

REVIEWS.

"REMINISCENCES AMONG THE ROCKS : In Connection with the Geological Survey of Canada" ; by Thomas C. Weston, F. G. S. A., Toronto, Warwick Bros. and Rutter, 1899.

The above is the title of a very neat and attractive little volume written by one of the few survivors of the early and pioneer days of geological research in Canada, and also a member of our club of many years standing. Mr. Weston's work brought him in contact with many interesting places and personalities throughout the Dominion. The plain, unconventional way in which he has presented the numerous amusing anecdotes as well as attractive records of scientific work, selected from a pile of official note-books kept by him during the thirty-seven years of his connection with that branch of the Canadian service, commends the volume to the reading public as one of special interest. Whilst disclaiming all literary skill, the author describes many an amusing incident such as are but seldom recorded or described from a geologist's standpoint, but which are nevertheless full of interest and merriment. The brief biographical sketches of Sir Wm. Logan, Dr. T. Stenny Hunt, E. Billings, Alex. Murray, Scott Barlow, E. Hartley, Horace Smith, and many others, including "Michael" and many other characters met by Mr. Weston during his very extensive travels, lend that peculiar personal charm to the volume which always attaches to reminiscences.

The book is of special value to the working geologist and palaeontologist who desires to know the best type localities for obtaining suites of fossils with which to illustrate the fauna and flora of the sedimentary formations of Canada. Mr. Weston has, perhaps more than any other officer of the Geological Survey of Canada, contributed to the vast number of specimens now contained in the National Museum at Ottawa, and the notes he has given us in systematic and chronological order, from the time he first joined the Survey under Sir Wm. Logan, until his recent superannuation, will be read with much interest. We commend this volume to all members of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club.

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