

OBITUARY NOTICE

JOHN HUGH MARSHALL BEATTIE

8 May 1915 - 13 April 1990

WE regret to announce the death on 13 April 1990 of Professor John Beattie. Professor Beattie had a long association with anthropology at Oxford. He took the Diploma in Social Anthropology and then went on to write his B.Litt. and D.Phil. theses here; and from 1953 to 1971 he held the post of Lecturer (later Senior Lecturer) in the University. In 1971 he became Professor of African Social and Cultural Anthropology at Leiden, but on his retirement returned to live in Oxford again, becoming a Supernumerary Fellow of Linacre College. He was a member of the Faculty of Anthropology and Geography at the time of his death.

Professor Beattie was an active supporter of the Anthropological Society of Oxford. He contributed to *JASO* in its early days (see his article 'Has Social Anthropology a Future?' in Vol. II, no. 3) and served a number of terms as President of the OUAS, most recently presiding over the Society's renaissance from 1979 to 1981.

Obituaries have appeared in *The Times* (26th April), the *Guardian* (28th April) and the *Independent* (1st May), and we hope to publish an appreciation of his life and work in a future issue. Meanwhile, we take this opportunity to join in offering our condolences to his family and many friends here and overseas.

The Editors