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WE regret to announce the death of Mr. James Parker, of Oxford, at the age of 79. In the leisure of a busy life as a publisher he devoted himself to archæological and geological studies, and accomplished much, especially in the geology of the neighbourhood of Oxford and in the exploration of the caves of Somersetshire. He made a great collection of fossils in the days when the Oolites round Oxford were extensively worked, and some of his finest specimens, including Teleosaurian skulls and Megalosaurian remains, were described in Phillips' *Geology of Oxford*. In 1880 he prepared a map and sections of the strata south of Oxford, which he printed with explanatory notes for an excursion of the Geologists' Association, and in 1884 he issued a revised edition of the same little work under the auspices of the Warwickshire Field Club. His exploration of the caves in the Mendip Hills was done in association with Professor Boyd Dawkins and the late Mr. Ayshford Sanford. Mr. Parker became a member of the Geologists' Association in 1861 and a Fellow of the Geological Society in 1867. He contributed a curiously critical paper on the valley of the Somme and its gravels to the Proceedings of the Association in 1875, and he frequently took part in the discussions at the meetings of both Societies. His views were usually original, not infrequently singular, and he appeared at his best in the informal debates during the excursions of the Geologists' Association, where his genial presence was always especially welcomed.

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