

prisons into the county prisons, thereby placing the prisons under more efficient management, and effecting a great saving of expense. He was appointed one of the visitors of the prison for juvenile offenders at Parkhurst, and one of the commissioners of Millbank prison.

Notwithstanding his official duties, Mr. Perry took an active interest in several branches of science; for some time he was on the Council of the Zoological Society. Although his avocations prevented him from making regular astronomical observations, he, nevertheless, made himself well acquainted with astronomical phenomena, and availed himself of such opportunities as a London residence permitted for familiarising himself with such objects as could be studied with a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch telescope. In 1860 he took part in the Himalaya Eclipse Expedition, and made some observations from his station near Burgos.

Owing to the impaired state of his health, Mr. Perry felt it necessary to resign his appointment in the summer of 1869, and after much bodily suffering he died at the age of sixty-seven, in January 1870.

ARTHUR KETT BARCLAY\* was born on the 20th of June, 1806. He was educated at Harrow, having previously been instructed by a tutor, under whom he acquired much information in chemistry and geology. During the years 1829 to 1833 he made the tour of north and south Europe. In early life he was much associated with Faraday, and subsequently became a Fellow of the Astronomical, Geological, and Geographical Societies; and in 1852 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. At the age of twenty he was actively engaged in the brewery of Barclay, Perkins, and Co., where he continued an acting partner until nearly the end of his life.

He was one of the treasurers to the Commissioners of the Great Exhibition of 1851. He was a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant of the county of Surrey, and was also captain of the Dorking troop of yeomanry until the regiment was disbanded in 1837.

He took an active part in the politics of the country as a strong Conservative, though he would never consent to be brought forward as a candidate.

He studied astronomy for some years at Norbury, near Croydon, where he had a small observatory of his own construction. In 1848 he built the observatory at Bury Hill. The revolving dome was by Ransomes and May of Ipswich, and the equatorial 8-inch object-glass by Troughton and Simms.

Though much engaged in business and county work, he assiduously continued his observations until he was struck down by paralysis in 1855. Happily his mind was not affected, though he never again was able to continue his work; and after nearly

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