

Obituary.

Maurice Egerton Leigh-Hunt.

Maurice Egerton Leigh-Hunt, who died suddenly in his City office on September 15th, 1917, was 46 years of age, and his tragic death came as a great shock to a wide circle who were glad to call him friend. The heart attack, which terminated fatally, began with no more than a feeling of faintness upon arrival at his office in the City, but graver symptoms developed during the day. His wife, two doctors and a nurse were

summoned, but everything which skill and devotion could devise proved unavailing, and he sank quietly to rest in the dawn of the autumn morning. Astronomy he loved and prized. Drawn at first to its study through a strong mathematical bent of mind, Mr. Leigh-Hunt delighted in the precise paths of the science as keenly as he revelled in the limitless scope to imagination which it offered. An unusually good and clear memory stood him in excellent stead. He was an exact thinker and worker, so exact that miners on a property in Mexico, where he was stationed for a time in his younger years, were content to abide by the results of his assays of their finds—a compliment they had never been known to pay to any of Mr. Leigh-Hunt's predecessors. Upon his return to London, he married Georgina Millicent, daughter of Mr. J. Hanbury Jepson, who survives him with a family of a boy and two girls. Becoming a member of the London Stock Exchange in 1906, Mr. Leigh-Hunt helped to establish a firm of stockbrokers. He took a house at Hertford, the better to pursue in the country his astronomical studies. A lineal descendant of the famous essayist, Leigh-Hunt, he also was fond of books and possessed a useful library. He was of a kindly and amiable disposition, and practised a courtesy redolent of the days when people were not too busy to be polite. He rests in Kensal Green Cemetery, and perhaps the tenderest testimony to his character is the fact that he was beloved, and wonderingly mourned, by numbers of little folk, boys and girls alike.