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*BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE OF THE LATE MR.
WILFRED H. HUDLESTON, F.R.S., Vice-President
of the Victoria Institute.*

WILFRED H. HUDLESTON was the son of Dr. John Simpson, who married Elizabeth Ward, heiress of the Hudlestons of Cumberland, and by letters patent assumed the name of Hudleston in 1867. Wilfred, the eldest son, was born in York on June 2nd, 1828. He received his early education at St. Peter's School, York, and entered St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1850. In his last term in Cambridge he attended the lectures of Professor Sedgwick, and was much impressed by the manner and discourse of that eminent geologist. On leaving Cambridge he passed a considerable part of twelve years in travelling in Europe and North Africa.

From 1862 Mr. Hudleston applied himself to studies in natural science, attending the lectures of Playfair in Edinburgh, and those of Hoffman, Franklin, and Valentine at the Royal College of Chemistry in London, and his knowledge of geology may be considered to have commenced under the tuition of Professor John Morris, joining in excursions to places around London calculated to interest the students of that science. From this time geology became the prime subject of his pursuits. In 1867, he was elected Fellow of the Geological Society, and in 1892 he became its President. He had contributed several papers on geological subjects.

In 1891 Mr. Hudleston became a Member of the Victoria Institute; and immediately after, was elected one of its Vice-Presidents. Though he does not appear to have contributed original papers to its transactions, he evinced a warm interest in its proceedings by attending the meetings and taking part in the discussions. Mr. Hudleston's last appearance at the meetings of the Society was on the evening of December 4th last, when he took part in the discussion of Professor Hull's paper on "Geneva and Chamounix as they were fifty years ago, and as they are now." His interesting speech—corrected by himself—appears along with the paper in the present volume. The Members of the Institute will long regret the absence from their midst of Mr. Hudleston's striking personality and fine intellectual countenance.

E. H.