

DR. W. H. FITTON'S MEMOIRS.

SIR,—Students interested in William Smith will remember a series of brilliant articles which appeared in *The Edinburgh Review* a century ago, dealing with Smith's maps, Buckland's *Reliquiæ Diluvianæ*, and other important geological publications. These were anonymous, but by some were attributed to Dr. W. H. Fitton. A handsomely bound volume has recently come into my possession which puts the question beyond doubt. Dr. Fitton had evidently gathered together his various contributions to the *Edinburgh Review* in this volume, carefully covering over such parts of the pages which he had not written. He has had a special title page and "contents" printed, which read as under:—(a) "Articles published in the *Edinburgh Review*, 1817–1849, by W. H. Fitton, M.D."; (b) Contents. 1. Report on Lunatic Asylums. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. xxviii, No. 56. 1817, August. Article viii (pp. 431–471); 2. Transactions of the Geological Society, established in November, 1807. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. xxix, No. 57. 1817, November. Article iv (pp. 70–94); 3. Smith's Geological Map of England. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. xxix, No. 58. 1818, February. Article iii (pp. 310–337); 4. Larrey's Surgical Campaigns. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. xxxi, No. 62. 1819, March. Article iii (pp. 309–324); 5. Buckland's *Reliquiæ Diluvianæ*. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. xxxix, No. 77. 1823, October. Article x (pp. 196–234); 6. Lyell's Elements of Geology: Huttonian Theory of the Earth. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. lxxix, No. 140. 1839, July. Article v (pp. 406–466); 7. The Silurian System, by R. I. Murchison. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. lxxiii, No. 147. 1841, April. Article i (pp. 1–41); 8. Statistics of Coal, by Richard Cowling Taylor. *Edin. Rev.*, vol. xc, No. 182. 1849, October. Article vii (pp. 525–547)."

In the front of the book is written: "Frederick Chambers Fitton—from his father—October, 1858."

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HIGHGATE AMBER.

SIR,—May I ask the courtesy of your aid to inquire whether any one can help me to obtain a specimen of Copaline, or Highgate Resin, or Highgate Amber. I specially require it for microscopic and chemical examination in connexion with a large book on Amber which I have in preparation. It is a pale yellow or brownish waxy-looking substance found in small films or fragments in the London clay at Highgate Hill. It is a compound of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, and burns easily with a yellow flame and much smoke. I have been trying in vain for some time to obtain a specimen of it and would be most grateful to any of your readers for help.—Yours, etc.,

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