

Troughton & Simms of York. This instrument he erected on the south side of his house, the eye end being brought into his study, where he would be able to work in complete comfort. But, alas! he was destined to make but little use of it; his illness took a serious turn and he passed away at Ferring on 1935 September 27. Almost his last words were: "I wish my life remembered, not in grief but as an inspiration."

He was elected a Fellow of the Society on 1925 January 9.

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GEORGE HALL HAMILTON was born in London, of American parents, on 1884 January 31. He was the son of John McLure Hamilton and Clara Augusta Hamilton (*née* Raiguel). He was brought to the United States in infancy, but returned to England to complete his education, and proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge. He was appointed Professor of Astronomy at Bellevue College, Nebraska, in 1910. From 1917 to 1922 he was an astronomer at the Lowell Observatory, and from 1922 to 1924 he was attached to the Harvard Observatory and was at its Jamaica branch. From 1924 onwards he worked as a "free-lance." He was an enthusiastic observer of Mars, and an exponent of the hypothesis that the Planet is inhabited by intelligent beings.

SYDNEY TURNER KLEIN was born at Redhill, Surrey, on 1853 November 4. He was educated at Haileybury, and afterwards entered the firm of William Klein & Sons, corn-brokers, becoming a partner until his retirement in 1916. In 1880 he married Sara Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. William Urwick, of Hampstead. His early married life was spent at The Red House, Stanmore, Middlesex, where he erected an observatory with an 18-inch reflector. In 1898 he moved the observatory to Hatherlow, Reigate.

Klein's interests were numerous and varied, but his favourite pursuits were astronomy and entomology. He was a Fellow of the Entomological Society and also of the Linnean Society. He was a keen yachtsman and an extensive traveller, and his love of natural history led him to be largely responsible for the formation in 1886 of the County of Middlesex Natural History and Science Society, of which he was Secretary and Treasurer. He was a prominent freemason, and was greatly interested in philosophy. During the war he became crippled with arthritis, and for the last fifteen years of his life was compelled to use a wheeled chair. During these years of invalidism his thoughts turned more and more to philosophy and the influence of science on human thought and behaviour, and he wrote many books expressing his views on life, among them being *Science and the Infinite* and *The Way of Attainment*. He died on 1934 October 8 at his home at Chelsfield, Kent, leaving two sons and four daughters. Mrs. Klein died in 1930.

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