

in the Gardens. His reputation as a zoologist rests mainly on his investigations of the oligochæta, which gained for him the gold medal of the Linnean Society. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1892. Dr Beddard's publications include—*Animal Coloration*, 1892; *Textbook of Zoogeography*, 1895; *Monograph of the Oligochæta*, 1895; *Structure and Classification of Birds*, 1898; many papers in the *Transactions* of the Royal Societies of London and Edinburgh, the Zoological Society, and in the *Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science*, etc.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1882, and died on 14th July 1925, at his home at Hampstead, aged 67. (For fuller details regarding his life and work, see *Proc. R.S.L.*, and *Nature*, 8th August 1925.)

BOWMAN, FREDERICK HUNGERFORD, D.Sc., F.C.S., F.I.C., F.L.S., A.M.Inst.C.E., was born of Scottish parents in Huddersfield, and spent the early part of his career in Halifax. He graduated D.Sc. at Edinburgh. He applied his scientific training to business, and became an employer in the woollen trade, a banker, and head of a chemical works in Northwich. He was also connected with the Chloride Electrical Storage Co., Clifton Junction.

Dr Bowman was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1884, and was the author of a paper "On some Variations in the Structure of Wool, and other Allied Fibres," published in the *Proceedings* (vol. xiii, 1884-6, p. 657). He died at his home in Manchester on 28th May 1925, aged 86.

CAMERON, JAMES ANGUS, graduated M.B., C.M. at the University of Edinburgh in 1867, M.D. (1876), and B.Sc., Public Health (1890). He also studied at Paris and Vienna. Retiring from the ordinary work of a medical practitioner he took up residence at Firhall, Nairn, and received the appointments of Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer of the County and Burgh of Nairn and Medical Officer of Health of the Counties of Banff and Elgin, which he held for a considerable period. He was an examiner for the B.Sc. in Public Health in the University of Edinburgh, a Deputy Lieutenant of Nairnshire, and a Justice of the Peace.

Dr Cameron was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1894, and died at Nairn in November 1924, in his 79th year.

DARWIN, Sir FRANCIS, Kt., D.Sc., M.B., LL.D., F.R.S., the third son of Charles and Emma Wedgwood Darwin, was born at Down, Kent, on

16th August 1848, and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and St George's Hospital, London. He did not practise medicine, but became assistant to his father at Down, afterwards settling at Cambridge. Sir Francis was an Honorary Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, and was President of the British Association in 1908. His publications include—*Life and Letters of Charles Darwin*, 1887; *Charles Darwin*, 1892; and many papers on Physiological Botany from 1876 onwards; *Practical Physiology of Plants* (with late E. H. Acton), 1894; *Elements of Botany*, 1895; *More Letters of Charles Darwin* (with A. C. Seward), 1903; *Foundation of the Origin of Species*, 1909; *Rustic Sounds*, 1917; and *Springtime*, 1920.

He was elected an Honorary Fellow of this Society in 1916, and died at his residence, in Cambridge, on 19th September 1925. (For fuller details regarding his life and work, see *Proc. R.S.L.*, and *Nature*, 17th October 1925.)

PECK, Sir WILLIAM, had occupied the post of City Astronomer of Edinburgh, in charge of the Calton Hill Observatory, since 1889, when the erection of the new Royal Observatory on Blackford Hill set the older building with most of its instruments at liberty. He was of an active and inventive mind, and interested in all mechanical pursuits, besides astronomy. He constructed many of his own instruments. He was, in addition, a popular lecturer of considerable power and attraction, and was the author of a popular *Handbook and Atlas of Astronomy*, and other works. The City Observatory was devoted chiefly to showing the heavens to visitors—a service much appreciated by the citizens. For this purpose a six-inch photovisual telescope, presented to the Observatory, was of good service. In pursuance of the science, Sir William Peck visited Spain for the eclipse of 1905, and Egypt in 1908. He received the honour of Knighthood in 1917.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1889, and died on 7th March 1925, after a long illness, aged 63 years.

ROBERTSON, JOSEPH M'GREGOR, M.A., M.B., C.M., F.R.F.P.S., received his medical education at the Universities of Glasgow and Berlin. He was Honorary Consulting Physician to the Royal Naval Hospital, Bute; visiting Physician to the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers; and Visiting Physician, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow. He had also acted as Surgeon at the Glasgow Ophthalmic Institute, as Lecturer in Physiology in the University of Glasgow, and Examiner in