

OBITUARY.

C. D'OYLEY H. APLIN.

ON the 9th September, 1875, there died at Somerset, Cape York Peninsula, N. Queensland, C. D'Oyley H. Aplin, an old and well-known Australian colonist and geologist. Mr. Aplin emigrated in 1842, and carried on pastoral pursuits in the western portion of what is now the Colony of Victoria. In 1849 he proceeded to Borneo, where, under his relative, Sir James Brook, he held the offices of Collector of Customs and Surveyor-General. Returning after a time to England, Mr. Aplin applied himself to scientific studies, especially Geology, and again in 1852 returning to Victoria, he worked with his brother on the gold-fields. Shortly after this he became a member of Mr. Selwyn's staff on the Victorian Geological Survey, and remained in this post for many years, assuming the Acting Directorate during Mr. Selwyn's absence in England for twelve months or more. About the year 1864 Mr. Aplin resigned his connexion with the Victorian Civil Service, and set up as a consulting geologist in Melbourne, but again became connected with the Geological Survey for a short time, till in 1868 he accepted an invitation from the Queensland Government to act as Government Geologist for the Southern Districts. At the expiry of his term of duty he retired into private life, but more recently was appointed police magistrate at Somerset, where he died after a very short illness. By his death the Queensland Government have lost a valuable officer.

As a geologist Mr. Aplin was more widely known in the Australian colonies than in this country. Irrespective of the numerous maps of which Mr. Aplin was the author, or part author, whilst on the Geological Survey, the following are amongst his chief writings:

1. Report on the Wood's Point Gold-field, Victoria. 1864. Melbourne. Feap. By Authority.
2. Report on the Geological and Mining Features of the Gympie Gold-field. 1863. Brisbane. Feap. By Authority.
3. Geological Report on the Southern District of Queensland. 1868. *Ibid.*
4. Geological Report on the Southern District of Queensland, south of the Bunya-Bunya Range, between the River Brisbane and the Coast, including some observations on the Gold Deposits at Jinna and Gooroomjam. 1869. *Id.*
5. Report on the Geological and Mineralogical Features of a Part of the South and North Portions of the Burnett District. 1870. *Id.*
6. Report on the Auriferous Country of the Upper Condamine, embracing the diggings at Talgai, Thames Creek, Canal Creek, and Lucky Valley. 1869. Brisbane. Feap. By Authority.

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