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## WILLIAM HARKNESS.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM HARKNESS, U.S.N., whose name has been identified with the work of the United States Naval Observatory for nearly forty years, died in Jersey City, N. J., February 28, 1903.

On his retirement for age from active service in December, 1899, he went to his home with the intention of returning to Washington, after a short rest, for the purpose of devoting his well-earned leisure to scientific work which the press of official duties had prevented him from completing. An attack of nervous prostration obliged him to defer returning to Washington until he should recover sufficient strength. Month by month he expressed his expectation soon to be strong enough to return, but he never recuperated sufficiently to carry out his cherished plans. Weakness of body confined him quite closely to the house, so much so that he dared to venture on the street not more than half a dozen

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