

greatest abundance in shales of Middle Cambrian age forming the summit of Mount Field and resting on the flanks of Mount Stephen about 6,580 feet up; the 2,000 feet above the Trilobite shales have not yet been examined.

I gave an account of the fossils brought home by Mr. Whymper, with seven text-figures and Plate XXII in the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE*, 1902, pp. 502 and 529, and the collections made by him were subsequently presented to the Geological Department of the British Museum (*Nat. Hist.*). He was a keen observer and collector, and had Natural History been early instilled into his receptive mind he would have been a great Naturalist as well as a great Mountaineer.

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### PROFESSOR PAUL BOGUSLAV RICHTER.

BORN 1854.

DIED OCTOBER 9, 1911.

THIS eminent geologist of the Imperial Gymnasium at Quedlinburg, Germany, passed away on October 9, 1911, in his 57th year, deeply regretted.

Professor A. G. Nathorst, of Stockholm, writes us—"Palæobotanists had anticipated that Professor Richter might have lived many years to publish further important contributions to our knowledge of the Keuper Flora of Thale and the Cretaceous Flora of Quedlinburg, both of which he had studied for many years, and of which he had made such extensive and excellent collections.

"In addition to his minor contributions to Palæobotany he published—

1. In 1905, 'Beiträge zur Flora der oberen Kreide, Quedlinburgs.' Teil i: 'Die Gattung *Credneria* und einige seltene Pflanzenreste.' With six folio plates.
2. In 1906, 'Beiträge zur Flora der unteren Kreide, Quedlinburgs.' Teil i: 'Die Gattung *Hausmannia*, Dunker, und einige seltene Pflanzenreste.' With seven folio plates.
3. In 1909, 'Beiträge zur Flora der unteren Kreide, Quedlinburgs.' Teil ii: 'Die Gattung *Nathorstiana*.'
4. 'P. Richter und *Cylindrites spongioides* des Goeppert.' With six folio plates."

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### JOHN GRIFFITHS.

THE death is announced (in *Nature*) of Mr. John Griffiths, the well-known fossil-collector of Folkestone. He rendered important service to Mr. F. G. Hilton Price, Mr. C. E. De Rance, and Mr. J. Starkie Gardner in their researches on the Gault and associated formations, and he discovered a large proportion of the most important Gault fossils now in the British Museum and the Museum of Practical Geology. So long ago as 1887 it was announced in the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE* (p. 140) that Griffiths had been permanently disabled by rheumatism.

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