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We regret to have to announce the death of another of our Southern Members. James Lidderdale Scott was born at Edinburgh in 1848. By occupation a merchant, he went to Shanghai in 1870, and, at the age of 40, took up the study of Astronomy as a recreation in his leisure hours. Possessed of a 5-in. equatorial, the object-glass of which was by Casella and the mounting by Cooke, he devoted himself to the observation of Southern Double Stars. In April 1899 he contributed to Vol. LIX. of the "Monthly Notices" a valuable paper, containing measurements of 73 doubles observed in 1897-98. A further paper (M.N., Vol. LXIV.) contained measurements of 195 doubles observed, also at Shanghai, in 1902-03. As a Member of our Double Star Section he contributed lists of respectively 60 and 40 Southern Stars. These will be found in Vols. V. and VI. of our "Journal." He was an original Member of our Association, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1891. He died in the Mediterranean on his way home on April 16. He was married in 1881, but had no issue. His widow, to whom we offer our sympathy, survives him.