

1868–1884, Member of the Hebdomadal Council 1855–1898, Curator of the University Chest, Curator of the Bodleian Library, Perpetual Delegate of the University Press, Delegate of the University Museum. Aged 80."

These, after all, are only some of his distinctions ; for instance, his appointment to the Mastership of Pembroke (made by the Chancellor of the University, Lord Salisbury, in his capacity of Visitor of the College, when the Fellows failed to decide between rival candidates) carried with it a Canonry at Gloucester, where Professor Price found time to reside for three months in each year, during the Long Vacation. And again, what is of more interest to us, he was nominated by the Royal Society in 1865 to serve as one of its six representatives on the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and regularly attended the meetings of the Board up to last June. When the Oxford University Observatory was founded in 1874 Professor Price was put on the Board of Visitors as a matter of course ; and it was characteristic of him that he, with the Junior Proctor of the year, audited the observatory accounts from the first, and continued to do so until his death. In 1878, when a committee of three was appointed to consider the outstanding requirements of the new observatory, the three were the Professor of Astronomy, the Radcliffe Observer, and Professor Price. When any new measure was to be introduced for the furtherance of the interests of astronomy, or of science generally, Professor Price was nearly always the spokesman in congregation, just as he was generally expected to explain in congregation the bearings of any new measure dealing with financial concerns. In ways of this kind our late Fellow, though he contributed nothing to our astronomical knowledge directly, was yet a powerful ally. "He was regarded," says the writer above quoted, "both in Oxford and in London, as the best and surest friend of natural science. To no one are the museum and its departments more under obligation."

In 1857 Professor Price married Amy, daughter of Mr. William Cole, of Exmouth ; this lady and several sons and daughters survive him. He was elected a Fellow of this Society 1856 June 13.

HERBERT SADLER, son of the late Prebendary Sadler, was born in 1856. His grandfather was the M. T. Sadler, M.P., who first introduced factory legislation into Parliament in 1832. His mother was a daughter of Mr. Tidd-Pratt, the first Registrar-General of Friendly Societies. Herbert Sadler was educated at Sherborne (1870–73), and Queens' College Cambridge (1875–6). At the latter he held a small Exhibition for Hebrew. He did not take up any definite profession on leaving Cambridge, but did a good deal of miscellaneous scientific work. His knowledge of double-stars and double-star catalogues was astonishingly complete, and he had almost a passion for collating and correcting

the literature in this field. The three papers which he communicated to the Society, of which he was elected a Fellow 1876 November 12, are all connected with this branch of Astronomy. The first was a criticism, in very unfortunate terms, of *Smyth's Celestial Cycle*; for the publication of this paper the Council afterwards formally expressed regret. The other two are lists of emendations and errata for the double-star catalogues in Vols. XL. and XXXV. of the *Mem. R.A.S.* All three papers show great industry; and the overhauling of the catalogues was supplemented by observations made by the author himself with a  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inch Sheepshanks' instrument lent by this Society. In 1886 he published, in conjunction with Mr. Latimer Clark, a small work entitled "*The Star Guide*": a list of the most remarkable *Celestial objects visible with small telescopes*. His name frequently appeared in print as a contributor to *The Observatory*, *Knowledge*, and the *English Mechanic*. He was also much interested in the study of the lunar surface, and was associated with Mr. E. Nevill (Neison) in the formation of the "Selenographical Society"—a small association of lunar observers, which existed from 1879 to 1883 (when Mr. Neison left England for South Africa). Five volumes of the *Selenographical Journal* were published by this Society, and Mr. Sadler was a frequent contributor.

He never married. He died suddenly, 1898 June 1.

ALFRED FISH SMITH was born in London, 1832 December 25. He was a student at University College, London, under Professor De Morgan, and took his B.A. degree at London University in 1855. In 1851 he entered the Normal College of the British and Foreign School Society, Borough Road, London (now at Isleworth), as a student, and was, after a few months, appointed Acting Resident Officer for the College. In the following year he became Resident Officer, and subsequently Tutor, Mathematical Lecturer and Vice Principal, which last position he held for twenty years, resigning in 1888 from failing health. He married in 1860 Jane Sarah Wretts, of Ipswich, who died in 1885; his family consisted of six sons and six daughters, ten of whom survive him. He died in London, 1898 September 25.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society, 1869 January 8.

JOSIAS EDWARD DE VILLIERS, of Sea Point, South Africa, was a Fellow of our Society for little more than a year, having been elected 1897 January 8. He was killed in a railway accident 1898 August 16. Between Langsberg and Matjesfontein a goods train was being shunted at the top of the Mostertshoek gradient, and moving down the incline, crashed into the Johannesburg mail train. Mr. De Villiers, four other Europeans, and many natives were killed by the collision.