

HUMPHRY SALWEY.

BORN 1803. DIED 1877.

MR. HUMPHRY SALWEY, who died on January the 21st, at his residence, The Cliff, Ludlow, was one of the earliest pioneers of geological research in the Old Red Sandstone and Silurian districts; and he has formed an important collection of the fossils of the counties of Shropshire and Herefordshire, including many unique specimens. He derived his knowledge almost exclusively from observation, but he did not neglect the recorded observations of others, and his broad views and clear thought were most conspicuously displayed when, in the course of a day's work in the field, he would offer some friendly criticism of theories and conclusions which he could prove that less practical men had too readily admitted.

It was thus that Mr. Salwey did much valuable teaching, and not a few of his numerous geological friends will be ready to admit that he has given them standpoints from which the vision could penetrate the obscurity in which the geology of a district had been involved by too hasty generalization.

Mr. Salwey's knowledge of the local geology of his native district was such as can only be obtained by life-long labour. Those who knew him well have cause to lament the loss of a sincere and warm-hearted friend; but the geologist from afar, to whom he was always ready to extend a cordial welcome, will sustain a loss which cannot easily be replaced—that of an experienced and sound expositor of the typical Ludlow district. It was here that he delighted to welcome his fellow-workers, and to offer to them his open and unassuming hospitality; and the cordial welcome with which he and his family received the members of the Geologists' Association at The Cliff on the occasion of their visit to Ludlow in 1872, will ever be gratefully remembered by those who were present, several of whom have kept up the acquaintance then for the first time formed, and have revisited more than once the beautiful neighbourhood, replete with geological interest, then for the first time seen.

Mr. Salwey was one of the founders of the Ludlow Museum, which he has enriched with many valuable geological specimens. He has discovered several new species of fossils, principally collected in the Old Red Sandstone and the Ludlow Rocks, and his name as a palæozoic geologist is perpetuated in several species;¹ but he was not a writer, and, excepting in a few addresses to the Field Clubs of the neighbouring counties, his extensive knowledge of the geology of his district now, alas! lives only in the memory of those to whom he was so ready to impart it, or is diffused in their writings.—J. H.

¹ *Zenaspis Salweyi*, Egerton; *Necrogammarus Salweyi*, H. Woodward; and *Monograptus Salweyi*, Hopkinson.