

FERDINAND FAITHFULL BEGG was the son of the Rev. James Begg D.D., an Edinburgh minister of considerable influence, who "came out" in 1843. He was born in Edinburgh on 27th December 1847, was educated privately, and in 1863 proceeded to New Zealand, where he made his first acquaintance with business in the service of a bank. In 1872 he returned to Scotland and joined a Stock Exchange firm. In 1885 he was elected Chairman of the Edinburgh Stock Exchange. Two years later he went to London and formed the Stock Exchange firm of Faithfull Begg & Co. Subsequently he was elected a member of the Stock Exchange Committee, and in that capacity he was responsible for certain reforms. In 1913, in his sixty-sixth year, he retired from the Stock Exchange. From 1895 to 1900 he represented the St Rollox Division of Glasgow in Parliament, and was the first private member to get a Women's Suffrage Bill to a second reading. From 1912 to 1915 he was Chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce, and in that capacity during the War was engaged in many works of national utility. He inaugurated the Newspapers for the Fleet Fund, and was specially thanked by the Admiralty and the Commanders-in-Chief for his services.

Mr Begg was elected a Fellow in 1887, and died at Hove on 4th December 1926, aged seventy-nine.

THOMAS HEATH, B.A. (Dublin), was for a period of thirty-six years Assistant Astronomer at the Royal Scottish Observatory. After serving in the Observatory at the Calton Hill, Edinburgh, when it was the Royal Scottish Observatory, Mr Heath became Chief Assistant Astronomer at the Royal Observatory at Blackford Hill, Edinburgh, on its opening in 1896, where he served until he retired in 1910. He graduated Bachelor of Astronomy at Dublin University. He was the author of papers and notes on astronomical and physical subjects in the *Proc. Roy. Soc. Edin.* (1897, 1902); *Nature* (1892, 1895, 1896-97); *Scott. Geogr. Mag.* (1897); and in the *Trans. Scott. Soc. Arts* (1898); and published in 1902 the *Twentieth Century Atlas of Popular Astronomy* (W. & A. K. Johnston).

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1892, and died at his residence, 47 Cluny Drive, Edinburgh, on 8th December 1926, aged seventy-six.

SIR JAMES KEMNAL, Kt., M.Inst.Mech.E., M.Inst.E.E., Memb. Inst. Naval Architects, was born in London in 1864. He was Managing Director of Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd., London and Renfrew, and was a Director of all the foreign Babcock Companies in France, Germany, Spain, and Italy, the Power Securities Corporation, Messrs Balfour, Beatty & Co., Ltd.,