

HENRI-SÉBASTIEN LE HON.

We also regret to record the loss of Monsieur le Chevalier Le Hon of Brussels, who died at San-Remo, Italy, on the 31st January last. M. Le Hon was *Major pensionné* and formerly Professor of the Military School in Brussels, and a Chevalier of the Order of Leopold, and was decorated with the Iron Cross. He was a member of the Geological Society of France; a Corresponding Member of the Imperial Institute of Geology of Vienna; of the Italian Society of Natural Sciences of Milan, etc., etc.

His chief published work, which is of considerable merit, is entitled: "L'homme Fossile en Europe," Brussels, 1867, of which two editions have appeared.

FRANÇOIS-JULES PICTET—DE LA RIVE.

GEOLOGICAL SCIENCE has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Monsieur François-Jules Pictet, who died at Geneva, on the 15th March last, in his 63rd year.

M. Pictet was Professor of Geology and Palæontology in the Academy of Geneva, and also a National Councillor.

He was elected a Foreign Correspondent of the Geological Society of London in 1863.

His published memoirs exceed forty in number. He was one of the editors of the "Archives des Sciences physiques et naturelles," published at Genève, 1846, et seq.

His greatest works are the following:—

- I. "Traité Élémentaire de Paléontologie, ou Hist. Nat. des Animaux Fossiles," in four vols. 8vo., 1844—46, pp. 1766, and 73 plates.
Second Edition:—Text in four vols. 8vo., 1853—57. Atlas 4to., with 77 pages and 110 plates.
- II. *Matériaux pour la Paléontologie Suisse, ou recueil de monographies sur les fossiles du Jura et des Alpes.*
1ST SERIES: 11 parts, Genève, 1854—58. 4to., pp. 184, plates 23.
2ND SERIES: (by MM. Pictet & Campiche) 1858—60. 4to.
1st Part, pp. 380, 2 maps, and 43 plates. (With a *separate Folio Atlas*, containing 7 large plates of Fossil Fishes.)
2nd Part (by MM. Pictet and Loriol), pp. 54, 2 maps, and 11 plates.
3RD SERIES: (by MM. Pictet & Campiche) 1861—64. 4to. pp. 752, 55 plates. (With a *Supplement* on the Reptiles and Fishes of the Jura of Neuchâtel, par MM. Pictet et A. Jaccard, 1860. 4to. pp. 88, plates 19.)
4TH SERIES: (par MM. Pictet et Campiche) 1864-67, 4to. pp. 558, plates 41. (With a *Supplement* by MM. Pictet and Loriol: 1868, 4to. pp. 110, and 9 plates.)
5TH SERIES: (par MM. Pictet et Campiche) 1868-71, 4to. pp. 352, plates 55.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.—Since the death of Sir Roderick I. Murchison, Bart., which took place on the 22nd of October, 1871, the post of Director-General of the Geological Survey of the United Kingdom has remained vacant.

Early in March Professor Andrew C. Ramsay, LL.D., F.R.S., V.P. Geol. Soc., Director of the Geological Survey for England and Wales, received the appointment of Director-General for the United Kingdom; and shortly afterwards Henry W. Bristow, Esq., F.R.S., F.G.S., Senior District Surveyor, was promoted to the post of Local Director. The appointment of Director of the Royal School of Mines, formerly held by the Director-Gen. of the Geol. Survey, is, we understand, to remain for the present in abeyance, pending the consideration of the Government to remove that Institution from Jermyn-street to South Kensington. The promotion of Prof. Ramsay and Mr. H. W. Bristow has given the greatest satisfaction to all the members of the staff and to the Geological world at large.