

THE LATE MR. W. M. PIERSON.—Among those members whom death has claimed since the publication of our annual list is the Hon. Mr. W. M. Pierson, F.R.A.S., one of the original members of the Association. He was one of the leading lawyers of San Francisco, but found time to take very great interest in astronomy, which he evinced in many ways. He took a very prominent part in the foundation of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and fitted out at his own expense an expedition to India to observe the total solar eclipse of 1898. Five years later he presented his 8-in. reflector to the University of California. His death occurred last November.