

George Seabroke was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1870, and in the same year contributed his first paper—"On the Determination whether the Corona is a Solar or Terrestrial Phenomenon." In the next two decades he contributed several papers on spectroscopic subjects, and in conjunction with the Rev. J. M. Wilson published in the *Monthly Notices* his second catalogue of micrometrical measures of double stars made at the Temple Observatory, six other catalogues being published in the *Memoirs* of the Society. He took a great interest in the formation of the British Astronomical Association, being a member of the Provisional Committee in 1890 which called it into existence. He was elected on the first council, was President 1900-1902, Director of the Double Star Section 1892-1915, and of the Saturn Section 1898-1911. His first presidential address dealt chiefly with aberration as a function of the ether; in his second he dealt, even thus early, with subjects that have lately been discussed widely, such as star streaming and the constitution of the interior of a sun or star according to Homer Lane's "Theoretical Temperature of the Sun."

It was characteristic of him that on the evening preceding his death he visited the Temple Observatory, of which he had been curator since its foundation, and with sub-curator Mr. G. Hewlett determined the instrumental errors of the telescope.

In addition to conducting a considerable practice as a solicitor (including the clerkship to the magistrates), he was for 40 years an active member of the old Rugby volunteer corps, raising its strength and efficiency, and when he retired was given the rank of Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel of the 2nd Royal Warwickshire Volunteer Company.

In 1895 he assisted in organising for the town of Rugby a volunteer fire brigade, which under his guidance rapidly became a model, both in appliances and efficiency. He also did valuable work for the National Union of Fire Brigades, of which he was one of the founders.

Elected to the Board of Health in 1875, he soon set his legal, scientific and practical knowledge to the task of providing Rugby with an ample supply of pure water.

As a recognition of his services he was a few weeks before his death appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Warwickshire.

Such are a few of the activities with which Mr. Seabroke occupied his leisure, but it is by no means an exhaustive list.

He passed away suddenly and painlessly on April 1—his seventieth birthday.—L. C.