

THE LATE MR. H. WOLLASTON BLAKE—Mr. Henry Wollaston Blake, F.R.S., died on June 27, at 8, Devonshire Place, W., after six days' illness, from pleuro-pneumonia. He was aged 84 years. Mr. Blake, who was the youngest son of the late Mr. William Blake, of Danesbury, Herts, and of 25, Portland Place, W., was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he became a scholar and a high wrangler in 1837. By profession he was an engineer, and joined James Watt, of Soho, Birmingham, as partner in 1847. He was a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, for over 50 years, and was also a Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and of the British Association, being occasionally President of the Mechanical Science Section of the last-named body. He had been for 55 years a Fellow of the Royal Society, and was elected to the Royal Society's Club in 1872. He was also elected in 1843 to the Smeatonian Club of Engineers, and continued a Member until his death. Mr. Blake was for 46 years a Director of the Bank of England, had been for nearly 50 years one of Her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, and was also Director for many years of the London and North-Western, the Great Indian Peninsular, and Indian Midland Railways. He had the sole direction of and calculations for many engineering works carried out by him in many places all over the world. Mr. Blake was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical and Astronomical Societies, as well as a Member of this Association, and always took the keenest interest in their proceedings, travelling to Vadsö in August 1896, to take part in the observations of the eclipse of the sun. He was twice married, first, to Charlotte, daughter of Mr. John Walbanke Childers, of Cantley, Yorks, by whom he leaves two sons, and secondly, to Edith, daughter of the Rev. Prebendary Hawkshaw, of Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire.