

departments, chiefly, as far as is yet known, in the west, centre, and south-west of France. The shocks are estimated to have taken eight or ten seconds. At Limoges it seems to have been severe and accompanied by a noise compared to that of trains passing through a tunnel, and in the houses, according to letters received, the beds moved, the crockery and glass clattered, the bells rang, and the inhabitants were all on foot. In the neighbourhood of Paris I know of persons who got out of bed in alarm, thoroughly roused by the first shock. Earthquakes are complete novelties in nearly all the districts where we know of this one having been felt. At Niort there was a slight shock a fortnight ago.—*Times*, Sept. 17th.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF M. LOUIS SÆMANN, Memb. Instit., etc.

During the Meeting of the British Association at Nottingham, the Editor received the following sad announcement:—

To the Editor of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

SIR,—I have the sad duty to advise you of the death of my friend LOUIS SÆMANN. He died the 23rd instant, in Paris, of congestion of the lungs, at the age of 44. It is a loss to science and his numerous friends, and particularly to your MAGAZINE, for which he wrote a pamphlet "On Meteorites,"¹ in course of publication, and which he had not the satisfaction to see in print before his decease.

I am, sir, very truly yours,

JULES MARCOU.

PARIS: 44, RUE MADAME, 26 August, 1866.

CHARLES MACLAREN, ESQ., F.R.S.E., F.G.S., died at his residence, Moreland Cottage, Grange, Edinburgh, on Monday, September 10th, at the advanced age of 84. He was born in 1782. In 1817, when holding a subaltern office in the Customs, he established, in connection with the late Mr. W. Ritchie, the *Scotsman* newspaper, and acted as its anonymous editor for four or five months. Circumstances rendering it inconvenient for him to appear as editor, he relinquished that post to the late Mr. J. R. McCulloch. He resumed it, however, after an interval of two years, and continued to exercise the editorial functions until compelled by ill-health to resign them in 1847; still, however, writing occasionally for the paper, when placed under the management of Mr. A. Russell. He was the author of "A Treatise on the Topography of Troy." (1822), of which, after visiting the district, he published an improved and illustrated edition in 1863, under the title of "The Plain of Troy Described." He also wrote "The Geology of Fife and the Lothians" (1839); some articles in the *Cyclopædia Britannica*, and contributed many scientific papers to the *Edinburgh Philosophical Journal*. Mr. Maclaren was one of the chief promoters of the Edinburgh Geological Society, and was elected President in 1865, which office he held until the time of his death, though unable to deliver the annual address, which was supplied by Mr. David Page, and entitled "Geology and Modern Thought."

¹ See the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE for August, p. 362, and September, p. 414.