

OBITUARY.

CHARLES TOOKEY, F.I.C., F.C.S.

BORN MAY 13, 1828.

DIED JANUARY 3, 1906.

WE regret to record the death of Charles Tookey. He was born at Oddingley Rectory in Worcestershire, and educated at Bromsgrove School; he became a student at the Royal College of Chemistry in 1851, and was an assistant in the following year. In 1854–5 he was assistant to Dr. Stenhouse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and from 1856 to 1865 assistant to Dr. Percy at the Royal School of Mines. During this period he analysed examples of iron-ore from South Staffordshire for part 2 of "The Iron Ores of Great Britain," 1858 (Mem. Geological Survey).

In 1865 he was appointed Assayer in H.M. Mint at Hong Kong, a post which he relinquished in 1868. From 1870 to 1874 he was Assayer, Chemist, Superintendent of Refinery, and Temporary Director at the Japanese Imperial Mint at Osaka. On his return to this country he served 1874–8 as Chemist on the Admiralty Boiler Committee. He was author of papers "On the Separation of Tin from Antimony, and on the analysis of alloys containing Lead, Tin, Antimony, and Copper" (1862) and "On the Manipulation of Assays of Gold and Silver Bullion" (1870), *Journ. Chem. Soc.*

We are indebted for most of the above particulars to the "Register of the Associates and Old Students of the Royal College of Chemistry, the Royal School of Mines," etc., by T. G. Chambers, 1897.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RETIREMENT OF DR. B. N. PEACH, F.R.S.

IN September last Dr. B. N. Peach, F.R.S., retired from the Geological Survey after a period of 43 years service. Joining the staff in 1862 as assistant geologist, after a distinguished career at the Royal School of Mines, he was engaged for the first few months in determining Carboniferous fossils from the county of Fife under Salter's supervision in the London office. When favourable opportunities presented themselves during his subsequent career, he pursued this branch of research with keen fascination, impelled by the instinct of the naturalist, which he inherited from his gifted father. In the same year he was attached to the field staff in Scotland, then under the direction of Sir Andrew Ramsay, and in 1867 he was appointed geologist when a separate staff was organised for the northern part of the kingdom under the Directorship of Sir A. Geikie. Throughout his long career it has fallen to his lot to take a prominent part in mapping all the Palæozoic formations in Scotland, together with large areas of crystalline schists of the