

SOMMERVILLE LECTURES.

The above course of free scientific lectures was duly delivered as follows :

1. March 4th, 1875. On Electricity, with experiments, by Dr. G. B. Shaw.
2. March 11th, " On the Adulteration of Food, by J. Baker Edwards, Ph. D., D.C.L., F.C.S.
3. March 25th, " The Grasshopper Plague of the North-West, by Prof. R. Bell, F.G.S., F.C.S.
4. April 1st, " The Transit of Venus, by Richard Johnson, M. A., F. R. A. S., Chief Astronomer at Kauai, Sandwich Islands, British Transit Expedition.
5. April 8th, " Matter out of place, by Dr. G. P. Girdwood.
6. April 15th, " The Nose, its Uses and Duties, by Dr. P. P. Carpenter.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held on the 18th of May, 1875, Rev. Dr. De Sola in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read by the Recording Secretary, Principal Dawson delivered the following address, the President being absent in British Columbia.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

I propose to devote the greater part of this address to memories of a man whose death may almost be said to close an era in the history of geological progress, as the publication of his greatest work, the *Principles of Geology*, may be held to have begun an era in the study of that science, whose goal of to-day will ever be its starting point for to-morrow. Sir Charles Lyell, the greatest geological thinker of our time and nation, died on the 22nd of February, in his seventy-eighth year. He was born at Kinnordy in Forfarshire, on the 14th of November, 1797, and graduated at Oxford, in 1819. He studied for the Bar, and began the practice of his profession; but his mind was already occupied with inquiries as to the structure of the earth, stimulated apparently by Buckland's lectures, to which he had listened at Oxford. In 1824, he became an honorary secretary of the Geological Society of London, and for a time he was Professor of Geology in King's College, London. He was elected,