

OBITUARY

*of Torquay, England,*  
 Oliver Heaviside, <sup>^</sup> Honorary Member of the Institute, recent-  
 ly died, at the age of seventy-seven, as the result of a fall *from a ladder*  
 Heaviside, ~~while known to very few persons even in his chosen~~  
 field, has been recognized as one of the <sup>most</sup> eminent exponents of  
 electrical science, particularly for his development of the  
~~mathematical theory of electromagnetism.~~ *electromagnetic theory* His ~~eccentric~~ <sup>returning</sup> char-  
 acter and desire to ~~shun~~ <sup>avoid</sup> all society, ~~due probably in part to~~ <sup>partly due</sup>  
 almost complete deafness since childhood, has resulted in his  
 name being ~~practically~~ unknown to the general public. Those who  
 have come in contact with his work regard him as an illustrious  
 successor to Wheatstone, Maxwell and Kelvin. He lived alone in  
~~a small cottage in Devonshire, England, for years in poverty, a~~  
~~pension finally being practically forced upon him.~~ *at Lower Warberry, Torquay, England,*  
 While he ~~wrote articles of great value for the "London Electrician", for~~  
 which he received remuneration, ~~he long persistently refused to~~  
~~reveal his identity.~~ <sup>Papers</sup> *Philosophical Magazine of*  
 No pictures of him ~~are known~~ <sup>but scant</sup> and few of  
 his admirers ever met him. His writings ~~have~~ <sup>however</sup> had considerable  
 practical value, particularly his mathematical theory of the  
~~value of self-induction in long distance telephony, a theory~~  
~~independently developed by Dr. Pupin in this country.~~ <sup>of which</sup> *availed himself*  
 The Royal Society elected him to Fellowship, and the Institute on February  
 14, 1918 to Honorary Membership. The resolution adopted by the  
 Board of Directors at the time of his <sup>to Honorary Membership</sup> election follows:

*for the practical application to telephony, and*  
*opened a new epoch in this field.*

*the Royal Society of London awarded*



"WHEREAS, Oliver Heaviside has rendered service of the highest value in the advancement of electrical science leading to practical results of far-reaching order, and notably in the development of electromagnetic theory; and

"WHEREAS, the constitution of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers provides that, by unanimous vote of all the members of the Board of Directors, Honorary Members may be chosen from among those who have rendered acknowledged eminent services to electrical engineering or to its allied sciences; it is

"RESOLVED: That Oliver Heaviside, Fellow Royal Society, London, England, be elected in recognition of his contributions to electrical science and engineering, to Honorary Membership in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers."

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## Oliver Heaviside, Scientist.

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LONDON, Feb. 4.—Oliver Heaviside, whose researches in theory of electric waves had an important bearing on practical telegraphy and the telephone, died at Torquay today, aged 74.

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The British scientist was a Fellow of the Royal Society and an honorary member of the Literary Philosophical Society of Manchester.

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