

good use of the many opportunities of acquiring knowledge which he enjoyed throughout his life. Even during the last few years he tried to forget his sufferings by taking up the study of Persian, and was delighted to be able to read Omar Khayyam in the original language. His character was open, sincere, and generous, he was always anxious to befriend and help anybody whenever he could, and he never shirked any trouble or work to answer inquiries even from people who had no claim on his time. He will be remembered with warm affection by all who had more than a passing acquaintance with him.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society on the 9th of January 1874.

[The Council are indebted to Dr. J. L. E. Dreyer for the above obituary.]

JOHN DANSKEN was born at Glasgow in 1836, and educated at the Athenæum and Glasgow University. His profession, in which he became well known, was that of a surveyor; in later life he took a considerable share in public affairs, and was placed on the Commission of the Peace for Lanarkshire. He was an enthusiastic amateur astronomer, and built for himself an excellent private observatory containing a 13-inch reflector, several refractors, and a transit instrument. He also formed a valuable collection of astronomical books.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1892, and died suddenly on the 1st of November 1905.

ADAM STOREY FARRAR was born in London in 1826, and educated at Oxford, taking his degree in 1850. At Oxford he won the Arnold prize for history in 1851 and Denyer's theological prize, and was elected to a Fellowship at Queen's College, which he held from 1852 to 1863, holding also a Tutorship at Wadham College for some years. In 1862 he was Bampton Lecturer. In 1863 he married, and shortly afterwards accepted the Professorship of Divinity and Ecclesiastical History in the University of Durham, which he held for forty years. He became a Canon Residentiary of Durham in 1878, and in 1902 was elected to an honorary Fellowship at his old Oxford college.

Astronomy formed but one of many interests which he kept up with undiminishing zeal until his death. It is doubtful if he ever used a telescope, but he was very keen for any observation that could be made with the naked eye. He was moreover an enterprising and critical reader of astronomical works, new and old, and delighted to beguile his leisure by posing his friends with many a crooked question.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1858, and died on the 11th of June 1905.

EDMUND BECKETT, first Baron GRIMTHORPE and fifth Baronet, was born at Carlton Hall, near Newark, on the 12th of May 1816. He was the eldest son of Mr. Edmund Beckett, M.P. for