

PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at its rooms on the evening of May 19, 1871, the President, Principal DAWSON, L.L.D., F.R.S., in the chair. Mr. J. F. WHITEAVES, the Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, after which the usual annual address was delivered as follows:—

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The first duty which devolves upon me in this address is a mournful one—that of referring to the departure from among us of two of our youngest and yet most useful and promising members, Mr. Alexander S. Ritchie, and Mr. Edward Hartley.

Mr. Ritchie died in December last, at the age of 34. He had been connected with the Society for six years, and had contributed to our proceedings seven original papers on Entomology and Microscopy. His papers were characterized by minute and painstaking research, and the facts which he studied were presented in a distinct and lucid manner and often very effectively. He was for some time a member of the Council and of the Editing Committee, and at the time of his death occupied the honourable and useful position of Chairman of the Council. In Mr. Ritchie we have lost a man always ready for any useful work, and while active and enthusiastic, most gentle and unobtrusive in his manner, and thoroughly to be relied on for the performance of all that he undertook to do.

Mr. Edward Hartley was a still younger man, and for a shorter time a member of this Society. He was born in Montreal, but received his scientific education at the Sheffield School of Yale College, and was for some time engaged in mineral surveys in the