

## BOS PRIMIGENIUS IN ALGERIA.

SIR,—I have just received information from my friend M. Durando of Algiers, of the discovery of the entire head with enormous horn-cores of a fossil ox at Djelfa, on the Hautes Plateaux of Algeria, supposed to be *Bos primigenius* (?).

The skull in the Museum at Algiers, discovered some years ago at Bab-Azzoun, near Algiers, has, I believe, been determined as *Bubalus antiquus*. The skull from Djelfa has also been placed in the Museum, and should be examined by any palæontologist visiting Algiers, with a view to the correct determination of the species.

Djelfa is a fortress about 150 miles south of Algiers, situated on the military road connecting Algiers with L'Aghouat, at a height of 2600 feet.

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## OBITUARY.

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The closing year has taken with it another member of the old "London Clay Club," Mr. N. T. Wetherell, who died at his residence at Highgate on the 22nd December, 1875, aged 75 years. Like his friend F. E. Edwards, whose death we noticed last November, Mr. Wetherell devoted his attention specially to the study of the fossils of the London Clay (particularly those from localities on the north of London): but he had besides given much time to the careful collection of the fossils from the Glacial Drift-deposits of Finchley and Muswell Hill. The latter collection is preserved in the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn Street, whilst the greater portion of his very extensive London Clay Collection has been secured for the Brit. Mus.

The following is a list of Mr. Wetherell's chief scientific papers:—

1. Observations on the London Clay of Highgate Archway, Proc. Geol. Soc. Lond., vol. i. June 19, 1822, p. 403.
2. On an *Ophiura* found at Child's Hill, N.W. of Hampstead, op. cit., p. 417. Jan. 9, 1833.
3. Observations on a Well dug at the Lower Heath on the South Side of Hampstead. (June, 1834.) Trans. Geol. Soc., vol. v. 1840, p. 131.
4. A Notice of some Organic Remains recently discovered in the London Clay, Proc. Geol. Soc. Lond., vol. iii. p. 140.
5. On the Occurrence of *Graphularia Wetherellii*, in Nodules from the London Clay and the Crag, 1859, Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc., vol. xv. p. 30.
6. On the Structure of some of the Siliceous Nodules of the Chalk, 1859, op. cit., vol. xv. p. 193.

Besides the above, Mr. Wetherell communicated numerous notes on geological and palæontological subjects to "London's Magazine of Natural History," the "Annals," the "Geologist," the "GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE," and other scientific journals. He paid much attention to the investigation of "the Banded Structure seen in Flints." (See an article by Dr. S. P. Woodward, GEOL. MAG. 1864, Vol. I. p. 145, Pl. VII. and VIII.)

Mr. Wetherell was one of the earliest Fellows of the Geological Society of London, and although of late years he ceased to attend its meetings, he continued to the last devotedly attached to geological science, which through his long life he earnestly endeavoured to promote. Both in his profession as a medical man, and also among his scientific friends, he was warmly esteemed.

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