

While at Lawrence, Williston's most important work was his investigation of the reptiles found in the Chalk of Kansas, and the results were finally summarized in a well-illustrated volume of the University Geological Survey of Kansas (vol. iv, Palæontology, pt. i) published in 1898. In his early years at Chicago he continued these researches, and his valuable papers on Plesiosaurs and Pterodactyls in the Publication of the Field Columbian Museum, No. 78 (1903), may be specially mentioned. He also published a little semi-popular volume on *Water Reptiles* (1914). During the last decade he devoted attention chiefly to the Permian Reptiles from Texas and Missouri, describing important collections which he acquired for the University of Chicago. These form the subject both of numerous papers and of a small well-illustrated volume on *American Permian Vertebrates*, issued by the Chicago University Press in 1912. Many of the papers not only describe the fossils, but also discuss the bearing of the new facts on some of the most fundamental problems of vertebrate morphology. A complete list of Williston's papers up to date, prefaced by a beautiful portrait, was printed by J. T. Hathaway at New Haven in 1911.

Williston was an attractive personality and left many devoted pupils, of whom some have already made important contributions to the science of which he was so successful an exponent. A. S. W.

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#### MISS MAUDE SEYMOUR.

BORN 1887.

DIED NOVEMBER 6, 1918.

THOSE Fellows of the Geological Society who have been accustomed to use the Library during the last few years will hear with much regret of the death of Miss Seymour, who was appointed as an assistant in the Library on September 1, 1915. The valuable experience gained during several years of training on the staff of the Royal Society's Catalogue of Scientific Papers gave her the advantage of a special knowledge of the literature with which she had to deal. She devoted herself to the work with marked ability, and her unflagging zeal and amiability of disposition substantially relieved the pressure of an exceptionally harassing period. During this time she gained an intimate knowledge of the work involved in the preparation of the *Geological Literature*; and by her sudden and untimely death the Geological Society has lost a valuable official whom it will be difficult to replace.

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##### SWINEY LECTURES ON GEOLOGY.

The lectures for the years 1918–1919 will be given by Professor T. J. Jehu, M.D., F.R.S.E., at the Royal Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, W.C., on various days during the months of December, 1918, and January, 1919. The title chosen for the course is "Man and his Ancestry", and the published syllabus of the twelve lectures promises a comprehensive treatment of this important subject. Admission to the lectures free.