

WALTER DRAWBRIDGE CRICK, F.G.S.

BORN DECEMBER 15, 1857.

DIED DECEMBER 23, 1903.

BY the death of Mr. W. D. Crick, of Northampton, geological science has lost an earnest and amiable local worker. Born at Hanslope, in Buckinghamshire, he was educated for a business career, and became in 1880 a partner in the firm of Latimer, Crick, and Co., manufacturers, in Northampton. His interest in geology and natural science in general was aroused by Mr. Beeby Thompson, F.G.S., who was then headmaster at the old Science School at Northampton. Together they noted the strata and collected the fossils of the Lias and Oolites for many a mile around the town. One new species from the Upper Lias of Heyford was named *Mathilda Cricki* by Mr. Hudleston, and another from the Middle Lias of Daventry was named *Trochus Cricki* by Mr. E. Wilson. Mr. Crick took up the special study of Foraminifera, and was locally the best authority on this subject. We are indebted for these particulars to an Obituary by Mr. B. Thompson, Journ. Northamptonshire Nat. Hist. Soc. (1903), xii, 134 (with portrait). He was author or joint author of the following geological papers:—

1883. "Notes on the Geology of Wymington Tunnel": Journ. Northamptonshire Nat. Hist. Soc., ii, 272.
 1887. "Note on some Foraminifera from the Oxford Clay at Keyston, near Thrapston": *ibid.*, iv, 233.
 1889. "The Lias Marlstone of Tilton, Leicestershire" (with E. Wilson): *GEOL. MAG.*, Dec. III, Vol. VI, 296, 337.
 1891, 1892. "On some Liassic Foraminifera from Northamptonshire" (with C. D. Sherborn): Journ. Northamptonshire Nat. Hist. Soc., vi, 208; vii, 67.

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WE notice the death on the 28th of January at The Pines, Hampton Wick, of Mr. E. J. Chapman, LL.D., Ph.D., who was formerly professor of mineralogy and geology at the University of Toronto. *The Canadian Journal of Industry, Science, and Art*, of which, during the fifties and sixties, he was general editor, contains a large number of his notes and papers. Among these may be mentioned "A New Species of *Agelacrinites* (*A. Billingsii*)," "Rib-formulæ in Brachiopods," and "A Popular Exposition of the Minerals and Geology of Canada," which was subsequently revised and republished as an independent work. He is also responsible for one of the many classifications of the Crinoidea.

PROGRESS OF THE MINERALOGICAL SURVEY OF CEYLON.—We learn from a correspondent in Kandy, Ceylon, under date 2nd February, 1904, that a new room has recently been set apart in the Colombo Museum as a Mineral Gallery, and has been arranged by A. K. Coomaraswamy, Director, and James Parsons, Assistant Director of the Mineralogical Survey of Ceylon. The exhibit is formed entirely of Ceylonese rocks and minerals; a large part of the specimens has been collected by the two officers of the Mineral Survey. Diagrams and geological photographs find a place upon the walls. Two wall-cases are devoted to economic specimens, amongst which a series illustrating the manufacture of iron and steel by the Sinhalese (now quite given up) is of special interest.