

JOSEPH EDWARD EVANS was born 1855 September 18, being the son of Lieut. Evans, R.N., who was in charge of the Coastguard at Robin Hood Bay. At the age of eleven he entered the Royal Hospital School at Greenwich, of which the Rev. James Hill, D.D., was then headmaster. He there became acquainted with Thomas Lewis, also a boy at the school, and a close, lifelong friendship ensued. As a boy at school he was remarkable for his extraordinary powers of concentration, which enabled him to read a page of his lessons once, close the book, and when the time came never fail to answer correctly the questions asked of him. At the end of his school career Evans remained for some time at the Royal Hospital School as a pupil teacher, and later on took his B.A. degree at London University. In 1880 he went to India, having been appointed the first Principal of the Dindigul Training College for Hindus. On the closing of the College in 1890 Evans returned to England and occupied various teaching posts. In October 1899 the headmastership of the Royal Hospital School fell vacant and Evans was appointed to fill the post, thus becoming head of the school he had entered as a boy thirty years before. For twenty-one years he remained headmaster, retiring in September 1920.

In collaboration with E. W. Maunder he contributed a paper to the *Monthly Notices* (63, 488, 1903), "Experiments as to the Actuality of the 'Canals' of Mars." As the result of experiments made with boys of the Royal Hospital School, the authors concluded that "in the majority of cases they (the *canals*) are simply the integration by the eye of minute details too small to be separately and distinctly defined."

In 1879 Evans married Alice Mary Davies, daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Davies of Greenwich. Mrs. Evans predeceased him in 1935, and they are survived by three sons and three daughters. Evans died on the morning of Christmas Day, 1938, at the age of eighty-three years. He was an earnest Freemason and a kindly man. Amongst the last words he said to the writer, not long before his death, were these: "Do all the kindnesses you can and then go." And thus he seemed to sum up his outlook on life.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society on 1886 January 8.

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WALTER GOODACRE was born at Loughborough in 1856. When he was about seven years old, his father came to live at Finsbury Park, and established in London the firm of William Goodacre & Sons, matting and carpet merchants and manufacturers.

On leaving school, Goodacre entered his father's business, and in due course became head of the firm. His interest in astronomy dated from his schooldays, and when he was still a young man he began to specialise in lunar work, joining the Liverpool Astronomical Society. Later he became Director of that Society's Lunar Section. He became an original member of the British Astronomical Association on its foundation in 1890, and, in 1897, succeeded Thomas Gwyn Elger as Director of the Lunar Section of the Association. This post he held for forty years, resigning only a year before his death.