

which Mr. Fisher remained for so many of his latter years, and to the vast number of younger geologists occupying the stage, amongst whom this illustrious early worker was for a time overlooked.

Mr. Fisher was elected an Honorary Fellow of King's College, London, in 1878, and of Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1893. His portrait was subsequently painted and placed in the Hall of Jesus College.

SIR JOHN BENJAMIN STONE, KNT.,

J.P., F.S.A., F.G.S., M.P. FOR EAST BIRMINGHAM 1895–1909,
HIGH STEWARD OF SUTTON COLDFIELD.

BORN FEBRUARY 9, 1838.

DIED JULY 2, 1914.

ALTHOUGH most widely known and recognized as the "Prince of Photographers", and during fourteen years as Conservative M.P. for East Birmingham, Sir Benjamin Stone was remarkable as a tireless traveller, having visited Japan, China, British Columbia, Vancouver and the Rocky Mountains, the West Indies, the River Amazon, the Straits Settlements, Asia Minor, Europe generally, and Egypt specially.

He was an accomplished antiquary and enriched the places he visited by his remarkable photographic records. He wrote accounts of his travels in Japan, Brazil, Spain, and Norway, and made the photographic history of the Houses of Parliament, of Westminster Abbey, the Tower, Windsor Castle, St. James's Palace, Lichfield Cathedral, and Sutton Coldfield, of which last place he was five times Mayor and was the founder of its celebrated Vesey Club.

Some years since Sir Benjamin Stone commenced to photograph the most interesting objects preserved in the British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road. One of these, representing the complete skeleton of *Diprotodon australis* (reconstructed in part from remains in the Natural History Museum, but chiefly from skeletons discovered by Dr. E. C. Stirling, F.R.S., at Lake Callebonna, South Australia), forms the subject of Plate XV in the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE*, Dec. V, Vol. VI, pp. 337–9, August, 1907, in illustration of an article by Dr. Arthur Smith Woodward, F.R.S. Among his geological photographs is one taken of Mount Vesuvius during an eruption, when stones were being hurled into the air and lava flowed nearly at his feet.

It is earnestly to be desired that the magnificent series of portraits he took of his many eminent contemporaries, and of the thousand and one places which he visited—commencing in 1868—should find a suitable resting-place in the British Museum or other national repository.

Sir Benjamin Stone was not only celebrated as a photographer; he will long be remembered as one of the most amiable and generous of men, who spared no pains nor private means to promote the welfare of all those with whom he was brought into contact, and his numberless acts of kindness have endeared him to a very wide circle of devoted friends who lament his loss. Lady Stone, his constant companion in his travels, only survived her husband three days.

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