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Portrait of William Doberck (1852–1941), the Danish-born astronomer who, after graduating with a Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Jena, served as Superintendent of the Markree Observatory in Ireland before accepting the founding Directorship of the Hong Kong Observatory. A committed double star observer, Doberck continued his micrometric measures of selected pairs from his private 'Kowloon Observatory' in Surrey (England) after his retirement in 1907. Between 1872 and 1935, Doberck published 223 papers and reports, and apart from double stars, these discussed cometary orbital elements and variable star observations. For details of Doberck's long life and his contributions to astronomy see pages 49-64 in this issue of the journal.
