

THE LATE EDWARD PRENTICE, F.R.A.S.

In the Director's Report on the Long Period Variables in 1922 (I) in the last number of the *Journal*, the following sentence occurs: "We welcome Mr. Edward Prentice (4-in. reflector and 9-in. reflector)." It seems fitting, therefore, that in this, the second report, a brief notice should be given of one who was at the time of his death both a Secretary of the Association and a very promising worker in the Variable Star Section.

Mr. Prentice was born on 1864 June 20, and was educated at Wickham's Preparatory School, Worthing, and at Winchester College. On leaving Winchester he took up the business of paper-making, and he also joined the firm of Pyke, Harris and Co., at Westminster. During the War he took part in munition and recruiting work. He joined the Association on 1917 January 31, was elected on its Council in October, 1922, and became Secretary in 1923. In January, 1922, he read a paper to the Association on "A Harmonic Analysis of a Light Curve of V Cassiopeiae," and in the same year he joined the Variable Star Section as an observer. But his delight was in the theoretical side of the work, and at the time of his death he was deeply engaged in the study of Long Period Variables.

Besides Astronomy, he was interested in all sports—cricket, tennis, hunting and shooting—and he was Secretary of the Leatherhead Golf Club.

He died from heart failure following pneumonia after a week's illness, on February 28, 1924.