

Mount (1758-1839), was a distinguished patron of science, and had formed a fine collection of minerals.

The Rev. Edward John Burrow, D.D. (1785-1861), was a man of general culture and scientific tastes. He was author of 'Elements of Conchology' (1815), and of a work on 'The Elgin Marbles' (1817).

Richard Chenevix, F.R.S. (1774-1830), who was born in Ireland, was an able chemist and mineralogist, especially interested in alloys.

John George Children (1777-1852) devoted himself in early life to mineralogy and natural philosophy, and was elected F.R.S. in 1807. His father, a member of the Geological Society, was a banker at Tonbridge, but became bankrupt in 1816. In the same year the son obtained employment in the British Museum, eventually becoming Keeper of the Zoological Department. He was one of the founders of the Entomological Society (1833); and he occupied his later years in the study of astronomy.

Robert Ferguson, F.R.S., of Raith, Lord Lieutenant for the County of Fife, a patron of science, was a vice-president, an active member of Council, and 'on all occasions a most liberal contributor to the wants of the Society.'

Henry Holland, M.D. (1788-1873), of Knutsford, in Cheshire, then a young man of conspicuous ability, had travelled in Iceland with Sir G. Mackenzie, and subsequently made observations on volcanic phenomena in Southern Europe. He discovered 'boracic acid, *in situ*, at the bottom of the crater of the Isle of Volcano.' He wrote on the rock-salt district (1811), and prepared a report on the agriculture of Cheshire for the Board of Agriculture (1813).¹ He was elected an honorary member in 1809, and served on the Council, 1816-20. He became F.R.S. in 1815. He was distinguished in the medical profession, eventually becoming physician in ordinary to Queen Victoria, and a baronet. His son was created Viscount Knutsford.

Francis Horner (1778-1817), elder brother of Leonard Horner, exceptionally able in politics and literature, was M.P. for St. Ives, in Cornwall, and one of the founders of the *Edinburgh Review*.

Leonard Horner (1785-1864) was one of the more distinguished and enthusiastic of the early members of the

¹ See 'Recollections of Past Life,' by Sir Henry Holland, Bart., 2nd ed. 1872, p. 97.