

Belemnite, but the species, I presume, cannot be determined. This is the only specimen I have ever discovered or heard of in this division of the Lower Lias, and the genus appears to be very rare.

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CHARLES ÆMILIUS OLDHAM, B.A.

Indian geology has sustained a great loss by the death of one of its most ardent labourers, Mr. Charles Æmilius Oldham, youngest son of the late Thomas Oldham, Esq., of Dublin, and brother of Dr. T. Oldham, Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India, which lately took place at Wellington Road, Dublin. The deceased entered Dublin University in 1846, where, having passed a very distinguished undergraduate course, and obtaining a classical sizarship and scholarship, he took the degree of B.A. as senior moderator and gold medallist in Ethics and Logic in 1852. He afterwards entered the School of Mines, Jermyn Street, London; and on the completion of his studies there, was appointed in 1856 on the staff of the Geological Survey of India. For several years past he acted as Deputy Superintendent of the Survey of the Madras Presidency; and during the last two years held the lectureship of Geology to the Engineering College of Madras. He married in 1863, Evelyn, second daughter of Professor W. King, of the Queen's Universities in Ireland. In the middle of last December, he returned home on leave of absence, in the enjoyment, to all appearance, of perfect health. Two months subsequent to his arrival, symptoms of approaching illness manifested themselves; and shortly after he became affected with blood-poison, consequent on the breaking off and decomposition of a Guinea-worm that had penetrated one of his legs while on duty. Passing through various phases, his illness, of a most painful character, terminated fatally on the 30th of March, in severe congestion and inflammation of the lungs. He died in the 38th year of his age. His name will ever be associated with the early progress of the Geological Survey of Southern India, as it is honourably connected, like those of his colleagues, with the discovery in the Madras Presidency of the quartzite implements that have attracted so much attention of late. Gifted with a most amiable disposition and talents of a high order, being in the prime of life, and having just entered on the necessary leisure by which, for the first time, he became enabled to communicate his knowledge of Indian geology to the scientific public, and leaving a widow, with one son, to mourn her irreparable loss, under such circumstances, the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Oldham has spread intense grief among a wide circle of friends.

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