

course of Scottish, we may say of European, speculation. His influence will be felt even where his positive teachings may chance to be repudiated. But, apart from his fame as a philosopher, Sir William will long live in the love and veneration of many a pupil and friend—for his heart would indeed be insensible who, having known the man, treasured no fond remembrance of the perfect courtesy and the genuine kindness that were conjoined with an intellect so gifted, and accomplishments so rare.

DANIEL SHARPE, F.R.S.

The "Literary Gazette" announces the sudden death of Daniel Sharpe, Esq., President of the Geological Society, adding another to the list of eminent geologists, including De la Beche, Mantell, Greenough, Forbes, Strickland, and others, whose deaths have recently been recorded. Mr. Sharpe's death was occasioned by his being thrown from his horse while riding in the neighborhood of Norwood, by which he sustained a fracture of the skull.

Mr. Sharpe was not less valued for his labours in philological and ethnological science, than as a successful student of geology. His learned essays on the ancient Lycian inscriptions and coins, appended to the works on Lycia by Sir C. Fellows and Edward Forbes, are enduring monuments of his classical learning and archæological acumen. He was a nephew of the poet Rogers, whom he has so very shortly survived, and was only in his fifty first year, and still in the full vigor of life, when this sad accident abruptly brought all his labors in the cause of science and learning to a premature close.

LITERARY GOSSIP.

The death of James Wilson, Esq., F.R.S.E., distinguished as a naturalist, and greatly loved among Edinburgh circles, is recorded in the Scottish journals. He was a brother of Professor Wilson.

Among the candidates for the Chair of Metaphysics in Edinburgh University, the contest is thought to lie between the Rev. Prof. Fraser, of New College, Edinburgh: the editor of the "North British Review;" and Professor Ferrier, of St. Andrews: the author of "The Institutes of Metaphysics;" both able men, and well fitted for the chair. Besides these, the candidates are: Scott, of Manchester,—formerly of University College, London; Stowell—if we mistake not, the Rev. W. H. Stowell, Professor of Theology, Rotherham College, and author of the "History of the Puritans in England, under the Tudors and Stuarts;" Rev. Dr. McVicar, author of the "Catholic Spirit of True Religion," &c., Ramsay (?), and Thomas Spencer Baynes, the translator of the "Port Royal Logic," and author of "An Essay on the New Analytic of Logical Forms." Morell, Henry Rogers, and others, spoken of as candidates, have not advanced their claims.

Professor Aytoun, the author of "The Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers," &c., is bringing out, one of these days, "Bothwell," a long poem on Mary Queen of Scots.

M. J. Geoffroy Saint Hilaire, the naturalist, Vice President of the Academy of Sciences of Paris, has succeeded to the Presidency, in consequence of the death of M. Binet, the eminent mathematician, and M. Despretz has been elected Vice President.

A Photographic Society has been established in Edinburgh, under the name of the Photographic Society of Scotland. Prince Albert has accepted the post of Patron, and Sir David Brewster undertakes the active duties of President.