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TRIBUTE TO DECEASED FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY¹

By Sir WILLIAM BRAGG, O.M.
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THE year which has passed since our last anniversary meeting is sadly distinguished by the heavy losses which death has brought upon our society.

First and most conspicuous is the death of our revered patron, His Majesty, King George V. With all his peoples we mourn the close of a life devoted to the cause of peace and progress. As members of our society we feel deeply the loss of a patron who was a true friend to the purposes for which our society exists.

By the death of Richard Tetley Glazebrook, at the age of eighty-two years, we lose one of the most active and efficient scientific workers and organizers of his generation. Glazebrook began his scientific career

under Clerk Maxwell and the late Lord Rayleigh at the Cavendish Laboratory. His first investigations were on double refraction. In the early eighties he became interested in the absolute determination of the electrical units, which continued to occupy him up to the very end of his life.

He was for a time senior bursar of Trinity and then principal of Liverpool University, but on the establishment of the National Physical Laboratory in 1899, Glazebrook was appointed the first director, and the present prosperity and national importance of that institution are more due to him than to any other single man. It remains as an abiding monument of his life's work. His retirement in 1919 by no means marked the close of his activities. As chairman of the Aeronautical Research Committee and of the Executive Committee of the laboratory, he was still able to

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