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Elias John Wilkinson Gibb.

BORN JUNE 3, 1857.

DIED DECEMBER 5, 1901.

AMONGST the many sad losses of a year conspicuously associated with public and private mourning, one of the most irreparable, not only to our Society but to Oriental learning, is that of Mr. E. J. W. Gibb, one of the finest Turkish scholars whom Europe has ever produced, who died after a short illness of about three weeks at his London house, 15, Chepstow Villas, Bayswater, on Thursday, December 5, 1901.

Mr. Gibb was born at Glasgow on June 3, 1857, and was educated in the same city, first at Park School under Dr. Collier, the author of the *History of England*, and afterwards at Glasgow University. His taste and aptitude for linguistic studies manifested themselves at an early age, and it was perhaps the charming stories of the *Thousand and One Nights* which first inspired him with that deep love for, and interest in, the East which characterized the whole of his mature life. I first heard of his proficiency in Turkish about 1878 (some five years before I made his personal acquaintance) from the late Sir James Redhouse, to whom I had written for advice as to my own studies; and a year later (in 1879) his first published work, an English translation of the account given by Sa'du'd-Din of the Capture of Constantinople in the great history entitled