

recent years de Sitter had the satisfaction of getting a grant from the Rockefeller Institution in the U.S.A. for the erection at Johannesburg of a large telescope to form part of the equipment of the Leiden Observatory. The telescope, consisting of two 40 cm. short-focus telescopes for photographic work on faint objects, is nearing completion. Astronomers in South Africa will regret that he has not lived to see the telescope erected.

D. L. Forbes.

David Lamont Forbes, who died in October, 1934, was a foundation member of the Natal Astronomical Association—now the Natal Centre of this Society. Having qualified in law at Edinburgh University, he shortly afterwards came to South Africa. From 1906 to 1931 Mr. Forbes practised in Durban. In 1931 he removed to Mtunzini, in Zululand, where he was practising at the time of his death.

Mr. Forbes' interest in astronomy was active and practical. He was largely responsible for the administration of the Natal Society, of which he was a Past President. He did much to procure a home for the derelict telescope of the old Natal Observatory, and to bring it once more into commission. He observed with it, and in collaboration with Mr. C. F. Wicks made several drawings of Mars, some of which were reproduced in this Journal. He was astronomical correspondent to the "Natal Mercury," and his well-informed monthly notes in that newspaper were always up to date. On his departure for Zululand, his fellow-members of the Natal Centre elected him Honorary Chairman of that Centre.

Mr. Forbes was a Fellow of The Royal Astronomical Society. He is survived by a widow, a son and a daughter.

T. B. Blathwayt.

Theodore Ballantyne Blathwayt died suddenly in Johannesburg on Friday, 12th October, 1934, at the age of 72.

After graduating at Oxford, Mr. Blathwayt came to South Africa and for many years resided at Cape Town. There he was an active and very successful coach of university students. He was also a vigorous writer in the Press, and his terrific trouncing of the careless or reckless motorist will still be fresh in the minds of many who joined issue with him. In those

years, too, Mr. Blathwayt was a frequent contributor to the "English Mechanic," in the columns of which he discussed a variety of astronomical subjects. He also addressed an occasional note to "Nature."

After the Great War Mr. Blathwayt went north to Johannesburg. There he spent many hours sweeping for comets. His search was rewarded by three discoveries—in 1926, 1927 and 1930. These discoveries were made with a four-inch refractor and an eight-inch reflecting telescope.

Mr. Blathwayt was awarded the Donohoe Comet Medal on each of these occasions, and in 1929 was elected a member of the British Astronomical Society.

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INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
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To Balance 30/6/33	16	3 1	By Printing Journal, Vol. 3, No. 3	28	15 0
„ 50% Subscriptions (Cape Centre)	35	13 9	„ Printing and Sta- tionery	4	2 6
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„ 50% Subscriptions (Durban Centre)	4	14 6	„ Rent	2	5 0
„ Sale of Publications	3	10 4	„ Donation, Herschel Centenary	10	0 0
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			„ Balance carried for- ward	12	12 3
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E. J. STEER.
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W. H. SMITH,
Hon. Treasurer.
30th June, 1934.