

Wood, happily, bore no permanent ill-will against the Council for their singular action, and continued his researches with unabated vigour, and in greater detail. He contributed numerous papers to the *Quarterly Journal*, and finally summed up the results of his researches in an exhaustive memoir, in two parts, on the Newer Pliocene period in England, including therein the records of Pleistocene times. These highly important papers are so crowded with facts that they are rather difficult to follow, and somewhat tedious to read. Wood had a remarkable memory. He could recall with ease the precise pit or cutting in which he had, perhaps long previously, observed particular facts, and he recorded his observations with a precision and amplitude more fitted for a legal document than for a paper in the *Quarterly Journal*.

In the year 1867 he presented to the Geological Society an elaborate and neatly written MS., with numerous illustrations, entitled

‘A Memoir in explanation of the Structure of the Glacial and Post-glacial Beds, mapped in a geological survey of the Ordnance Sheets Nos. 1 and 2, comprising the Thames Valley between London and the Sea, and the Valleys of the Lea, Roding, Ravensbourne, Cray, Darent, Crouch, and Chelmer Rivers, and of the Blackwater Estuary, and other subordinate valleys ; incorporated with which is an essay upon the general structure of the Post-glacial System over the East, South-east, South, and part of the South-west of England.’

It was dated Brentwood, January 1867, and comprised fifty-four sheets of MS., with several geological maps, including those of Eastern Essex, on the one-inch scale.

Of this memoir it may be said that it was worthy of a place in the *Transactions*.

Not the least important work of Wood was the inspiration he gave to Mr. F. W. Harmer to co-operate with him, and together they produced a ‘Geological Map of the Crag District of East Anglia,’¹ on which the distribution of Boulder-clay and other Drift deposits was for the first time clearly and admirably depicted.

¹ Published with an Explanatory Memoir in the Supplement to the ‘Crag Mollusca,’ part i. 1872 (*Palaeontogr. Soc.*).