

THE LATE PROFESSOR JAMES GEIKIE.¹

SIR,—A biography of the late Professor James Geikie is now in course of preparation, and the work would be greatly facilitated if those who have letters or communications of general interest from him would kindly forward these to me at the Royal Scottish Geographical Society's Rooms, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. They will be carefully preserved and returned after being copied.

EDINBURGH,

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September 4, 1916.

 OBITUARY.

JAMES DALLAS, F.S.A.Scot.

BORN 1853.

DIED SEPTEMBER 12, 1916.

WE regret to record the death, in his 63rd year, of Mr. James Dallas (formerly curator of the Albert Museum, Exeter), which occurred on September 12, at Bampton, Oxon. James Dallas, F.S.A.Scot., was the son of the late W. S. Dallas, F.L.S., for so many years Assistant Secretary to the Geological Society of London.

CHARLES DAWSON, F.S.A., F.G.S.

BORN JULY 11, 1864.

DIED AUGUST 10, 1916.

GEOLOGISTS and archæologists alike mourn the early death of Mr. Charles Dawson, of the Castle Lodge, Lewes. For thirty years he had been one of the most active students of the geology and antiquities of Sussex. To a capacity for taking pains, with endless patience, he added a sharpness of sight that never overlooked anything of importance; and he was not only in close touch with all workmen in his district who might make accidental discoveries, but was also in constant friendly communication with a wide circle of professional scientific men who helped him to make the best use of his material.

Charles Dawson was born at Fulkeith Hall, Lancashire, fifty-two years ago, the son of Mr. Hugh Dawson, barrister-at-law. Most of his early life was spent at St. Leonards-on-Sea, and he was educated at the Royal Academy, Gosport. He began to study law in 1880, and from 1890 until the time of his death he practised as a solicitor at Uckfield. There he held several public appointments, and won the highest esteem of all who were associated with him. His duties were many and arduous, and science was the recreation of his leisure hours.

From early boyhood Mr. Dawson had been interested in natural history and antiquities, and he began to collect Wealden fossils from the quarries and cliffs round Hastings. He soon attracted the notice of Mr. S. H. Beckles, F.R.S., who was then spending his last years at St. Leonards. He was thus helped and encouraged to collect Dinosaurian remains in a systematic manner; and he met with so much success that by 1884 he had made a valuable collection which

¹ For a brief account of Professor James Geikie and his works, see "Eminent Living Geologists" (*GEOL. MAG.*, N.S., Dec. V, Vol. X, No. VI, June, 1913, pp. 241-8, with a portrait, Pl. IX); for obituary see *op. cit.*, April, 1915, p. 192.