

CHARLES JAMES WESTLAND, F.R.A.S.

With regret we have to report the death at Christchurch, New Zealand, at the age of 75 years, of C. J. Westland, a member since 1907. Mr. Westland was born in India and went to New Zealand with his parents in 1891. In 1915 he was appointed to the position of astronomer at the Hector Observatory, Wellington, during the absence of the Government Astronomer (Dr. C. E. Adams) on a trip to the Lick Observatory. In the same year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. From 1916 to 1919 he was on military service overseas and on his return he was appointed acting director of the Apia (W. Samoa) Observatory, where he remained until 1930, returning then to New Zealand and settling in Christchurch from 1933 until his death. Mr. Westland was particularly interested in variable stars and also took an active interest in seismology.