



SIMON NEWCOMB.

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Simon Newcomb, one of the greatest astronomers of the world, a Canadian by birth, died in Washington on the 11th of July, at the age of seventy-four years. Professor Newcomb was born at Wallace, N.S., lived for several years at Salisbury, N.B., and finally went to the United States, became a school teacher, worked his way through Harvard College, entered the United States navy as professor of mathematics, and afterwards was placed in charge of the naval observatory at Washington. His writings embrace over a hundred papers, and include especially most exact tables of the motions of

the planets. He also published a treatise on astronomy and several volumes on political economy. He was a fellow of the Royal Society of London, and received the doctor's degree from seventeen of the most prominent universities of the world.

In Denmark in the summer the children from the city are sent to school in the country and those of the country are sent to the city schools for a time, the parents making a temporary exchange of children. Twenty thousand children, ten thousand of each class, are thus given a chance to experience life alternately in Copenhagen and in the country round about the city.