

impressed on our ears, it is too soon to do more than attempt to trace the more marked features of his character. The qualities which chiefly distinguished him intellectually were the variety of his knowledge, the accuracy of his memory, which he retained to the last without appreciable impairment, and his sound discrimination in all matters of doubt or controversy. To his friends he was endeared by his habitual consideration for the welfare and interests of others, his unwillingness to think ill even of those of

whose conduct he disapproved, and his transparent truthfulness. When it is remembered how large was the circle of his acquaintance and the number of those who, during the thirty-eight years of his professorial life, came under his personal influence, we may well moderate our grief at parting with him by reflecting on the good that must have accrued from the life and labours of one in whom so vigorous an understanding was united with so genial and sympathetic a nature.

#### SIGNOR PERINI'S PLANETARIUM

IN NATURE, vol. xxi. p. 111, we described the ingenious planetarium recently invented by Signor Perini, and which has cost him seven years' constant labour. To-day

we are able to present an illustration of this invention, which may give those of our readers who have not seen the original, some idea of its construction. The visitors are supposed to be standing underneath the dome, from which



are suspended the sun and planets. Of course it has been necessary for purposes of illustration to greatly exaggerate the proportionate sizes of the planets, but our readers will see that for purposes of instruction Signor Perini's inven-

tion must be of the greatest possible utility. For details we must refer the readers to our previous article on the planetarium, which we believe is still standing and may be seen at 77, Newman Street, Oxford Street.