

JAMES REYNOLDS GREGORY.

The late J. R. Gregory was born in London, Dec. 29th, 1832, and in early boyhood evinced great interest in minerals and fossils; he was educated at Archbishop Tennison's School in Leicester Square, W.C., and having started in life as an expert in gems, became well known as a geologist and mineralogist. He exhibited in the Paris Exhibition of 1867, where he gained a medal for the excellence of his minerals, &c., and also in the Fisheries and Health Exhibitions. For the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in 1887 he wrote the report of the minerals and gems at the request of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He possessed a very wide and extensive knowledge of minerals, gems and meteorites, and was frequently consulted on these subjects by many who appreciated his excellent judgment. His collection of meteorites was formed during a period extending over 40 years, and was an extremely fine one. In 1867 he went to the Cape to prospect for diamonds, and one result of this expedition was the wide introduction into Europe of the now well-known crocidolite from Griqualand.

Mr. Gregory died on Dec. 15th, 1899. He was a member of the Geological Society, of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain, of the Mineralogical Society of France, of the Geologists' Association, and, until within four years of his death, of the Society of Arts.
