

man, have been brought to light, his last discovery being that of the dentigerous bird's head *Odontopteryx toliapicus*, Owen, a notice of which at the time of its discovery appeared in our columns. It was not only in palæontology that Mr. Bryce Wright made important discoveries, for in Mineralogy his discoveries were more numerous if not more important. In the Lake district alone he brought to light more than a dozen new minerals, the most important of which were *Brochantite* (a hydrous oxide of copper with sulphuric acid), *Lcadhillite* (sulphato-tricarbonate of lead), *Ianarkite*, *Caledonite*, &c. In other localities (particularly Derbyshire) he was equally successful, and was the first discoverer in England of the minerals *Phosgenite* (muriocarbonate of lead), and *Matlockite* (an oxy-chloride of lead), as well as many others too numerous to mention. He seemed to possess a peculiar instinctive capacity for the detection of any new specimens of natural history, for not a single subject did he take in hand but he left the mark of his originality upon it. In the conchological world he was equally successful, and discovered many new specimens, which have been of the greatest importance to malacological science. The *Volute Ruckeri* from Australia, the *Bulimus (pseudachatina) Wrightii* from Old Calabar, *Spondylus Wrightianus* from Nicholl's Bay, as well as many other shells from all parts of the world, owe their discovery to his keen power of detection. He was a native of Hasket-new-Market, and by his rambles among the Cumberland mountains gained experience through Nature itself, which assisted him greatly in the discovery of so many specimens of natural history. He was a member of many learned bodies, and was elected a Commissioner for the Exhibition of 1862. His decease, so universally regretted, will be felt in Hasket-new-Market and Caldbeck, having been a supporter of all schools and schemes for the advancement of knowledge in those districts."

Mr. Wright was a corresponding Member of the Natural History Society of Montreal, and presented many fine specimens of minerals, fossils, shells, &c., to its Museum. Of late years he devoted much time to the study of archæology (especially in its connection with geology), and his practical acquaintance with the former science was by no means inconsiderable.

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