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A. N. BROWN, F.R.A.S.

It is with the deepest sorrow, which, he feels, will be shared by all Members, that the Director has to announce the sad news of the death, early on Nov. 4, at his residence "Brackenhurst", of his old friend, ARTHUR NEVILLE BROWN, Hon. Secretary to the Section. Mr. BROWN was observing as late as Oct. 12, and was still at his desk on Oct. 19. His short illness, which lasted only two weeks, and his untimely death from heart failure, were free from pain and quite peaceful. His funeral, which was attended by the Astronomer Royal, and at which the Section was represented, took place at Bucklebury Church on Nov. 7.

Mr. A. N. BROWN's death is an immense loss to the Section. For almost 29 years, our lamented friend did yeoman service for our organisation, and very largely contributed to its success. He had joined it in 1906, the same year as the present Director, under Col. E. E. MARKWICK, and he showed himself at once a keen, highly valuable and enthusiastic observer. He soon became of great and increasing help to Col. MARKWICK, and, later, to Mr. C. L. BROOK, in checking, assembling and compiling our observations, and in preparing them for publication in the *Memoirs*, to the cost of which he contributed in a most generous way.

Upon Mr. C. L. BROOKS's retirement, in 1921, he was quite appropriately offered the Directorship, but, though he was fully qualified to fill the position, he, after due consideration, declined the offer. He kindly undertook, however, to act as the Director's representative in England, and, in 1924, consented to accept the title of Hon. Secretary to the Section.

All the Members know of the enormous amount of work he did in this capacity. An, alas, almost prophetic tribute was rendered to it in the Preface to Vol. XXXI of the *Memoirs*. Apart from his numerous observations, he took a very active, and ever increasing part in the production of our last five *Memoirs*, in the course of which more than 160,000 of our observations passed through his able hands, and he helped the Section's progress in many other ways. The care, thoroughness, and even minuteness with which he achieved all the tasks he undertook were simply admirable.

