

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WE regret to record the death, on June 26th, 1900, of Professor G. H. F. Ulrich, a contributor to this Magazine. Georg Heinrich Friedrich Ulrich was born on July 7th, 1830, at Zellerfeld in the Harz, and graduated at the School of Mines, Clausthal. In 1854 he emigrated to Victoria, and in 1858 was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Mining Commission at Melbourne; later he successively filled in the same colony the posts of Field Geologist of the Geological Survey, Curator of the Technological Museum, and Lecturer on Mining and Mineralogy in the University. From 1879 onwards, he was Professor of Mining and Mineralogy in the Otago University at Dunedin, New Zealand. His death was the result of a fall from a cliff while collecting rock specimens in the neighbourhood of Dunedin.

Professor Ulrich was the author of several reports and papers on mining and mineralogy, commencing in his early days with the minerals of the Harz. One of the most useful from a mineralogical point of view is his "Contributions to the Mineralogy of Victoria," published as a separate pamphlet in 1870, which is really a short treatise on the minerals of Victoria. The Victorian minerals maldonite, selwynite and talcosite were discovered and named by him.

We have received from the publisher, Thomas Murby, a new edition of Rutley's *Mineralogy* (the 12th) and of Skertchley's *Geology* (the 10th), two small but well known volumes belonging to Murby's Science and Art Department Series of Text-books. The *Mineralogy* has been increased by an outline of the modern treatment of Crystal Symmetry, and a table of the 32 classes similar to that in Penfield's *Determinative Mineralogy*. To the *Geology* has been added a section embracing the new requirements of the South Kensington Syllabus, viz. Rock-forming Minerals, Crystallography, Volcanic and Plutonic Rocks, and the Microscopical Examination of Rocks.

The following publications have been recently received :—

From the Agent-General for Victoria several of the Monthly Returns of the Gold Fields of Victoria. From the Greater Britain Exhibition at

Earl's Court, 1899, a Catalogue of the very complete exhibits, mainly of metalliferous ores, in the Queensland Court. Also a Guide to Queensland compiled by C. S. Rutledge (Dean & Son), which gives a very full account of the resources of the Colony. From the Agent-General for Queensland several detailed Maps of Mining Districts prepared by the Government Geologists. From the Michigan College of Mines a Catalogue containing a full account of the courses of instruction provided in that institution. From the Editor the first number of a new weekly paper entitled *British Mining*.
