

in 1900, he gave this valuable collection to University College, London. For several years Bishop Mitchinson was a valued member of council of the Geological and Palæontographical Societies, and he was never happier than when entertaining parties of his colleagues in the Master's Lodge at Pembroke. The memory of these parties will always be cherished by those who shared his hospitality, for he was the most genial of hosts, the most lovable of friends, and full of lively interests.

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HENRY SHALER WILLIAMS,
PH.D., F.G.S.

BORN MARCH 6, 1847.

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AMERICAN geology loses a distinguished representative by the death of Professor H. S. Williams, of Cornell University. He graduated as Ph.D. at Yale in 1868, and inclined at first towards biological studies, which stood him in good stead when he specialized later in palæontology. In 1879 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Geology and Palæontology in Cornell University, and in 1886 he became full Professor. In 1892 he succeeded Dana as Silliman Professor at Yale, and in 1902 he returned to Cornell. In 1912 he retired with a pension under the Carnegie Foundation. Professor Williams devoted himself especially to the study of the Devonian invertebrate faunas and the correlation of the Devonian formations of North America. His results were published chiefly in the Bulletins of the Geological Survey of the United States. He was a pioneer in the modern methods of palæontological research, and his volume on *Geological Biology* (1894) is an admirable statement of principles.

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THE CUVIER PRIZE.

The French Academy of Sciences has awarded the Cuvier Prize for 1918 to Dr. Arthur Smith Woodward, F.R.S., for his researches in Vertebrate Palæontology. This is a triennial prize and was first awarded in 1851 to Louis Agassiz. It has already reached Great Britain three times, having been given to Sir Richard Owen in 1856, to Sir Roderick Murchison in 1863, and to Sir John Murray in 1894.

H. C. BEASLEY GEOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

The Liverpool Free Public Museums have recently acquired the valuable and unique collection of Triassic fossils, rocks, and minerals formed by Mr. H. C. Beasley, which has been purchased from him by Mr. C. Sydney Jones, M.A., J.P., and presented to the City. The collection is chiefly a local one, and is especially rich in fine specimens of cheirotheroid, rhynchosauroid, and chelonoid footprints from the Lower Keuper of the well-known Storeton Quarries, and from Runcorn Hill.