

Mr. Bryan Cookson, M.A., F.R.A.S.

It is with very great regret that we have to include in the list of those Members whose removal by death has occurred during the Session the name of Mr. Bryan Cookson. Barely thirty-six years of age, he had given indications of a scientific career of no mean order. Educated at Harrow and Oxford he proceeded to Cambridge, studying in a post-graduate course his favourite science of astronomy. While there he designed a new form of floating photographic zenith-telescope, constructed with a view to undertaking a determination of the constant of aberration and of change of latitude. A description of the instrument and of some results obtained with it will be found in the Monthly Notices, Vol. LXI., p. 315. Among other papers contributed by him to the same publication is one on the Mass of Jupiter and corrections to the elements of the orbits of the satellites from heliometer observations made at the Cape Observatory, whither he had gone at the invitation of Sir David Gill. It was only about a year ago that he was appointed Assistant at the Cambridge Observatory, and much was expected from him in the line of astrophysical and spectroscopic research, in which he would doubtless have distinguished himself had not his career been cut short by his early death on September 13. He joined the British Astronomical Association on April 27, 1892, and the Royal Astronomical Society on December 14, 1894.