

quartz); vol. vii, pt. ii, pp. 1–20, 1906 (describing a remarkable conglomerate in the schists between Birur and Tarikere); vol. viii, pp. 31–72, 1907 (iron-bearing rocks associated with charnockite); vol. ix, pp. 35–72, 1908 (banded magnetite quartzites). He also reported to the Government on various metalliferous deposits and building stones.

On the morning of his death, Mr. Slater was at a short distance from his camp near Tirthahalli, in the Shimoga District, when he trod upon a large snake, which coiled itself round his boot and bit him repeatedly under the knee through stout cord breeches. Death took place some twelve hours later. Mr. Slater leaves a widow and three young children.

J. W. E.

LESTER FRANK WARD, A.M., LL.D.

WE learn from *Nature* that Dr. Lester Frank Ward, A.M., LL.D., Professor of Sociology at Brown University, Providence, R.I., and formerly Palæontologist of the U.S. Geological Survey, died in Washington on April 18, in his 72nd year. He was born in 1841 at Joliet, Illinois, and was known to geologists more especially by his researches on the Flora of the Laramie Group, which he regarded as having equally Upper Cretaceous and Lower Tertiary affinities.

ERNST ANTON LEOPOLD KITTL.

BORN DECEMBER 2, 1854.

DIED MAY 1, 1913.

THE death is announced of Professor Ernst Kittl, who was for many years associated with the geological and palæontological department of the Imperial Court Natural History Museum of Vienna, first as assistant and ultimately as director. In 1885 he published two papers on the Lower Pliocene Mammalia of Maragha, Persia, and during subsequent years he prepared numerous other important papers on fossils, chiefly Mollusca. He also wrote a Guide Book to the Geology of the Salzkammergut, for the use of the International Geological Congress which met in Vienna in 1903.

WILLIAM FOX, M. INST. C. E.

WE regret to record the death on June 14, aged 66, of William Fox, M. Inst. C. E., M. Inst. Mech. E., an eminent waterworks engineer, whose labours naturally brought him into association with various geological problems. For many years he was a Fellow of the Geological Society, but had recently resigned.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MR. CHARLES PANZETTA CHATWIN, of the Geological Department of the British Museum (Natural History), has been appointed Assistant Librarian to the Geological Society of London. Mr. Chatwin carries with him the cordial wishes of his friends, who feel that his many qualifications will in time allow him to settle down into a long career of usefulness to the Fellows of the Society.