

It may be in your remembrance that I threw doubts upon the preglacial age of this deposit in the paper which I read at the meeting of the British Association at Norwich in 1868.¹

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OBITUARY.

EDWARD WOOD, J.P., F.G.S.

BORN MAY 24, 1808. DIED AUGUST 16, 1877.

WE regret to record the death of Mr. Edward Wood, of Richmond, Yorkshire, President of the Mechanics' Institute, and of the Richmond Naturalists' Field-club, of which he was also the founder.

For more than thirty years Mr. Wood devoted his best efforts to the promotion of Natural Science, especially Geology, and he expended considerable sums of money and much personal labour in forming what is allowed to be the finest private collection of Mountain Limestone fossils in England. Many of the Brachiopoda have afforded the types for Mr. Thomas Davidson's splendid Monograph in the Palæontographical Society's publications. Prof. L. de Koninck, of Liège, has also figured many of his fine Carboniferous Crinoids, the best of which, perhaps, has been named after its discoverer *Woodocrinus*. To Mr. Wood's liberality is due the foundation of a Museum of Natural History in Richmond. For many years he undertook the pleasant and instructive task, at his own charge, of taking large parties of his fellow-townsmen to all the prominent geological localities within fifty miles. In promoting education among the young, Mr. Wood was always very active. In 1862, he took 100 poor boys from Richmond to London, and at his own expense conducted them daily to the Exhibition and elsewhere.

Mr. Wood was always most earnest and sincere in advocating the cause of Science; for many years he endeavoured, by the introduction of Science-lectures in his native town, to raise up a taste for intellectual pursuits among his fellow-townsmen. His loss will be greatly felt by a large circle of friends to whom he was endeared, not so much perhaps on account of his scientific attainments, as for his social worth and the kindness of his disposition to all, even the humblest of his fellows.

COLOURING OF OOLITIC ROCKS.—Mr. Judd has pointed out that when dug at great depths or otherwise obtained at points where they have not been exposed to atmospheric influences, all the Oolitic rocks exhibit an almost uniform deep-blue tint, which is apparently communicated to them by a diffusion through their substance of small quantities of sulphide of iron.—H. B. Woodward, *Geology of England and Wales*, p. 188.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. J. R. Dakyns's article, August number, p. 349, line 4, insert "seen" before "above."

¹ See GEOL. MAG. Vol. V. p. 544, and Brit. Assoc. Rep. Norwich, 1868.