

many years to the *Clayworker*, and published in 1897 a work on "The Science of Brickmaking." While largely engaged on economic questions he carried on investigations into the structure of oolitic freestones (1895), and found time likewise to write occasional papers on Eocene and Oligocene Mollusca in conjunction with his friend Mr. R. Bullen Newton.

RICHARD GLASCOTT SYMES, M.A.

BORN MAY 8, 1840.

DIED JULY 27, 1906.

SON of Glascott Symes, M.D., a leading physician of Kingstown, in the county of Dublin, R. G. Symes was born in that town, graduated as Master of Arts and Licentiate of Engineering in Trinity College, Dublin, qualifying for the Mechanical Section of his degree at the Inchicore works of the Great Southern and Western Railway.

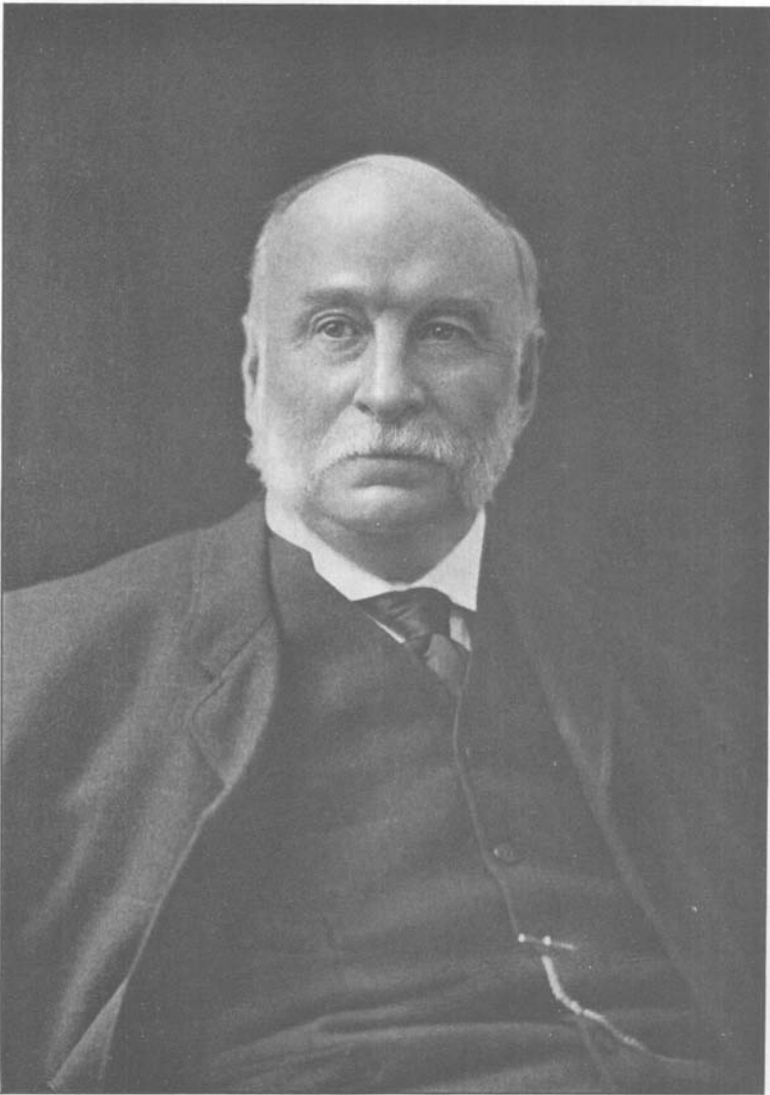
Having become interested in geology, he joined the Geological Survey of Ireland as Assistant Geologist under Jukes in 1863. In the course of his work he entirely surveyed six of the one-inch maps and portions of seventeen in conjunction with other members of the staff. Though his earliest work was carried out over forty years ago, his lines as then drawn remain unaltered, though some of the districts he completed, such as that of Lough Conn in Sheet 64, were of a very complicated nature. His latest Irish work was in county Antrim, which he was detailed to examine on account of his practical knowledge of the coal and iron deposits. It is especially satisfactory to note that recent exploration of the Ballycastle Coal-field has entirely justified the indications of his map and six-inch section. In 1869 Symes was promoted to the rank of Geologist. In 1874 he was one of the Secretaries of Section C at the Meeting of the British Association in Belfast, and in 1878 one of the Secretaries of Section G (Mechanical Science) at the Meeting in Dublin. His descriptive memoirs of the Irish areas he surveyed were interesting and clear, and his mapping and draughtsmanship of more than ordinary merit.

Upon the completion of the one-inch Geological Map of Ireland in 1890 he was transferred to the Scottish branch of the Survey, where he surveyed considerable portions of Kintyre and the neighbourhood of Oban in the Argyll district.

He was an ardent sportsman and keen observer of the fauna of the districts in which he was successively engaged, and there were few better practical authorities upon the birds and fishes of Ireland.

Injuries sustained by a car accident whilst engaged some years ago in surveying the country near Campbellton, N.B., shattered a previously robust frame. He retired from the public service in 1900, and settled in Monkstown, near Dublin, where he died on the 27th of July, after a short illness.

R. C.



*Very truly yours,
J. F. Whiteaves.*