

## Joseph Bevan Braithwaite.

J. B. Braithwaite, who died at the age of 79 on 1934 November 30, was the eldest son of a well-known member of the Society of Friends of the same name. He attended the Friends School at Kendal (at which Sir A. S. Eddington was many years later a pupil) and also the famous Quaker School at Grove House, Tottenham. He was at first intended for the legal profession, but later became a partner in a firm of stock-brokers, of which his uncle, Isaac Braithwaite, was senior member, and which had much to do with the promotion of electric light undertakings in this country and abroad, our late member having been among the first to foresee the great developments to be expected in the electric light and power industry. He was deeply concerned with religious work under the auspices of the Society of Friends. Among his interests were model yacht building, local history, and astronomy. His astronomical equipment included a fine 5-inch refractor, the object glass of which was by Grubb, and the mounting by Messrs. Beck, installed in a specially built tower observatory, reached by a stairway from the interior of his house. He did not pursue any systematic line of work, but was interested in sun-spot observation as was made evident by his paper, "Study of the Sun by Projection on Stonyhurst Discs" (*J.B.A.A.*, 43, 366.) He was a member of the Association since 1925 and Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society since 1930; and was also a Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. A fairly regular attender of the General Meetings, he will be much missed by many friends.