

OBITUARY.

ALFRED ELIS TÖRNEBOHM, PH.D.

BORN OCTOBER 16, 1838.

DIED APRIL 21, 1911.

WE regret to record the death, at the age of 72, of Dr. A. E. Törnebohm, who was Professor of Mineralogy at the Technical College at Stockholm from 1878 to 1897, and Director of the Geological Survey of Sweden from 1897 to 1906. He was elected a Foreign Correspondent of the Geological Society of London in 1910. He was author of papers on the Silurian and older rocks of Sweden, and on the Glacial phenomena of Sweden, Norway, and North Germany. He regarded the Swedish rock-basins as due to disturbances during the Glacial Period. Dr. Törnebohm gave special attention to the iron-ores of Sweden, and published nine maps of the principal districts where they occur (1879–82). He also published a series of microscopical rock studies, with descriptions of the rhomb-porphiry and many other rocks, his later work, apart from his Geological Survey publications, being mainly petrographical. He was author of *Grunddragen af Sveriges geologi*, 1884, of which a third edition was published in 1901; and of *Die Petrographie des Portland Cements*, 1897.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A PALEONTOLOGIST FOR THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND DEPARTMENT OF MINES, NEW ZEALAND.

It is now thirty-six years ago since Dr. (afterwards) Sir James Hector came to England on a visit from New Zealand, where he was at that time Director of the Geological Survey. He brought over a number of fossils to the British Museum with the intention of having them described, a task which the late Mr. Robert Etheridge, F.R.S., undertook, but, alas! did not accomplish owing to the pressure of Survey work here.

I remember describing and figuring a new fossil crab, *Harpactocarcinus tumidus*, from the passage-beds, Ototara Series, Woodpecker Bay, South Island, New Zealand, to which Dr. Hector kindly added a Note on the Geology with a section from the Alps to Brighton, New Zealand, and a table of formations (see Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc. London, vol. xxxii, pp. 51–6, pl. vii, 1876). I was since kindly invited by the late Captain F. W. Hutton to contribute some further notes upon New Zealand Crustacea, but regret to say they still remain unwritten.

It is with extreme pleasure that I learn the Geological Survey of New Zealand have at length decided to appoint a palæontologist. This seems to be the outcome of representations made by the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, recommended also by Mr. A. Hamilton, Director of the Dominion Museum; and Mr. P. G. Morgan, the new Director of the Geological Survey (who has been appointed in succession to Dr. Bell), has no doubt added weight to these recommendations.