

OBITUARY NOTICE

Sir Henry Howorth

By the death of Sir Henry Howorth the Society loses a vice-president and one of its most distinguished members. He was a man of extraordinary capacity, of wide learning, and varied attainments, and his labours in the field of history and ethnography brought him the well-deserved honours of a knighthood in 1892 and the Fellowship of the Royal Society in the following year.

He was born in Lisbon in 1842. Educated at Rossall School, he afterwards studied law, and in 1886 (and again in 1892 and 1895) was elected M.P. for South Salford. In 1899 he was made a Trustee of the British Museum.

His extraordinary versatility is shown in his numerous writings. His three best-known books are *The History of the Mongols* (1876), *The Mammoth and the Flood* (1887), and *The Glacial Nightmare* (1893), but his contributions to science began as far back as 1868, and for many years he wrote long letters to *The Times* on political questions. Through his active interest in archæology (especially Oriental), numismatics, and geology, he was a member of many scientific societies, and at one time was president of the Archæological Institute and the Viking Society. There is a very full and appreciative memoir of him in *The Times* of 17th July, of more than a column in length.

Those who knew him personally will always remember his geniality, his hospitality, his fund of vitality, and his power as a *raconteur*. One of the most striking points in his character was his capacity for appreciation of others and his unstinted expression of it. He was dowered both with a lively sense of humour and a keen sympathy, and the rare charm of these two qualities brought him a large circle of friends who loved him for them.

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