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# British Astronomical Association

## VARIABLE STAR SECTION

### CIRCULAR 10.

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**A. N. BROWN, F.R.A.S.**

It is with the deepest sorrow, which, he feels, will be shared by all Members, that the Director has to announce the sad news of the death, early on Nov. 4, at his residence "Brackenhurst", of his old friend, ARTHUR NEVILLE BROWN, Hon. Secretary to the Section. Mr. BROWN was observing as late as Oct. 12, and was still at his desk on Oct. 19. His short illness, which lasted only two weeks, and his untimely death from heart failure, were free from pain and quite peaceful. His funeral, which was attended by the Astronomer Royal, and at which the Section was represented, took place at Bucklebury Church on Nov. 7.

Mr. A. N. BROWN's death is an immense loss to the Section. For almost 29 years, our lamented friend did yeoman service for our organisation, and very largely contributed to its success. He had joined it in 1906, the same year as the present Director, under Col. E. E. MARKWICK, and he showed himself at once a keen, highly valuable and enthusiastic observer. He soon became of great and increasing help to Col. MARKWICK, and, later, to Mr. C. L. BROOK, in checking, assembling and compiling our observations, and in preparing them for publication in the *Memoirs*, to the cost of which he contributed in a most generous way.

Upon Mr. C. L. BROOKS's retirement, in 1921, he was quite appropriately offered the Directorship, but, though he was fully qualified to fill the position, he, after due consideration, declined the offer. He kindly undertook, however, to act as the Director's representative in England, and, in 1924, consented to accept the title of Hon. Secretary to the Section.

All the Members know of the enormous amount of work he did in this capacity. An, alas, almost prophetic tribute was rendered to it in the Preface to Vol. XXXI of the *Memoirs*. Apart from his numerous observations, he took a very active, and ever increasing part in the production of our last five *Memoirs*, in the course of which more than 160,000 of our observations passed through his able hands, and he helped the Section's progress in many other ways. The care, thoroughness, and even minuteness with which he achieved all the tasks he undertook were simply admirable.

Most of the Members will, however, have been even more impressed by his kindness and helpfulness in dealing with all matters submitted to him in the course of his exacting duties ; by his prompt, always courteous and encouraging replies to the letters and inquiries which were sent to him from all sides, and by the lovable character of the man which his correspondence betrayed. To all who came to know him, he was the best and most faithful of friends, a true lover of Science, a charming personality, unassuming almost to excess, and endowed with a very beautiful and noble sense of duty. His memory will be held in respect by all Members of the Variable Star Section. May his example be a model and encouragement to all of us.

#### APPOINTMENT OF Mr. BROWN'S SUCCESSOR.

At the Director's request, Mr. W. M. LINDLEY, F.R.A.S., has most kindly consented to succeed Mr. A. N. BROWN as Hon. Secretary to the Section.

Besides being one of our most active observers, Mr. LINDLEY has taken a large part in the preparation of our last *Memoir*, and is also dealing with the «Irregular» Variables on our working list. He is thoroughly conversant with Variable Star Astronomy, as well as with the Section's methods and affairs, and he will, therefore, be of great service to our work.

The Director is very grateful to this staunch supporter of the Section for having accepted the Hon. Secretaryship at short notice, and he feels sure the Members will join with him in thanking Mr. LINDLEY for his devotion to our work.

Mr. LINDLEY will be in a position : —

(1) To receive at his address all observations of Members of the Section residing in the British Empire ; if possible, in accordance with the time table given in *Circular 9*, p. 32 (4) ;

(2) To undertake the distribution of forms, charts, and comparison star lists to these observers ;

(3) To receive and answer enquiries from new observers in the British Empire ;

(4) To keep the original observations of the Section.

All communications relating to the above may be addressed to Mr. W. M. LINDLEY, F. R. A. S., Pentonwarra, Trevone, Padstow, Cornwall, England.

All observations and correspondence from Members residing in countries not forming part of the British Empire, and all communications relative to the Section's policy, should be sent direct, as heretofore, to the Director, 15, Benedictus Straat, Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

FELIX DE ROY,  
*Director.*