

### C. Spence Bate, Esq., F.R.S.

THE Association has lost one of its ablest and most energetic members in Mr. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., who died, after a painful illness, at his residence, The Rock, South Brent, Devon, on the 29th of July.

It is hardly necessary here to dwell on Mr. Spence Bate's scientific attainments; as a carcinologist he was distinguished throughout Europe, and his works on the British Amphipoda (in conjunction with Professor Westwood) and the Macrurous Crustacea of the Challenger expedition are testimony to his acute powers of observation and his patience in study.

From the date of its foundation Mr. Spence Bate took the keenest interest in the Marine Biological Association. He was elected a member of Council soon after its formation, and was among those who urged the advantages of Plymouth as a site for a Marine Laboratory. On Plymouth being chosen Mr. Spence Bate took an active part in the early arrangements necessary for acquiring the site and erecting the buildings; his influence was instrumental in securing for the Association that local support which has been so freely given by the authorities and inhabitants of Plymouth, and he personally took a large share in watching the progress of the building and arranging the details of its interior. Lately Mr. Spence Bate was a frequent visitor to the Laboratory, was ever ready to assist younger naturalists with his stores of knowledge on Crustacea, and was most helpful in lending from his own library scientific memoirs not in the possession of the Association.