

the Speaker appointed him President of the Parliamentary Mission to the new Baltic Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and he never ceased to take the closest interest in these countries.

During the Great War he served as honorary King's messenger with great distinction, and was knighted in 1918; his baronetcy of Goff's Oak was created in 1936, and as he was unmarried it now becomes extinct. In the course of his work abroad he was honoured by a number of foreign countries, and he held, among others, Orders of the three Baltic States to whose well-being he devoted so much of his time and interest.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society on 1916 February 11; although keenly interested in astronomy, it was but one of his several scientific interests, and it is not surprising, in view of his busy and full life, that he made no contributions to the Society's publications.

HERBERT HEDLEY, the eldest son of Canon Hedley, was born on 1859 October 29 at Masham, in Yorkshire, and died on 1939 October 16. After obtaining scholarships for Eastbourne College and Trinity College, Cambridge, he read Mathematics, in which he graduated with brilliant distinction. On graduation his inclination led him to Auckland Theological College, Co. Durham, where he studied for Holy Orders. In due course he was ordained, and held in succession the benefices of Mickley (Ripon), Masham and Nackington; he also held foreign chaplaincies in Algiers, Valeseme and Malaga. Eventually he retired to Hythe, where he acted for a short time as Assistant Curate to the Rev. Canon Galpin.

Hedley's interest in astronomy did not materialise until the later years of his life, but he devoted the last twenty years, including the time of his foreign chaplaincies, to astronomical studies, writing articles from time to time in different papers and attending the meetings of the Society. His greatest pleasure was in lecturing, and he used to travel about Kent or even further afield lecturing on his favourite interest; on several occasions he lectured on "Stars" at Eton College and other schools. When time permitted he spent long hours exploring the heavens with his 4-inch telescope, but his observations were always of a general rather than a specialised character. His interest in astronomy was divided with that in microscopic work, and his early studies in botany and biology afforded him a great field of exploration.

He married Margaret Inglis Cosgrave in 1889; she was his devoted companion for more than forty-nine years, predeceasing him by but a year. Their only son lost his life in the Great War, and he is survived by one daughter.

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HENRY PARK HOLLIS was born on 1858 January 9. From Westminster School, where he received his early education, he went to Jesus College, Cambridge. He sat for the Mathematical Tripos and took his degree in 1880.