



Thomas Hinsley Astbury: from an English market town schoolroom to the internal constitution of the stars

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T. H. Astbury (1858-1922) was for many years the much-respected headmaster of a boys' junior school in the English market town of Wallingford. By night he was a dedicated amateur astronomer who enjoyed observing meteors, variable stars and many other objects. He began to search for new variable stars, his first discovery being the bright Cepheid variable, RT Aurigae. This, along with his discovery of 4 other variable stars, brought him to attention of some of the most famous professional astronomers of the age, including Herbert Hall Turner, Frank Dyson and Arthur Eddington.

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