

# Obituary.

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George Bruford, F.R.A.S., born Jan. 13, 1837;  
died Feb. 5, 1921.

It is with regret that we record the passing of George Bruford, who acted as Hon. Librarian for the B.A.A. (1906-1910).

All his life he took a keen interest in things astronomical, but it was only in his later years, after retirement from a very active business career, that he found the longed-for leisure to indulge in its study.

On a trip to the Antipodes in 1901 he made many observations of the comet of that year, and he also accompanied the expedition to Burgos (1905) to view the eclipse of the Sun.

Combining these experiences with his all-round general knowledge he gave a popular lecture which was very appreciatively received wherever given.

His election as F.R.A.S. (1909) was an unsought honour, and afforded him intense gratification.

He had a great love of music, having studied the organ under Thomas Wingham. He was the author of several delightful hymn tunes, which were published for private circulation.

A staunch friend, and sparing in neither time nor money to help others—often to his own detriment—his ripe experience as

a business man was always at the service of any perplexed with problems in economics, and he will be greatly missed now that, at the age of 84, he has, in his own phrase, "Gone into the other room."