

gressive deformation can be shown under the microscope. I have a right to say "wherever," because I do not think there is a single exposure of any magnitude in the entire chain which I have failed to examine, and the most critical sections I have visited repeatedly.

My paper of April 17th treated, not so much of the origin of the schists in question, as of the production of some of the constituent minerals. The evidence offered under the former head was accordingly very incomplete, and a great part of the debate seemed to me rather premature. I hope my critics will visit the Malvern region, and will favour me with their opinion when I read my paper on the main question.

CH. CALLAWAY.

WELLINGTON, June 11th, 1889.

OBITUARY

ROBERT DAMON, F.G.S.

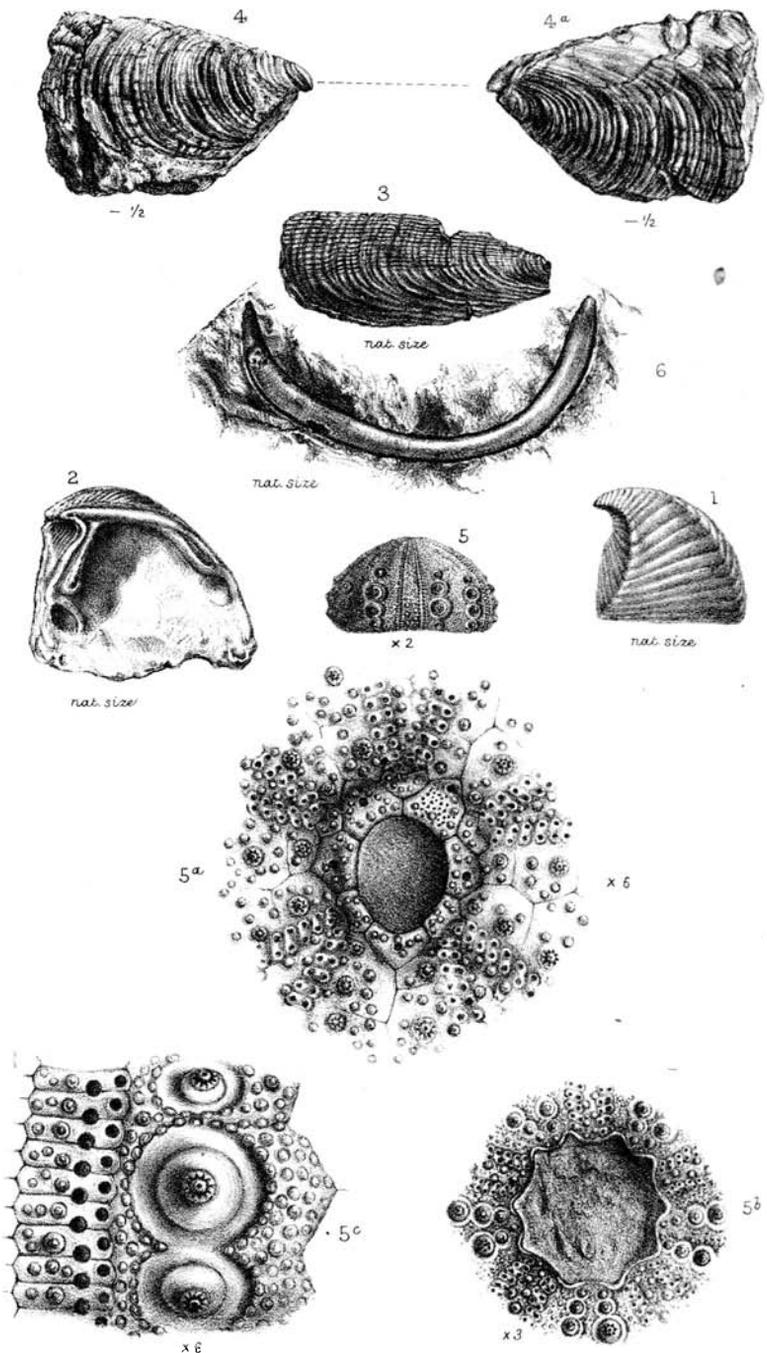
BORN, 1814; DIED, 1889.

WE regret to record the death of MR. ROBERT DAMON, F.G.S., of No. 4, Pulteney, Weymouth, Dorset, the well-known Geologist and Naturalist, which occurred suddenly from heart-disease, on Saturday the 4th May. He was the author of an excellent work on "The Geology of Weymouth, and the Isle of Portland," and was a most extensive traveller and an assiduous collector. He procured a marvellous series of Cretaceous fossil Fishes from the Lebanon, Syria, now in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), also the most complete example of the skeleton of that rare extinct Sirenian "Steller's Sea-cow," from Behring Island. Although in his 75th year, he contemplated an expedition to Siberia in order to obtain an entire Mammoth's skeleton for the National Museum. Mr. Damon frequently visited Moscow and St. Petersburg, and was a Corresponding Member of the Imperial Society of Natural History, Moscow, and of other learned bodies in various parts of the world. Only a few years since he took passage from Nijni Novgorod down the Volga to Astrakhan, where he made the first collection of the fishes of the Caspian Sea yet brought to this country.

He lately purchased the celebrated collections forming the "Museum Godeffroy" in Hamburg, together with the published catalogues of that museum prepared by various eminent naturalists.

In his native town of Weymouth, Mr. Damon exercised great influence for good amongst his fellow-townsmen, by whom he was greatly honoured and valued for the integrity and uprightness of his character, and his large-hearted sympathy with all cases of distress. His charities were performed without ostentation, and only the recipients ever knew the kind friend who helped them in their time of need. His loss will long be felt by a very wide circle of friends, in all parts of the world, by whom he was warmly esteemed and greatly respected. His son, Mr. R. F. Damon, now carries on his father's extensive Natural History Agency in Weymouth.

HENRY WILLIAM BRISTOW, F.R.S., F.G.S., late Director of the Geological Survey of England.—We have to announce the death on the 14th of June, of this eminent geologist, at the age of 72. Mr. Bristow had for some time past been an invalid. We hope to publish a notice of his scientific labours in the August number.



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