

His last year was spent mostly in Christiania, where, in spite of much physical suffering—caused by a tramcar collision, which confined him to hospital for some time—he was working to the end.<sup>1</sup>

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THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.—Mr. C. L. Griesbach, C.I.E., F.G.S., who has filled with distinction the office of Director of the Indian Geological Survey in Calcutta since the resignation of Mr. King on 17th July, 1894, retired under the age limit on December 11th, 1902, and we learn with much pleasure that Mr. T. H. Holland, Assoc. R.C.S., F.G.S., has just been appointed to succeed him. Only in our February Number, Mr. Holland contributed what may be without exaggeration described as an epoch-making article “On the Constitution, Origin, and Dehydration of Laterite,” which is already attracting the earnest attention of Indian and other geologists in this country.

Thomas H. Holland received his scientific training in the Royal College of Science, South Kensington, between 1885 and 1888. He passed his examination as associate with honours, and was awarded the Murchison Medal of the Royal College of Science in 1887.

Mr. Holland joined the Geological Survey of India in 1890, and was appointed Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at the Presidency College, Calcutta, in 1893. He has already contributed numerous papers of high scientific value to the Records and Memoirs of the Geological Survey of India, the Royal Asiatic Society, Calcutta, the Mineralogical Magazine, the Geological Magazine, and the Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society of London.

Mr. Holland has shown himself to be an acute and accurate observer, both in the laboratory and in the field, and his contributions to Mineralogy and Petrology contain careful work of a very high order. His memoir on the Charnockite Series is a classical contribution to the study of the Archæan rocks of Southern India.

His papers on the igneous eruptive rocks of Salem at Canoor and the *elæolite-syenites* of Coimbatore are also valuable contributions which have added greatly to our knowledge of the crystalline rocks of Peninsular India.

Mr. Holland has been selected at the early age of 34 to fill the important office of Director of the Geological Survey of India.

We congratulate him on his promotion, and Government on having obtained an energetic and reliable officer of such high promise to fill this important post. Mr. Holland has our best wishes for the success of his future career.

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ERRATUM : p. 94, last line but one, for Professor *G. B. Fletcher* read *J. B. Hatcher*.

<sup>1</sup> He wrote to the Editor at Christmas, offering him an article for the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE on the Geology of the Christiania district.