

and in all respects a remarkable man. He had done excellent work among many formations, among eruptive and metamorphic rocks, as well as in palæontology. In early manhood Sharpe became partner in a Portuguese mercantile business, and resided in Lisbon for three years, 1835-38. Taking an active interest in geology, he brought before the Society papers on the geology of Portugal, and many of his fossils were deposited in the Society's Museum. He dealt with the Cambrian and Silurian rocks of the Lake District and North Wales; and with the Lower Greensand of Faringdon. He discussed the age of the Blackdown Beds—regarding them as a littoral deposit of the Gault; and he described for the Palæontographical Society the Cephalopoda of the Chalk. He further contributed important papers relating to cleavage and foliation in Scottish and Alpine regions, and to the structure of Mont Blanc. It is sad to relate that in 1856 Sharpe was thrown from his horse, when riding near Norwood; the accident proved fatal, and 'removed him from amongst us only a short time after the unanimous vote of the Geological Society had placed him at its head as President.'¹

For many years, from 1845 to 1870 and occasionally until 1880, when he had attained the age of sixty-eight, Prestwich annually arranged an Easter excursion with four or five energetic Fellows of the Society, amongst whom, on different occasions, were Daniel Sharpe, Godwin-Austen, W. W. Smyth, Edward Forbes, John Morris, James Nicol, George Busk, Alfred Tylor, William Cunnington, Captain (afterwards Sir Douglas) Galton, Sir John Lubbock (now Lord Avebury), Mr. (now Sir) John Evans, J. Gwyn Jeffreys, and Professor T. McKenny Hughes.

The sponge-gravels of Faringdon, the Crag district of Suffolk, Calais and Boulogne, Amiens and Abbeville, were among the localities visited; and the results were sometimes brought before the Society. An early start and long days were essential parts of Prestwich's programme. Godwin-Austen was a frequent companion, and sometimes

¹ Address of J. E. Portlock, 1857.