

OBITUARY.

The Council regret that they have to record the loss by death of the following Fellows and Associate during the past year :—

Fellows :—Harold John Adams.
 John Turnbull Bird.
 Richard Henry Bulkeley.
 Charles Eddie.
 J. William Gifford.
 George Thorn Gwilliam.
 Edward Ball Knobel.
 Albert Taylor.
 Francis Anthony Tondorf.*
 Herbert Hall Turner.
 Richard Wilding.
 William Wilson.
 Hugh Montague Wood.
 Alfred Ernest Young.

Associate :—Johann Georg Hagen.

HAROLD JOHN ADAMS, who was born in London on 1858 January 20, was educated at Margate, at University College School, and at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he was a Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos in 1879. In 1881 he entered H.M. Patent Office, where he served till 1922, retiring with the rank of Senior Examiner. He married in 1885 Georgina Pye, daughter of James Pye of Cobham, Kent, and had three daughters and one son who died of wounds in the Great War on 1917 February 27, aged 26 years. He always took a great interest, though not an active part, in the Society's meetings, and the recent developments in astronomy exercised a great fascination over him. He died at Beckenham, Kent, on 1930 April 22, and is survived by his widow and three daughters.

He was elected a Fellow on 1893 February 10.

THE REV. JOHN TURNBULL BIRD was born at Fishwick, Berwickshire, in 1862. He was educated at Edinburgh University, taking his M.A. degree there at the early age of eighteen. After completing the theological course he was licensed in 1884 by the Presbytery of Edinburgh. For two years he conducted the mission station at Aberfeldy, and for three years he was assistant in St. Stephen's, Edinburgh. In 1891 he was ordained an army chaplain, and in this capacity served in the Boer War and the European War, being twice mentioned in despatches and receiving the high honour of C.M.G. Retiring in 1921, he devoted part of his leisure to the preparation of a book, *Christianity and Science*, which was published in 1927. His chief interest in astronomy centred in the Variable Star Section of the British Astronomical Association, and he worked for several years in collaboration

* Died 1929; death not reported till 1930.