

THE LATE DR. WILLIAM B. CARPENTER.

Science has experienced a severe loss in the recent lamented decease of Dr. Carpenter, for though he had attained an age when most men seek repose, he was still actively employed in scientific and philanthropic work, and might have done much more had his life been prolonged. Dr. Carpenter, with the acumen and thoroughness of a scientific specialist, combined a rare breadth of view and comprehension, and a wonderful facility for the clear expression of facts and principles as a teacher and popular writer. He was withal a man of large sympathies, and ready at any time to bear his part in any work of social, sanitary, or educational amelioration. As a physiologist and microscopist he had no superior; and no English man of science has done more in making his subjects of study popular and generally useful. His visit to Canada in the summer of 1882, the part which he took at that time in the meeting of the American Association in Montreal, and the admirable popular lecture which he delivered on the physical features of the Ocean, have made him personally known to many in this country, where he had long been esteemed as a writer. He entered heartily into the study of *Eozoon canadense*, when that fossil was discovered by Sir W. E. Logan; and the preparatory work, which had been done in its microscopic study by Sir Wm. Dawson in this country, was, by his request, submitted before publication to Dr. Carpenter as the most eminent specialist in the structures of Foraminifera. Dr. Carpenter, when in Canada, visited one of the most instructive localities of *Eozoon*, and had in course of preparation an exhaustive memoir on the subject, for which he had accumulated a large number of specimens illustrating the various forms and structures of this much disputed organism.

Dr. Carpenter was born at Exeter in 1813, and was the son of Dr. Lant Carpenter, an eminent Unitarian minister of Bristol, which city he removed in Dr. Carpenter's infancy. He was the brother of Miss Mary Carpenter, so well-known as a philanthropist, and of Dr. Philip P. Car-