

Obituary.

Scriven Bolton, F.R.A.S.

Christmas Day in 1929 is sadly memorable to the Association for on it took place the deaths of three of its members: Mr. Scriven Bolton, Dr. Ralph H. Curtiss and Major P. H. Hepburn. Mr. Scriven Bolton was elected to the Association on 1899 December 27, his sponsors being his fellow-townsmen, Mr. Washington Teasdale and Mr. Charles Whitmell. He was in business in Leeds, but his main interest was in astronomy, and he built for himself an observatory with an 18-inch reflecting telescope, clock-driven during most of his life, and just before his death he had completed a much larger mirror on which he had spent the previous year in grinding and figuring. Perhaps he was best known for the astronomical drawings that he contributed to the illustrated papers, such as the *Illustrated London News* (on whose staff he was for 15 years), the *Graphic* and the *Sphere*. He was awarded a gold medal for his exhibit in the Science Section at the Franco-British Exhibition in 1908, and he received a diploma for drawings of astronomical subjects at the Japan-British Exhibition in 1910. He became a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1905 May, Mr. Richard Kerr proposing him for this from personal knowledge; he was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Member of the Société Astronomique de France.