

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

Physiology to the Triple Examination Board. Dr Robertson wrote numerous contributions to Medical Journals, and was the author of *Physiological Physics*, 1884, and *An Elementary Textbook of Human Physiology*, 1887.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1900, and died suddenly, while presiding at a health lecture in Glasgow, on 17th March 1925.

THORPE, Sir THOMAS EDWARD, Kt., C.B., Ph.D., D.Sc., Sc.D., LL.D., F.R.S., was born on 8th December 1845, near Manchester, educated at Owen's College, Manchester, and at the Universities of Heidelberg and Bonn. In 1870 he was appointed Professor of Chemistry in the Andersonian Institution, Glasgow. In 1874, on the establishment of the Yorkshire College, Leeds, he was appointed to the Chair of Chemistry, and in 1885 went to London to occupy a similar position in the Royal College of Science, South Kensington. In 1894 he was selected as Principal of the Government Laboratories, where he remained for sixteen years, afterwards returning to South Kensington as Professor of General Chemistry and Director of the Chemical Laboratories of the Imperial College of Science, receiving the title of Emeritus Professor on his retirement. In 1895 he was President of the Society of Chemical Industry; from 1899-1901, President of the Chemical Society; 1890, President, Chemical Section, British Association; Vice-President, 1900; and President of the British Association, 1921. During 1894-5 he served as Vice-President of the Royal Society.

He was an honorary or corresponding member of many scientific societies at home and abroad, received honorary degrees from numerous universities, and was knighted in 1909.

Sir Thomas Edward Thorpe was elected an Honorary Fellow of this Society in 1900, and died on 23rd February 1925, at his residence, 'Whinfield,' Salcombe, South Devon. (For fuller details regarding his life and work, see *Proc. R.S.L.*, ser. A, vol. cix, p. 18, and *Nature*, 7th March 1925.)

YOUNG, GEORGE, Ph.D., F.I.C., F.C.S., died at his residence, "Bradda," 46 Church Crescent, Church End, Finchley, London, on 3rd April 1925, aged 56. He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1892.