

Archibald A. Young.

By the death on 27th June, in his 80th year, of Mr. Archibald A. Young, the West of Scotland Branch of the Association has lost one who has long been a familiar figure at its meetings. He belonged to a family whose association with the administration of justice in Glasgow extended over more than three-quarters of a century. His grandfather, Bailie Burn, was a Magistrate of the city for several years. His father, Mr. P. T. Young, was Secretary to Sheriff Alison of Lanarkshire, writer of "The History of Europe." After the Sheriff's death, Mr. P. T. Young was an Assessor at the Police Court. His son, Mr. Archibald Alison Young, was Clerk to the late Stipendiary Gemmell, and later became Police Court Assessor, in which capacity he acted until his retiring about two years ago. Throughout his long professional career he earned a high reputation for the careful and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties. Mr. Young took a large part in church and religious matters, and was specially interested in the Foundry Boys' Society. He was formerly connected with Free St. Andrew's Church, Glasgow, and latterly with St. Enoch's United Free Church, of which he was an elder, and he was a prominent member of the Glasgow Elders' Association. He was for many years Secretary to the Glasgow Committee of the Scottish Auxiliary of the China Mission in connection with the Presbyterian Church of England. Of this Committee, his wife, who predeceased him by two years, was Treasurer.

In scientific matters, Mr. Young was particularly interested in astronomy and geology. In 1902 he was elected a member of the Geological Society of Glasgow, and he took an active part in that society, being for some time a member of its Council. In November, 1906, he was elected a member of the British Astronomical Association, and he soon became one of the leading members in its West of Scotland Branch, serving on the Council, and also for a considerable time in the office of Vice-President. In 1913 he was appointed to the Presidential chair, the duties of which he discharged with marked ability and success for a period of two years. An event of his term of office was a visit of Professor H. C. Plummer, Royal Astronomer of Ireland, who delivered to the Branch a highly appreciated address on "Stellar

Motions." Mr. Young's interest in astronomy was of a very wide range, enabling him to enter with effect into discussions of the papers read to the Branch, and to raise points calculated to elucidate fully the subjects treated. He was also himself a frequent contributor of papers and notes on various subjects. One of his chief papers dealt with solar phenomena. In the two sessions of his Presidentship his introductory and retiring address were respectively on "Galileo and his Work" and the "Motions of the Earth." In the former case his travels in Italy furnished him with special information derived from seeing the local memorials and relics of the great astronomer's work, and in treating the motions of the Earth he discussed secular changes, upon which evidences obtained from geological history have an important bearing. Though latterly declining in health, Mr. Young maintained his active interest in the work of the Branch until a few months before his death, and a resolution expressive of the appreciation of his long continued work for it had just been adopted at the recent closing meeting of the session. The memory of his services will be gratefully cherished by the Members. At his funeral on 30th June the Branch was represented by one of the Vice-Presidents and another Member.

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