prof. C. Lloyd Morgan (representing the University of Bristol); Mr. T. F. Burton (representing the Society of Chemical Industry); Mr. A. Chaston Chapman (representing the Society of Public Analysts); Dr. L. Thorne (representing the Institute of Brewing); Prof. A. M. Worthington, Sir Napier Shaw, Sir Edward and Lady Brabrook, Dr. Veley, Dr. J. A. Harker, Mr. O. Hehner, Dr. W. Gray, Sir J. Mackenzie Davidson, Dr. G. Carey Foster, Dr. G. Senter, Dr. Morris W. Travers, Dr. Lewis Reynolds, Mr. W. Macnab, Mr. G. McGowan, Dr. J. Scott Keltie, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Priestley. The last-named, it is of interest to note, in addition to paying their personal tribute of respect, represented the family of the great chemist Priestley. We understand that telegrams of condolence were received from the Franklin Society, the New York section of the Society of Chemical Industry, the Principal of Houston University, Texas, and the President of the Instruction Publique de France, also many letters and telegrams from the presidents and secretaries of various learned societies among the Allies, and that a wreath has been, or is being, sent by the Chemical Society of France. The foregoing list, which does not aim at completeness, testifies to the esteem and affection felt for the great man of science whose remains were laid to rest a week ago.

DR. J. A. HARVIE-BROWN.

THE ranks of naturalists have suffered a great loss through the death of Dr. J. A. Harvie-Brown, who took for many years an active and effective interest in ornithology and faunistic studies. He was born at Dunipace in Stirlingshire

in August, 1844, and died there on July 26 last. He studied at the universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge, travelled widely in Norway, Russia, Transylvania, and elsewhere, and had a very intimate acquaintance with Scotland. A very active man in early life, and keen with his rod and gun, he was for many years unable to move about much, and was but little known, except by his writings, to the younger naturalists. To the end, however, he kept up his interests, and was a very good correspondent. His generous recognition of the work of other naturalists was very characteristic, and he was always ready to give assistance from his extraordinary store of information. He had a very high standard of precision and cautiousness of statement, and was not slow to winnow wheat from chaff, but there was always good-humour behind his tonic criticisms. Dr. Harvie-Brown had a very extensive and accurate knowledge of birds and their habits, and was particularly interested in problems of distribution and migration. His studies of the capercaillie, the squirrel, the fulmar, and so on are models of their kind. He was for many years one of the editors of the *Annals of Scottish Natural History*, and continued his assistance when that became, in 1912, the *Scottish Naturalist*. The number of articles and notes that he published in those journals and elsewhere was enormous. Dr. Harvie-Brown will be most remembered as the editor of, and chief contributor to, the well-known series of volumes on the "Vertebrate Fauna of Scotland." Along with Mr. T. E. Buckley, he wrote the volumes on Sutherland, Caithness, and Cromarty (1887), the Orkney Islands (1891), Argyll and the Inner Hebrides (1892), the Moray Basin (1895), and he was alone responsible for that dealing with the Tay Basin and Strathmore (1906). The fine workmanship of these volumes is widely recognised. Dr. Harvie-Brown was a landed proprietor, and a good instance of the gentleman of leisure who worked hard at ornithology and came to have an expert knowledge of some of its aspects. In 1912 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Aberdeen in recognition of his contributions to a knowledge of the Scottish fauna.

NOTES.

THE second National Exposition of Chemical Industries will be held in New York on September 25-30. During the same week the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society will take place. The meetings of the American Electrochemical Society will be held on September 28-30.

ON Wednesday, July 26, the memorial to Sir William White, promoted by the Institution of Naval Architects, was formally handed over to the council of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The presentation was made by Admiral Sir Reginald Custance and Earl Brassey, who stated that 3000*l.* had been collected. The money is to be allotted to the foundation of a Research Scholarship Fund, the provision of a memorial medallion to be placed in the hall of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and a grant to Westminster Hospital. The memorial was accepted by