

Mr. Blake is endless. What is one year “a crucial test” and “a decisive proof” is thrown overboard in another as absolutely unimportant, nay, as a good riddance (compare *Q.J.G.S.*, 1888, p. 284, with *id.*, 1892, p. 244, and this *Magazine*, 1891, p. 487). It is like seeking to tie down Proteus. Prove him wrong, that point is dropped and another is started: “Primo avulso non deficit alter Plumbeus.” I will therefore merely say that some of the slips or changes of opinion, which he attributes to me, exist only in his own imagination, and that in regard to one or two points where I have altered my mind (and have never made any secret of it as he seems to insinuate) I am not ashamed to draw fresh inferences when new facts have been discovered. Thus I have had to unlearn much that I was taught in my younger days about crystalline and metamorphic rocks by those to whom I looked up. So I am content (as I believe Miss Raisin is) to leave Mr. Blake apparently in possession of the field, unless it should happen that some former pupil, anxious to flesh a maiden sword, should crave for a subject, in which case I promise to recommend to him the “Revindication of the Llanberis Unconformity.”

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OBITUARY.

EDWARD WILSON, F.G.S.—We have just received (May 23rd) the sad intelligence of the loss of our highly esteemed fellow-worker in Geology, Edward Wilson, F.G.S., for fourteen years the untiring Curator of the Bristol Museum, whose published papers have appeared in the *Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society*, the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE*, and other periodicals. In 1888 he received the award of the Murchison Fund from the Council of the Geological Society (of which Society he had been elected a Fellow in 1872). Mr. Wilson's published papers date back for thirty years, and deal with the Red Marls, the Keuper and Bunter Beds, the Rhætic, and Lias. He has also published papers upon the Liassic Gasteropoda, etc. At the time of his death he was investigating the Uphill Cave Deposits, near Weston-super-Mare. He passed away, after three weeks illness, on May 21st, 1898, in his 49th year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY APPOINTMENTS.—The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. W. W. Watts has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. Pollard, M.A., D.Sc., who joins as an Assistant Geologist in the Petrographical Department; and that caused by the retirement of Mr. De Rance has been filled by Mr. C. B. Wedd, B.A., as Assistant Geologist. In Ireland, the petrographical work will be carried on by Mr. H. J. Seymour, B.A., who succeeds as Assistant Geologist to the post left vacant by the resignation of Professor Sollas.