

SOCIETY NOTICES.

Obituary.

Herbert William Schonegevel.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Schonegevel, which occurred at Cape Town on the 11th March at the age of 76. Herbert William Schonegevel (Schonie to his intimates) was a foundation member of the Society and also of the previous Cape Astronomical Association, having attended the first meeting of the Association on the 3rd October 1912. His interest in astronomy dated from an earlier period, however, as he observed the Transit of Venus of 1882 while he was a lad. He became Secretary of the Cape Astronomical Association in 1917 and served the Association and the Cape Centre of the Society in that capacity for many years. His favourite topic was the Moon, which he studied with his 3" telescope, but he gave papers on various subjects and was an excellent lecturer with the lantern. He once said that an ancestor of his was the last official astronomer at the Cape under the Dutch Government. Schonegevel had other interests: when I first met him he was Secretary of the Cape Astronomical Association, and also President of the Cape Photographic Association at the same time, which I thought conferred honour on both those Associations. He was a thoughtful man and strove to keep abreast of the many recent developments in astronomy, though he confessed it meant the frequent revising of his ideas and theories. He will be greatly missed, and our sympathies go to his family and friends.

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