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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 Observa-  
tory 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 pur-  
pose 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 un-  
til he should recover sufficient strength.  
Month by month he expressed his expecta-  
tion 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