

Henry Chamberlaine Russell, of our New South Wales Branch, was born at Maitland, N.S.W., on the 17th March 1836. He graduated at the Sydney University, where the first Director of the Observatory (the Rev. W. Scott) had become Principal of St. Paul's College. Mr. Scott was succeeded at the Observatory, and as Government Astronomer for New South Wales, by Mr. G. R. Smalley, who died a few years after his appointment, on which Mr. Russell, in 1870, was nominated his successor. The following year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, and some time afterwards a Vice-President of the Sydney Royal Society. To the latter he contributed a large number of papers, chiefly on meteorological subjects: his astronomical papers in the "Monthly Notices" of the Royal Astronomical Society, and in the "Astronomische Nachrichten" refer principally to celestial photography, and observations of double stars and comets. He resigned his appointments at the end of 1904, and died on the 22nd February last. He travelled through a large part of Europe in 1875, during which he visited Greenwich, and was, on the occasion of Airy's celebration of the bicentenary of the foundation of the Royal Observatory on the 10th of August in that year, one of three Directors of Observatories in the southern hemisphere who were present, the other two being Mr. Ellery and the late Mr. Stone, at the time on a visit to England from the Cape,

to which he had been appointed in 1870. Amongst the special phenomena observed by Mr. Russell may be mentioned the total solar eclipse in December 1871 (at which the weather was unfavourable), the transit of Venus in December 1874, and the transit of Mercury in November 1881. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1886, and joined our Association in 1895.

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