

James George Petrie.

We greatly regret to announce the death, which occurred on September 22, of Mr. J. G. Petrie, a well-known City journalist, at his residence, 359, Holloway Road, N. Mr. Petrie, who was in his 60th year, had been confined to his bed for 11 weeks, during which he underwent a serious operation. He was highly respected in the City, where he had been engaged in financial journalism for a period extending over 30 years. Among his other business connections he was chief of the reporting staff of the "Financial Times," a position which he had held for about 16 years.

He was born in Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, where he entered into business life. Coming at an early age to London, he became engaged in newspaper work, and built up a large connection. At one time he was President of the Shorthand Society in London, taking a keen interest in stenography. He was also an ardent volunteer. On coming to London he joined the London Scottish; he left that regiment as a non-commissioned officer, taking a commission as second lieutenant in the 21st Middlesex, and retiring quite recently as major. He was one of the most popular officers in the battalion. His connection with volunteering extended over a quarter of a century, and he received the V.D. for long service.

Mr. Petrie was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1889. He was an original Member of our Association,

served on the Council during the Sessions 1892-3 and 1893-4, and filled the position of one of its secretaries from October 1894 to the time of his death.

He was twice married, and leaves a widow and four children, with whom we—and, we are sure, his many business colleagues and friends—deeply sympathise in their bereavement.