

SIR WILLIAM EDMOND LOGAN.

SIR WILLIAM EDMOND LOGAN, Knight, was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1798, and died at Castle Malgwyn, Llechryd, in South Wales, June 22, 1875. Like so many others who have attained distinction in British North America, Logan was descended from a loyalist stock, one of those families who, adhering to the British crown, left the revolted colonies a hundred years since. His grandfather then removed from the neighborhood of Schenectady, N.Y., to Montreal, carrying with him two sons, one of whom was the father of our late associate. They were of Scottish origin; and when the father and uncle of Mr. Logan had gained wealth in commercial pursuits, and transferred their business as merchants and bankers to Great Britain, the former purchased a small estate near Stirling in Scotland, a circumstance which has led one of his English biographers into the error of speaking of Mr. Logan as a Scotchman. His education, begun in Montreal, was continued at the High School and the University of Edinburgh; but we find him already at the age of twenty in the counting-house of his uncle in London, where he remained for ten years, devoting much of his leisure to the study of natural history, as well as to music and painting, in both of which he was a successful amateur. In 1829, his uncle having acquired an interest in a copper-smelting establishment, with some coal lands, at Swansea in South Wales, Logan removed there to assume their direction, where he remained for nine years, becoming a successful copper-smelter and coal-miner. The study of the coal-field of the neighborhood here engaged his attention, and he made of it a very careful and minute map, which was presented by him to the British Association in 1837. When, later, the geological survey of Great Britain under De la Beche was extended to this region, the work of Logan was placed at the disposal of the government, and, its exactness having been verified, was adopted and pub-