

# Obituary.

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## M. Otto Berger.

The late Otto E. Berger was born at Bern on September 6, 1882, and was the eldest child and only son of his parents. He attended the schools of that town until he was sufficiently advanced for the Grammar School, and completed his education and studied Italian at Bellinzona. When 20 years old, he entered the Service of the Customs Union and was stationed first at Bâle, from whence, on his promotion, he returned to Bern. Here he spent an active life until his death on 1920 August 29, only three months after his marriage. He leaves behind his widow, to whom we owe this little notice, his parents and his only sister.

One of his friends, M. Zurbuchen, adds the following note:— In M. Otto Berger, astronomy has lost an amateur the like of whom I have seldom met. Idealistic and of tireless industry, he consecrated all his free moments to the study of astronomy with the purpose of rendering himself acquainted with all its branches. He owned a refractor of moderate power, with which he made systematic observations, chiefly upon the Moon, the Sun and Jupiter. He also frequently observed Variable Stars. In proof of his love for astronomy and his wish to extend the knowledge of it, he has directed his relatives to give his extensive library as a foundation for a future Astronomical Society of Bern.

M. Berger joined the Association on 1914 October 28, and the Solar Section in 1918 December, in which he showed himself to be an assiduous observer.

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