

and five sons, one of whom is the present member of Parliament for the Hillsborough Division of Sheffield. She died in 1899. In 1901 he married Grace Moscrip who survives him. There are no children of the second marriage.

He died on 1934 November 30.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society on 1930 February 14.

ARTHUR NEVILLE BROWN was born on 1864 June 18 at Nayland in Suffolk, the eldest son of the Rev. J. T. Brown. He was educated at St. Edmund's School, Canterbury, and Queen's College, Oxford. A classical scholar, he went as First Classical Master to Canon Lovett Cameron's Preparatory School at Mortimer until 1898, when he was appointed Assistant Master at Ludgrove, of which well-known preparatory school he later became co-Headmaster, retiring in 1923 after a most successful scholastic career. He died on 1934 November 4 at Brackenhurst, Bucklebury Common, Berks, where he had lived since his retirement, keenly interested in his garden as well as his astronomical pursuits.

Although his general interest in astronomy appears to have dated from at latest 1891, he did not become an active observer until 1905, when he acquired the 5-inch Watson-Conrady refractor on altazimuth tripod stand which he was to use, and to the last always in the open, until only a few days before his short final illness. With this instrument, and a 3-inch added soon afterwards, was begun a twenty-seven and a half years' series of Variable Star Observations which, for continuity and the care that went to its making, can have but few equals among those recorded by amateur astronomers. Most of these observations (and there are well over 40,000 of them) were discussed and published in the *Journal* and *Memoirs* of the British Astronomical Association as part, and a very essential part, of the work of its Variable Star Section. These observations will be found in *M.B.A.A.*, 18, 22, 25, 28 and 31. Observations of four long-period Variables were communicated to the Society in seventeen papers (an interesting analysis of three of these series was made by Miss Blagg and published in *M.N.*, 89, 687; 90, 552; and 91, 231). Observations of several further stars were sent regularly to the American Association of Variable Star Observers.

It was, however, not only at the telescope that he was active in the interests of astronomy. Almost from the beginning and in ever-increasing measure he helped three successive Directors of the V.S.S., B.A.A., in the very heavy clerical work involved both in the compilation of the *Memoirs* above mentioned and in the routine work of the Section, of which he became Secretary in 1924.

In this connection it is interesting to note that, although the more scientific side of the subject did not engage much of his attention, once assured by competent authority that, as material for future investigators, the work was worth doing, he shirked no drudgery that in his opinion might be necessary to eliminate avoidable errors. Thus observers whose work passed through his hands for publication could feel confident that every care was being taken to present their results with all possible accuracy. To