

J. L. HAUGHTON

Dr J. L. Haughton, who died in 1973 July in his 89th year, was not well known to many of the more recent members of the Association, since he had not attended meetings for some years; but he gave great service both at the outset of the war, during which he held the Treasurership for two years, and again at the end of hostilities, when he assumed the Editorship at a particularly difficult period, and held the fort between 1946 and 1948. This was a time when many of the Association's leading members were involved in the Forces or, later, were re-adjusting to civilian life, and Dr Haughton's help was most timely.

For many years he lived at Teddington, where he set up his observatory. The main instrument was a 200 mm reflector—and was unique; except for the optical parts and some steel tensioning wires, it was made entirely of magnesium alloy. Fastened on to it was a 100 mm Grubb refractor. The observatory dome, too, was of magnesium; and it is hardly surprising to learn, therefore, that Dr Haughton was consultant to a magnesium firm. His main work was concerned with lunar occultations, and the results were published in the *Monthly Notices* of the RAS. He was also interested in astro-photography and carried out some photographic searches for novae.

Some time after the war Dr Haughton moved to Charmouth in Dorset, taking his observatory with him. In 1957 he retired to the village of Littleton just outside Winchester, when he again set up his observatory. Advancing years and failing health made it impossible for him to do much more observing or to continue playing a major role in the Association's affairs, but all of us who worked with him in the post-war years will remember him as a great enthusiast and a man with a quiet, charming personality.

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