

in 1853, served as one of the Secretaries of the Geological Society 1855, became Treasurer of the Geological Society 1856–63, appointed a Royal Commissioner on Water Supply 1865, appointed a Royal Commissioner on Coal Supply 1866, elected President of the Geological Society 1870–72, Vice-President of the Royal Society 1883. In 1849, when only 37 years of age, Prestwich received the “Wollaston Gold Medal.” On 23rd June, 1874, when 62 years of age, having already accomplished a lifetime of work, he was elected Professor of Geology in the University of Oxford, as successor to Professor John Phillips, F.R.S., a Chair which he held for fifteen years, retiring in 1887, at the age of 75 years! In 1874 the Telford Gold Medal and premium were awarded to Professor Prestwich for his paper on “The Geological Conditions affecting the Construction of a Channel Tunnel.” He was made an Honorary D.C.L. (Oxon) in 1888, and received knighthood in 1895 (æt. 84). Truly it may be said of Sir Joseph Prestwich in the words of Chaucer—

“He was a verray perfight gentil knight.” H. W.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

NOTE ON *AMMONITES EUOMPHALUS*, SHARPE.

SIR,—The *locality* given by Sharpe for his type of this Ammonite is quite wrong. Dr. Rowe and myself have just returned from a survey of the Dorset coast, and Mr. Crick has shown me the type. The matrix of Sharpe’s specimen is identical with that of the specimen from Humble Point collected by us, and closely approximates to the matrix of the specimen collected by the Geological Survey. There is no matrix anything like it in Man o’ War Cove, nor is there anything like it in any of the Dorset coast sections. It undoubtedly came from the Whitland’s section in Devonshire.

This is an excellent example of the confusion caused by accepting any previous records, when attempting to do zonal work or make tables of occurrences. The fossils should be personally collected by those who are responsible for the stratigraphy; error is then reduced to a minimum.

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O B I T U A R Y .

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FEW men have had the satisfaction to see so large a share of their hopes and ambitions in life realized as Sir William Flower.

Born in the historic town of Stratford-on-Avon, where his father’s family had already resided for many years, he had the good fortune to be the second son, and was consequently permitted, from his youth up, to pursue that innate love of natural history which springs eternal in the schoolboy breast, but seldom lasts till manhood. In