

After dinner, Mr. G. Tate, F.G.S., read a very interesting paper on the subject of the 'kaims,' in which he attributed their formation to the action of water at a remote period.—*Alwicks Mercury*, June 1.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COTTESWOLD NATURALISTS' FIELD-CLUB for 1863 contains the first part of a monograph *On the Ammonites of the Lower Lias*, by Thomas Wright, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.G.S. An account is here given of the different zones into which the Liassic rocks are now divided; also of the classifications of the Ammonites, after Sowerby, Von Buch, and D'Orbigny.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

DISCOVERY OF ELEPHANT REMAINS NEAR DUDLEY.

To the Editors of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

THE men who are engaged in digging clay for bricks in the pit belonging to a brickyard near Oldbury, came lately upon 'a lot of things like great stone bones, like as though a great big animal had been buried there.' The bones were in the marl under the soft clay, perhaps ten or twelve feet below the surface. One piece was described as being seven or eight feet long, a little curved, and as thick as one's arm. It was shown to a timber merchant, who pronounced it a piece of a tree, from the circular rings of growth. The brick-maker, however, was quite sure it was not any tree that had grown there within the last five-and-forty years; he had tried one piece in the fire, and found it wouldn't burn. I succeeded in obtaining a portion of tusk, twenty-four inches long and thirteen inches round, and curving about three inches. It shows the alveolus at both ends,† and in drying contracts a good deal, separating into concentric layers of growth. I have resided more than forty years at Dudley, but never heard of fossil elephant bones being found in this part of the country before.

JOHN GRAY.

Hagley, June 6, 1864.

To the Editor of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

SIR,—Allow me to suggest to the various scientific Societies and Field-clubs holding Field-meetings, the advisability of announcing their arrangements in the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE. By this means scientific men will be informed of their gatherings, and may often find it convenient to join any particular Society; and, moreover, there will not be so great a probability of the Meetings of one Club clashing with those of another. As things are now, we not unfrequently have two or three meetings of Midland Clubs in the same week.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JNO. JONES,

June 22, 1864.

Sec. Dudley Geological Society.

* A fuller notice will be given of the papers contained in this and other Reports in a future number.—EDRR.

† The alveolus of an entire tusk of *E. primigenius* in the British Museum (dredged off Palling on the Norfolk coast) is 23 inches deep.—EDRR.