

OBITUARY

MR. HUGH DAKERS *and* CAPT. COLIN DAKERS

THE death of Mr. Hugh Dakers on 6 February 1945 robs the Society of one of its most faithful officers of recent years. The death of Capt. Colin Dakers, his son, as now officially reported, on 14 February 1942, takes from the numismatic world someone who would almost certainly have made a considerable mark on it had he lived.

Mr. Hugh Dakers, by career a master at Manchester Grammar School, was an expert on Scottish coins which he had collected all his life. Latterly he and his son had collected jointly and the combined collection contained a very fine series indeed of Scottish coins. Capt. Colin Dakers, who was in the Colonial Service, was also interested in various series of oriental coins; his activities in connexion with Scottish numismatics were confined to his comparatively rare periods of leave. He was, however, an enthusiast.

Mr. Hugh Dakers, who had been at the same college at Oxford as myself—Magdalen—was particularly hospitable to me in the two years preceding the outbreak of war. I had the pleasure of visiting him a number of times at his home in St. Albans and of seeing his coins; I know that a number of other members who had the same privilege will have similar pleasant and grateful memories.

The father served on the Council of the Society from 1930 onwards. He became Librarian in 1936 and continued to hold that office until shortly before his death. It was he who arranged for the removal of the Society's library to storage at St. Albans during the war. He was also responsible for the purchase of a large part of the furniture now belonging to the Society when the premises were removed to 21 Bedford Square. He contributed two papers to the Society's journal; first, in volume xxi on 'Initial Letters in the Field on Scottish Coins', secondly, in volume xxiii, on 'The First Issue of David II'.

Mr. Hugh Dakers was deeply attached to his son, and the knowledge that he was missing in Singapore hastened his death. His widow died on 4 March 1946. The Society will wish to extend a very sincere measure of sympathy to Mrs. Colin Dakers and her daughter in their tragic loss.

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