

*Mr. George Douglas Buchanan*

Mr. George Douglas Buchanan, F.R.A.S., who died on 1941 August 26 at the age of sixty-seven years, was a Life Member of the Association, and had long been a prominent member of the Scottish Branch. He was a man of many and varied interests. The foremost of these was shown in his enthusiastic advocacy of the cause of an international language. For several years he was President of the British Esperanto Association, which position he held up to the time of his death. He gave his support to efforts to promote aviation in this country, and was elected a vice-marshal of the British Empire

Air League. He was a Life Member of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow, and served for some time on its Council, and was a member of the Authors' Club, London. He also took part in the affairs of the Lifeboat Institution. He was an elder in St. Brendan's Church, Craigmore, Rothesay, and took much interest in Rothesay, the premier Firth of Clyde coast resort; he was a generous giver to its local charities, and a member of its Business Club and Natural History Society.

In December 1910 Mr. Buchanan was elected a member of the British Astronomical Association through its West of Scotland Branch. He frequently took part in discussion at the meetings of the Branch. For a considerable time he was a member of Committee. He also served as a Vice-President, and in Sessions 1935-37 he occupied the position of President. His cheery manner and kindly disposition made him popular among the members, and he discharged the duties of President with much acceptance, concluding his term of office with an interesting and informative address on Invisible Radiation ("Seeing the Invisible—The Marvels of the Infra-Red"). In April 1933 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.—J. J. R.