



· The late Clement Jennings Taylor, in his Observatory, "Herschel View," Claremont.

thusiasm for what had been accomplished at that meeting. While there he had the **honour** of being elected British Vice-President of the International Union for the current three years.

Soon after his return a dread disease manifested itself. A surgical operation was performed, but as soon as he had recovered from this the disease broke out in another place. He was advised to go to England for further treatment, but from the first the case seemed hopeless. The patient himself was the most optimistic person, and he bore his great suffering with patient cheerfulness and fortitude. Never for a moment did he give up hope of returning to South Africa, where his heart was, but it was not to be. His friends cannot but feel thankful that the period of suffering was not prolonged. On the 8th July he passed away at his brother's residence, Gerrard's Cross, and was buried on 14th July at Chingford, where stands the long-disused meridian mark of the Greenwich Transit Circle—a most appropriate resting-place. By his death South Africa loses a distinguished scientist. He will be sadly missed by his friends and by astronomical workers throughout the world.

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### CLEMENT JENNINGS TAYLOR, F.R.A.S.

1861-1922.

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Mr. Clement Jennings Taylor was President of the late Cape Astronomical Association for the year 1916-17, having joined the Association on the 16th May, 1913. He was the discoverer of a comet in 1916 (Taylor 1916 a). His annual papers on the "Progress of Astronomy" were much appreciated. Though abounding in quaint humour, they were nevertheless painstakingly prepared with a view to affording accurate and up-to-date information, and they invariably testified to the author's devout belief in a Divine purpose in all things. It gave him the greatest pleasure to allow any visitors the use of his 10-inch reflector at "Herschel View," Claremont. Although not a member of the Cape Astronomical Association at the time of his death, on the 30th June, 1922, he continued to take a kindly interest in its proceedings and remembered it in his will. Hailing from Lincolnshire, England, Mr. Taylor came to Cape Town at an early age as the representative of a British commercial firm, but soon afterwards became one of those hardy adventurers who were attracted to the Kimberley Diamond Fields in their early days. He returned to the Cape Peninsula at the beginning of the nineties with his wife, after losing in infancy their only child, and carried on business as a cloth merchant. His widow survives him. He is buried at Plumstead Cemetery, Cape Province, and on his gravestone there are reproduced the words that confronted one on entering his observatory, "The Heavens declare the glory of God."

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