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meeting at York thirty-two years ago. Sir John Lubbock, first Baron Avebury, cultivated science in a spirit of pure enjoyment, treating it almost as one of the Arts; and he devoted social and political energy to the welfare of the multitude of his fellows less fortunately situated than himself.

Through the untimely death of Sir George Darwin the world has lost a mathematical astronomer whose work on the Tides and allied phenomena is a monument of power and achievement. So recently as our visit to S. Africa he occupied the Presidential Chair.

Within the last month I have heard of the premature death of John Milne, who was apparently at the height of his energy and usefulness. His enthusiasm and persevering work for Seismology has resulted in an international organisation centring round his personality. He has, I am told, left £1000 to help continue the work, and it behoves us to see that no sinews of war shall be lacking to assist survivors in organising and continuing the attack in this immensely important field of combined and co-operative research.

By the fourth of our major losses, I mean the death of the brilliant Mathematician of a neighbouring nation who took so comprehensive and