

Duncan Campbell Andrew.

The West of Scotland Branch have to deplore the loss, by death of Mr. Duncan Campbell Andrew, who died at Bearsden, near Glasgow, on 1929 November 19, in his eightieth year. Mr. Andrew was a native of Campbeltown, Argyllshire, and in his boyhood acquired a love for the sea and for sailing, which he ever afterwards retained. In 1874 he entered the shipping office of Sir Donald Currie in London. Six years afterwards he went to Durban as agent of the Castle Packets Company, and six years later to Cape Town. With the Castle, and subsequently the Union Castle Line, his period of service extended altogether to 34 years. By the staff and servants of the companies and by the community at large he was greatly respected and esteemed. During his residence in South Africa he enjoyed the friendship of the great Scottish astronomer, Sir David Gill. On his retirement he returned to spend his latter years in his native country.

In 1912 November he entered the British Astronomical Association through its West of Scotland Branch, and was thus a member during 17 years. Although his health was latterly not so vigorous as to allow him to be a constant attender at the meetings, he took great interest in the affairs of the Branch, serving for some time as a member of its Council. He contributed to its proceedings a paper, which was much appreciated, on the determination of position at sea. His former residence in southern latitudes was of use in enabling him to speak from personal knowledge of the aspects of the southern constellations.

It was only on his retirement from business, when over 60 years of age, that Mr. Andrew took up the serious study of astronomy, but he pursued it with great enthusiasm. He distinguished himself in navigation and nautical astronomy at the Royal Technical College, and in his private observatory he devoted himself to observation with the telescope and various nautical and mathematical instruments.

In addition to his scientific pursuits, Mr. Andrew took an active interest in, and gave much support to, philanthropic work. He was of a most genial, courteous and kindly disposition. Golf and yachting were his favourite recreations. He was particularly happy in his partner in life. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew had a large circle of friends during their residence in South Africa and in Scotland. Mrs. Andrew was ever an able and genial hostess, and her co-operation in the social sphere was invaluable and highly appreciated by all. It is worthy of special notice that Mrs. Andrew supplied some very interesting reminiscences of Sir David Gill which, as feelingly related in her own words, were incorporated by Professor Forbes in his biography of the great astronomer (*vide* "David Gill: Man and Astronomer," pp. 286-7).

In his old age Mr. Andrew always maintained his youthful and cheerful disposition. Several members of the Branch will remember with pleasure visits to him at Bearsden, when they enjoyed the privilege of inspecting or using his instruments. The Branch have recorded their regret at his loss, and their sincere sympathy with his widow and relatives.—J. J. R.