

## Frederick William Henkel.

The death of Mr. F. W. Henkel, which occurred on 28th ultimo in the 44th year of his age, is announced. Mr. Henkel's name became known to astronomers on his appointment to the charge of Col. Cooper's Observatory at Markree Castle, Sligo, in 1898, in succession to Marth. His record of astronomical work there is, however, very meagre, due apparently to difficulties connected with the manipulation of the telescope, as well as to the (astronomically) unfavourable character of the climate of the West of Ireland. He left Markree on Col. Cooper's death in 1902, and returned to London, where he obtained employment in the office of the University of London (he was B.A. of London), and occasional jobs of astronomical computing. He also engaged in literary work, his most ambitious effort being a book entitled *Weather Science: an elementary introduction to Meteorology*. He was during recent years a frequent contributor to the *Journal* of this Association, and served on our Council for two sessions commencing October 1910. He was a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, to which he was elected in 1890.