

but will give discriminately-selected quotations from the leading periodical publications on Agriculture, Archæology, Astronomy, Botany, Chemistry, Ethnology, Geography, Geology, Palæontology, Medicine, Mechanics, Meteorology, Mining, and Mineralogy, Microscopy, Photography, Physics, Zoology, and Comparative Anatomy. Nor shall technical science alone receive consideration, but selections will be made from such essays in the 'Magazines,' Popular Science Journals, and 'Reviews,' as may appear to the Editors to be of interest or importance." Living, as we do, in an age of scientific discoveries, when few men can grasp even the literature of any single science, but, at the same time, when every well-informed gentleman is expected to be acquainted with all the leading questions of the day, we see no other method except to obtain such a Journal as the above, which might also give a well-digested résumé of scientific progress from week to week, or if that be too often, let it be monthly; only, when done, let it be *well done*.

NORTH LONDON NATURALISTS' CLUB.—We are glad to see the announcement of the formation of a Field-Club in the North of London, and we heartily wish it all success. It is, we believe, the only club in the neighbourhood of London devoted to the study of Natural History.

OBITUARY.

We have to record the death of Dr. Whewell, on Tuesday, the 6th March, from injuries occasioned by a fall from his horse some days previous. The Rev. William Whewell, M.A., D.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., Hon. Mem. R.I.A., etc., Master of Trinity College, and Professor of Casuistry in the University of Cambridge, was born of humble parentage, at Lancaster, in 1794 (or 1795). His writings have been both numerous and important, amongst which are, "A History of the Inductive Sciences," "The Philosophy of the Inductive Sciences," "Novum Organon Renovatum," "The Philosophy of Discovery," "The Bridgewater Treatise on Astronomy," "Indications of the Creator," etc., as well as works on Moral, Mathematical, and Architectural subjects. He contributed papers to the Royal, Geological, and Cambridge Philosophical Societies. In 1837 he was elected President of the Geological Society of London, and delivered Addresses at the Anniversary Meetings in 1838 and 1839. He was President of the British Association at the meeting at Plymouth in 1841; he also delivered an Address when acting as Secretary to the meeting at Cambridge in 1833. Until the day of the accident which proved fatal to him, Dr. Whewell retained possession of all his intellectual powers unimpaired, although upwards of 70 years of age.

Col. T. S. HENEKEN, F.G.S., who has contributed largely to our knowledge of the Geology of San Domingo, is reported as deceased. The results of his observations are published in the Geological Society's Journal for 1850 and 1853.