

much more beautiful than the common Adder's tongue of the east—the flowers being larger and brighter and as many as seven are sometimes found on one stem. As the coast was approached the western flowering dogwood (*Cornus Nuttallii* Aud.), still in bloom, was seen here and there through the woods."

During my few days' stay in Victoria I was pleased to see the Whin (*Ulex europæus*, L.) of my native country, Scotland, growing in great abundance. It with the Broom (*Sarothamnus scoparius*, Koch) displayed their gay yellow all around the suburbs of the city.

Unalaska, 21st July, 1896.

OBITUARY.

SIR JOSEPH PRESTWICH—Foremost in the rank of geological science in England for the past fifty years Joseph Prestwich has stood. He was born at Pensbury, Clapham, near London, in 1812; was educated both on the Continent and at University College. His writings are very numerous but his crowning work will ever be the princely "Manual of Geology" which he was fortunate enough to see finished. In 1874 Prestwich succeeded Prof. John Phillips in the chair of Geology at Oxford. This position he held until 1888. On the first of January, 1896 he was knighted by H. M. the Queen. He died at his charming home at Shoreham, Kent, on the 23rd day of June, 1896.