

F. W. Longbottom.

Frederick William Longbottom, F.R.A.S., was born at Scarborough and died at his residence in Boscombe, Hants, on 1933 March 7, in his seventy-sixth year. The greater part of his life was spent in Chester, where for thirty years he was a prominent citizen; during that time he was actively associated with the Chester Natural Science Society, becoming President during 1906-7. In appreciation of his labours on behalf of the Society and in recognition of his astronomical work the Society conferred upon him the Kingsley Memorial Medal. On retiring from business he eventually settled at Boscombe. The love of natural science soon impelled him to join the Bournemouth Natural Science Society, on the council of which he was a valued member, he also acted to within a short time of his death as Secretary of its Astronomical Section. F. W. Longbottom was an original member of our Society, and for 21 years (1906-26) acted as Director of the Photographic Section; during the term of his office he contributed to the *Journal* many notes on celestial photography, on which subject he was an acknowledged authority. He was elected F.R.A.S. 1905 June 9. It is always interesting to trace when possible the springs from which one's interest in astronomy took its rise. In the case of Longbottom it is said that one school holiday was spent with a taciturn uncle, so he had to read all the evenings; one book happened to be about astronomy and that started his life-long interest in the science. His genial and generous disposition won him a host of friends by whom his memory will long be cherished.—W. G.