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## OBITUARY.

**Frederic William Harmer, J.P., M.A., F.G.S.,  
F.R.Met.Soc.**

BORN 24TH APRIL, 1835.

DIED 11TH APRIL, 1923.

The death of Mr. Harmer deprives us of a man of rare ability. Apart from his scientific attainments he was noted for his business capacity, and his labours in many fields. His work in his favourite science can alone be noticed here. He was one of the decreasing number of those who, not being connected professionally with geology, contributed in very full measure to its advancement. His reputation as a geologist extended beyond Britain, and many foreign geologists made special visits to this country to see him and profit from his knowledge.

His geological work lay chiefly among the newer deposits, and he devoted himself especially to a detailed study of the Pliocene and Pleistocene accumulations of East Anglia. His work among the Pliocene beds resulted in the publication by the Palæontographical Society of his Monograph of the Pliocene Mollusca, which was practically completed when he died. It shows his painstaking methods of detailed study and will be ever of high value. His work on the Pliocene led to a comparative study of the British and foreign strata and of the conditions in which they were laid down. In this work he is seen as a bold generalizer. The attention he paid to meteorology, in connexion with the conditions of formation of the Pliocene beds, is specially noteworthy.

The same capacity for combining generalization with specialization is seen in his Pleistocene work, and he produced a series of papers of high value dealing with this subject. He eventually summarized this work in a separate memoir on "The Glacial Geology of Norfolk and Suffolk".

Mr. Harmer served on the Council of the Geological Society, and in 1902 was awarded the Murchison Medal. He was honoured by more than one foreign Geological Society, and in 1918 the University of Cambridge conferred upon him the degree of M.A. *honoris causa*.

His kindness will long be remembered by his friends, and the ready help he gave to all who sought it should be recalled when we consider what he has done for the advancement of the science.

J. E. M.