

## FOSSILIFEROUS DEPOSITS OF SCOTLAND.

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THE following address was read by Mr. MILLER, on his resigning the President's Chair of the Society:—

GENTLEMEN,—It is customary for the retiring President, in taking leave of the chair, to address the members on some general subject connected with the objects which our Society has been instituted to carry out; and in conforming to the practice, I shall take the liberty of stating, as briefly as possible, the results at which I have arrived, in recently arranging the specimens of a collection perhaps more adequately representative of the Geology of Scotland than any other that has yet been made. There are other collections which, though more partial in their character, excel it in particular departments; but none which I have yet seen sweep so completely the entire scale of our Scottish formations; and as such of its divisions as are most defective indicate, negatively at least, by the blanks on their partially filled shelves, the deposits on which we have still to direct our energies, it may be well that your attention should be specially called to these, as fields in which work has still to be done, and in which the reward of fresh and interesting discovery awaits the patient laborer. I am not sure