

JOHN TEBBUTT.—Letters received from Australia in January last contained the announcement of the death of this veteran worker in our science (which occurred, apparently, early in December 1916) at the age of 82 years. At his observatory at Windsor, New South Wales, he was assiduous in his observations of occultations of stars by the Moon, phenomena of Jupiter's satellites, double stars, comets, and minor planets, during a long series of years. He discovered the comets of 1861 and 1881, the orbits of which he computed from his own observations. His early observations were made with a $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch refractor; later (1879) a $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Cooke was employed; to be replaced finally (in 1886) by an 8-inch refractor by Grubb.

Mr. Tebbutt was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1873, and was awarded the Jackson-Gwilt Medal

and Gift of the Society in 1905, "for his important observations of comets and double stars, and his long continued services to astronomy extending over 40 years." He joined this Association (N.S.W. Branch) in 1891, but resigned his membership in 1914, having retired from active astronomical work in 1905 on reaching the age of 70 years. In 1862 he was offered, and refused, the post of Government Astronomer of New South Wales.