

part of the Silurian region, yet Sir Roderick had extended the Silurian domain almost illimitably, and it was only just and proper that there, upon a Silurian rock, he should be acknowledged the modern king of Siluria. The Bishop, then taking a gigantic speaking-trumpet, which he had brought with him, called upon all present to repeat after him the words which are given below. He then spoke through the trumpet, giving one word at a time, to enable those present to repeat it altogether—Hail—King—of—Siluria! Then, after a pause, the words were repeated a second and a third time.

The vast assembly thrice responded with stentorian voices and most hearty hurrahs, and ever afterwards Sir Roderick was proud to be acknowledged 'King of Siluria.' About 25,000 persons visited the Dudley caverns on that day in 1849, though they were not all present at the time the Bishop's call of acknowledgment was made.¹

The treasurer of the Geological Society during the years 1843-52 was John Lewis Prevost (1796-1852). He was Consul-General of the Swiss Confederation in London, a member of the Council of University College, and a director of the London and North-Western Railway.

¹ Article communicated by John Rabone to the *Midland Naturalist*, December 1891, p. 268; see also 'Life of Sir Roderick I. Murchison,' by A. Geikie, vol. ii. 1875, p. 103.