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In Professor Dobson the world has lost a scholar of great distinction. His profound knowledge of Greek and his masterly researches in that subject gained for him a world-wide reputation. In his youth he won renown as an amateur heavy-weight boxer, but withal was slow to anger and gentle in all his ways.

Professor Dobson was associated with the University Spelæological Society from its earliest days. He took a keen interest in our work and was a frequent visitor to field headquarters. Succeeding Professor Fawcett as President in 1936, he held that office until his death in 1947. He delivered a Presidential Address every year and although latterly ill health prevented him from taking an active part in the field, he always presided at Sessional meetings held in the University. As Chairman of Committee his tact was unrivalled; his help and guidance were often sought and never refused. For twenty-seven years Professor Dobson aided the Society in many unobtrusive ways. Through the difficult times of the war, his help enabled the Society to continue in active being, and when peace came, Professor Dobson helped once more to restore the Society to full function.

It was with great regret that the Society heard of his death. We remember him for his spirit, his thoughtfulness, and for his kindness. We have lost not only a President, but also a great friend and gentleman.