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- No. 99. 12-inch transit with portable stand, to Mr. H. T. Vivian.
- „ 119. Diffraction gratings, to Mr. B. T. Moore.
- „ 120. 6-prism spectroscope, to Mr. C. Thwaites.
- „ 123. 6-inch telescope, by Grubb (object-glass only) to Mr. W. E. Wilson.
- „ 125. 6-inch refractor by Simms, to Dr. A. A. Common.
- „ 126. $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch portable refractor, by Tulley, to Mr. H. Sadler.
- „ 128. Bichromate battery and Ruhmkorff coil, to the Rev. W. J. B. Roome.

The Gold Medal.

The Council have awarded the Society's Gold Medal to Mr. E. E. Barnard, for his discovery of the fifth satellite of *Jupiter*, his celestial photographs, and other astronomical work. The President will lay before the Society the grounds upon which the award has been founded.

The Hannah Jackson (née Gwilt) Gift.

The Council have awarded this Gift, consisting of a bronze medal and the accumulated dividends of three years, to Mr. Lewis Swift, for his cometary discoveries and other astronomical work.

Publications of the Society.

A General Index to volumes xxx.–lii. of the *Monthly Notices* has been published during the past year, in continuation of the General Index to volumes i.–xxix., published in 1870.

OBITUARY.

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

Fellows :—G. P. Bidder.
 Rev. Henry Collins.
 T. G. E. Elger.
 G. R. Farncombe.
 A. H. Howe.
 George Hunt.
 J. H. Jones.
 J. R. Jones.
 Thomas Keig.
 Rev. Thomas Mackereth.
 S. H. Parkes.
 Sir John Pender.
 W. L. Sutton.
 Sidney Waters.

Associates :—B. A. Gould.
 Hugo Gylden.
 Adalbert Krueger.
 Axel Möller.
 H. A. Newton.
 F. F. Tisserand.

[The names of Fellows who have died between December 31 and the date of the annual meeting are included in the above list, but omitted in the count given in the table at the commencement of the Report.]

GEORGE PARKER BIDDER was born 1836 August 18 in London. He was the eldest son of George Parker Bidder, C.E. (President 1860 and 1861), one of the leading engineers of the middle of the century, and known from boyhood for his powers of mental calculation. Mr. Bidder, the son, attained distinction in mathematics at the Universities, first of Edinburgh, and then of Cambridge (where he was scholar of Trinity College, and Seventh Wrangler in 1858) : he was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1860, joining the Home Circuit. His success was very rapid, so that in 1874 he took silk, and for