

OBITUARIES

A. A. DUNBAR BRANDER

Dunbar Brander was one of the last of the great shikaris of the India Forest Service under the British Administration. His service which extended from 1900 to 1921 was entirely in the Central Provinces. Brought up at his home at Lossiemouth in Scotland where he had ample opportunity for learning and loving the art of shooting, he entered the forest service after his studies at Cooper's Hill and in Germany. In India he took full advantage of his opportunities for sport where his fame as a shikari soon became known. One of his last shoots in India was when he ran the Duke of Connaught's camp in the sal forests of Balaghat early in the year 1921. During the whole of his service he was collecting material for what he used to describe as his *magnum opus*, his book on the 'Wild Animals of Central India' which is now a classic. Any form of hunting appealed to him whether big game, wild fowl or pigsticking in the Wardha District with the Nagpur Hunt. His knowledge and experience of wild life was very great, extending to the big game of Africa which he visited while on leave.

Those who knew him found him a most amusing and entertaining companion. In stature he was not large but he was by no means a weakling. He had a great sense of humour and in spite of a pose of truculence he was one of the kindest of men. Like most Scotchmen of his time he knew his Bible well and never forgot it.

JAMES W. BEST

DR. MAURICE SUTER

We record with regret the death on August 26, 1953 of this old and valued member of the Society. Dr. Suter came to India before World War I, and directed his own company, Maurice Suter & Co. Ltd. Afterwards his firm became amalgamated in the huge combine which traded under the name of The Havero Trading Co., and of which Dr. Suter was the first General Manager upto the time of his retirement in 1932 (?). In retirement Dr. Suter travelled widely in India and abroad. He was essentially an open air disciple, and whenever possible, spent most of his spare time in the jungle, or by a stream or lake. He was a most widely read man and could discuss almost any subject with authority. Physically he was unusually active for a man of his years, and his death was very untimely.

He had a very valuable collection of Indian butterflies and moths, and closely co-operated with the late Mr. T. R. Bell of Karwar. He made investigations for the Government of India on some fishing subjects and several of his notes were published in the *Journal*. He was continually catching butterflies all over India, but more particularly in the Tessa Valley, Mussoorie and Sikkim. Dr. Suter sent many



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