

Congress excursion to that region. I did not intend the notes as a narrative of the excursion, only as a small help to friends interested in geology who may not possess that most admirable guide, the "Livret Guide," provided by the Committee for members of the International Geological Congress, over which so much labour must have been expended.

I desire now through the medium of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE to tender my sincere thanks to the Directors, to whom we were all greatly indebted for their kind attention and able discourses.

M. S. JOHNSTON.

HAZELWOOD, WIMBLEDON HILL.

April 24, 1901.

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THE FISH FAUNA OF THE MILLSTONE GRITS.

SIR,—May I point out to Dr. Wellburn that the value of his work on Palæozoology will be enhanced if he will take a little more trouble in his method. I read *Psephodus*, sp. nov., *Acanthodes*, sp. nov., *Euctenodopsis*, sp. nov.; but in all these cases I have to dig the specific names out of the text. They should follow the generic name; if they do not they are likely to be overlooked. Those forms which are described, and to which specific names are given by the author, should also have been properly entered up in the table. The specialist will, no doubt, read such papers right through, but that will certainly not be the case of the

OVERWHELMED RECORDER.

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OBITUARY.

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EDWARD CRANE, F.G.S.

BORN NOVEMBER 22, 1822.

DIED APRIL 25, 1901.

EDWARD CRANE, youngest son of Wright Edward Crane, Esq., landowner, of Thorney, Cambridgeshire, and Mary, his wife, was born November 22nd, 1822. He was educated at Wisbech Grammar School, spent two years fishing and shooting in Ireland, and before he was of age had settled down to the pursuit of agriculture as a tenant farmer on the Duke of Bedford's model Thorney estate. In 1851 he married Jane Turnell, eldest child of a neighbouring farmer, and remained in Thorney until 1866, when he retired and went to live at first in the vicinity of the Crystal Palace. Soon afterwards, accompanied by his wife and daughter, he visited the continent of Europe, and, returning to England in November, 1867, settled in Brighton; having purchased a house in Wellington Road, he resided there until his sudden death on April 25th, 1901.

When the town Museum was removed from the Pavilion rooms to the present building in Church Street, Edward Crane assisted in arranging the geological gallery. He became a member of the Museum Sub-Committee in 1873 during the Chairmanship of his

old friend Dr. Thomas Davidson, F.R.S. On the death of the latter in 1885 he was elected Chairman of the Committee, in which capacity he served the interests of science in the town of Brighton very faithfully for eight years. Increasing age and deafness led him to resign the Chair, but he was annually re-elected a member of the Committee, and although rarely attending the meetings, continued to be actively interested in the Museum, and assisted the curators in every way. Edward Crane published in the Brighton Public Museum Report for the years 1891-92 (Brighton, 1892) a "List of the Type Specimens in the Brighton Museum." He was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of London in 1872, and frequently attended the meetings in London until his age and deafness denied him the pleasure. He was an enthusiastic visitor at the Natural History Museum, and also visited the principal museums of Central Europe and Scandinavia. In 1881, accompanied by his daughter, he made an extended tour in the Eastern and Western United States and Canada, and in the Winter of 1884-5 visited Spain, Cuba, Mexico, and the Southern United States. He had formed warm friendships with scientists of that great country, which he dearly loved. Edward Crane remained deeply interested in scientific literature up to the last, and was keenly enjoying Macnamara's "Origin and Character of the British People," and his dear friend Mrs. Zelia Nuttall's "Fundamental Principles of Old and New World Civilizations," during the last week of his life. Edward Crane passed suddenly away from heart disease of long standing at St. John's Lodge, Wellington Road, Brighton, on April 25th, 1901, and was cremated and interred on April 30th at Woking, Surrey (No. 458, facing north-west), by his written directions. His widow, Jane Crane, survives him, and he leaves issue an only daughter, Agnes Crane, who has been a frequent contributor to the pages of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE and other periodicals.

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COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO SIR ARCHIBALD GEIKIE, D.C.L., F.R.S., ETC.—Sir Archibald Geikie, who retired from the position of Director-General of the Geological Survey on February 28th, after forty-six years of public service, was entertained on May 1st at a complimentary dinner held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus. The Right Hon. Lord Avebury took the chair, and among those present were Major-General Sir John Donnelly, Sir George Stokes, Sir John Evans, Sir Frederick Abel, Sir Norman Lockyer, Sir Henry Craik, Sir William Turner, Sir Michael Foster, Sir Henry E. Roscoe, Sir Lauder Brunton, Sir Henry Howorth, Sir John Murray, Admiral Sir William Wharton, Major-General Festing, Prof. E. Ray Lankester, Mr. S. E. Spring-Rice, Prof. T. Mc K. Hughes, Mr. Digby Piggott, Colonel Johnston, Prof. Bonney, Prof. Lapworth, Prof. Watts, Prof. J. Geikie, Prof. Wiltshire, Prof. Hull, Dr. W. T. Blanford, Lieut.-General McMahon, Dr. Horace T. Brown, Major Craigie,