

Salter writes: "Sedgwick is so pleased, his face quite glowed," and Sedgwick himself writes: "Most sincerely do I thank you for your kind letter, and for so kindly allowing us to select from the specimens what we think most important to our Museum. At the same time, I feel a difficulty in accepting (not of course on my own account, but on that of the University) some of your specimens, which are of inestimable value; the grand, almost perfect specimen, of *Paradoxides* is (so far as I know) unrivalled and above comparison." In October, 1872, after another consignment, Sedgwick writes: "In the number and value of the fossils you sent us you stand foremost in our list." Many of Mr. Homfray's fine specimens may also be seen in the British Museum (Natural History), and in the Owen's College Museum, Manchester.

Though he could in later years hardly keep pace with the advance of Geological Science, he took the keenest interest in it up to the time of his death, and gave, as the writer can testify from experience, every encouragement to younger lovers of his favourite science. In addition to being a Geologist, he was also an enthusiastic Botanist, and a devoted student of Natural History in general.

Dr. Hicks, who kindly read over these notes, says: "I can endorse every word you say in regard to the generous and estimable friend whose death we all lament. His keen eye, combined with shrewd observation and a highly sympathetic nature, has rendered invaluable service to Cambrian geology, and can only be realized by those whose pleasure it was to be with him in the field. When Salter and I were working on the Menevian rocks, now nearly thirty years ago, dear David Homfray was the first to offer assistance, and to be ready to join us in our explorations. I can never forget what we owe to his enthusiasm and to his delightful companionship. He was in truth a typical scientific man, who loved truth for truth's sake only, and cared little for the honour which it brought."

Mr. Homfray bore a painful illness with great courage; and by those who knew nothing of his geological labours he will long be remembered, as he was described in a local magazine, "a strict, upright, generous, charitable, and hospitable Christian gentleman."

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GEORGE WILLIAM SHRUBSOLE, F.G.S.

This well-known local geologist was born about 1827-28, and belonged to the Kentish family of the same name. He settled in Chester some forty years ago as assistant to a chemist, and in the course of a few years opened an establishment of his own in Market Square, which is still in the hands of his sons. Mr. Shrubsole was the Honorary Curator of the Grosvenor Museum, was an enthusiastic geologist, botanist, and antiquary, and was one of the founders, with Charles Kingsley, of the Chester Society of Natural Science. Mr. Shrubsole's health began to break in 1891, and although he submitted to an operation and was restored for a time, complications arose six weeks before his death, which occurred on the 22nd July, 1893.