

Edward Singleton Holden.

We have to record the death of Prof. E. S. Holden, which occurred on 16th March at the age of 68 years. Prof. Holden was successively Professor of Mathematics at the U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, 1873-81; Director of the Washburn Observatory, Madison, 1881-85; President of the University of California, 1885-88; and Director of the Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, California, 1888-98. As an astronomer, Prof. Holden was distinguished for his versatility rather than for his prominence in any particular department of our science. He gave a considerable amount of attention to the study of nebulae, and of uranometry in general, and was the author of a well-known monograph on the nebula of Orion. He was also interested in questions of bibliography, wrote a Life of Sir William Herschel, and was an extensive contributor to the literature of astronomy. Prof. Holden was elected a Foreign Associate of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1884, and was an original member of our Association.
