

fossils are in many cases so fragmentary or indistinct that identification is by no means easy; nevertheless, we succeeded in detecting among them several specimens of one of the Budleigh Salterton species of *Brachiopoda*. Having been furnished by Mr. Peach with all needful information, we were so fortunate as to secure the assistance of one of his old collectors, who conducted us to the fossiliferous beds of the Great Cairn and Great Peraver, near Gorran Haven. In the Peraver, we succeeded in finding fossils having the same general facies as those of the "pebble-bed," and inhumed in quartzites identical in structure and even in hue with the pebbles of South-eastern Devonshire." (See Transactions Plymouth Institution, 1864-5, vol. i. pp. 22-3.)

TORQUAY, 4th April, 1878.

WM. PENGELLY.

ON THE ORIGIN OF A QUARTZITE BOULDER FROM THE BUNTER CONGLOMERATE, NOTTINGHAM.

SIR,—A short time ago it was my good fortune to find, in a heap of road-metal, near Nottingham, a liver-coloured quartzite boulder, no doubt derived from the Bunter Conglomerate of the district, which exhibits on its fractured surface a well-defined concave cast of *Orthis redux*—a Caradoc fossil that is, I understand, by far the most frequent species in the quartzite pebbles of the Triassic shingle beds of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and of similar deposits in the North of France.

In recording the occurrence of the above fossil in this locality, I am content to leave the question whence this and similar pebbles in our Bunter Conglomerate were derived for the consideration of those who are more competent than myself to offer an opinion on the subject.

NOTTINGHAM, March 18th, 1878.

J. H. JENNINGS.

OBITUARY.

JOHN ROFE, C.E., F.G.S., ETC.

BORN, 14 OCTOBER, 1801. DIED, 11 APRIL, 1878.

We regret to record the loss by death of an excellent geologist, a much valued friend, and a frequent contributor to this Journal.

Mr. Rofe was born in London, Oct. 14, 1801, and was educated at Enfield, by the late Mr. Cowden Clarke, and afterwards at Reading with the Rev. Dr. Williams.

He studied engineering under his father Mr. John Rofe, C.E.; and afterwards, in partnership with him, carried out many important public works, notably the Birmingham Gas, and Water-Works; the Reading Gas-Works; Gas and Water Engineering Works were also carried out by Mr. Rofe for the towns of Leicester, Guildford, and Boston. On several occasions he gave valuable evidence in Committee before the House of Commons, with reference to public Towns Water Works and Gas Companies Bills, in which his sound geological knowledge proved of great service to him.

On the 26th June, 1827, he married the daughter of the Rev. Bartholomew Goe, Vicar of Boston, Lincolnshire, and settled in