

BARRETT, Sir WILLIAM FLETCHER, Kt., F.R.S., M.I.E.E., was born on 10th February 1844, and educated at Old Trafford Grammar School, Manchester, and by private study. He was assistant to Professor Tyndall, 1863; Science Master, International College, 1867; Lecturer on Physics, Royal School of Naval Architecture, 1869; Professor of Physics, Royal College of Science, Dublin, 1873-1910; and ex-President of the Society of Psychical Research, of which he was one of the founders. He was the author of numerous important publications dealing with Physical and Psychical Research.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1874, and died suddenly at his residence, 31 Devonshire Place, London, on 26th May 1925, aged 81. (For fuller details regarding his life and work, see *Proc. R.S.L.*, and *Nature*, 6th June 1925.)

BARTON, EDWIN HENRY, D.Sc., F.R.S., was born on 23rd October 1858. He was educated at the People's College; University College, Nottingham; Imperial College of Science, London; and at the University of Bonn. For a number of years he acted as draughtsman and in other positions in engineering works in Nottingham. In 1893 he joined the staff of the Physics Department in the University College, Nottingham, and became Senior Lecturer and Demonstrator in 1895. Since 1905 he had occupied the Chair of Experimental Physics in the College. His publications include—*A Textbook of Sound*, 1908 (revised reprints 1914, 1919, and 1922); *Analytical Mechanics*, 1911; *An Introduction to the Mechanics of Fluids*, 1915 (jointly with the late Captain T. P. Black, M.Sc., Ph.D.); *Practical Physics for Colleges and Schools*, 1912 (revises 1918 and 1919); sole or joint author of over forty papers in the *Philosophical Magazine*, *Physical Society's Proceedings*, and in the publications of the Royal Societies of London and Edinburgh, 1894-1919.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1895, and died on 23rd September 1925, at Nottingham. (For fuller details regarding his life and work, see *Proc. R.S.L.*, and *Nature*, 7th November 1925.)

BEDDARD, FRANK EVERS, M.A. (Oxon), D.Sc., F.R.S., was born at Dudley on 19th June 1858, and educated at Harrow and New College, Oxford. From 1882 to 1884 he was engaged in Edinburgh as a member of the staff of naturalists working at the material collected by the *Challenger* Expedition, under the direction of the late Sir John Murray. From 1884 to 1915 he held the appointment of Prosector to the Zoological Society, his duty being to make anatomical studies of animals which died