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He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1907, and wrote two papers to its *Proceedings* (1907, 1908). He died on September 28, 1937.