

OBITUARY.

The Council regret that they have to record the loss by death of the following Fellows and Associates during the past year :—

Fellows :—Thomas Michael Almond.
 Walter Ernest Besley.
 George Cox Bompas.
 Ralph Copeland.
 Edward Crofton.†
 Edward Crossley.*
 John Dansken.
 Rev. Adam Storey Farrar.
 Lord Grimthorpe.
 Rev. Timothy Harley.†
 Charles Horsley.*
 Rev. Samuel J. Johnson.
 Lieut.-Col. Henry S. G. S. Knight.†
 Thomas Edward Knightley.
 George Richard Stevens.
 Rev. William R. M. Waugh.
 Sir W. J. Lloyd Wharton.

Associates :—Paul Henry.*
 Otto Struve.
 Pietro Tacchini.

Obituary notices are also given of E. H.*R. Coleman and Charles Jasper Joly, who died in January 1906.

WALTER ERNEST BESLEY was born at Tiverton, North Devon, in 1877, the elder son of Walter Besley. He was educated on the classical side at Heavitree College, near Exeter, and, for one year, in London. In 1896 he obtained by examination a Second Division Civil Service clerkship, and was appointed to the office of the Local Government Board in Whitehall, where, until his death, his work lay, under its former and present Superintendents, the late Sir R. Thorne and Mr. W. H. Power, in the Public Health Department.

In 1895, when as yet only 17 years of age, he commenced to observe meteors and the brighter variable stars, communicating

* Obituary in *Annual Report*, 1905.

† Death not reported till 1905.