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PROFESSOR J. PETER LESLEY, born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 17, 1819, died in Milton, Mass., June 1, 1903.

After graduation at the University of Pennsylvania in 1838, J. P. Lesley served as aid for a year on the First Geological Survey of Pennsylvania. In 1840 he was assigned to independent work in the complicated northeastern area for several months, after which he was associated with Mr. James T. Hodge in the coal region of the southwestern counties. During the next year he made a reconnaissance of the coal deposits in western Pennsylvania and closed the season's work with a revision of Whelpley's studies in the anthracite region.

The abrupt ending of the survey in 1841 scattered the assistants, and Lesley went to Princeton Seminary, where, to use his own words, he 'indulged in the luxury of a course in theology.' But while studying theology he had no opportunity to neglect geology; his skill as a geological draughtsman and his familiarity with the conditions in a great part of Pennsylvania made him indispensable to Professor H. D. Rogers, who was striving to secure publication of the final report. Every hour which could be spared during term time and the whole of the vacations of 1842 and 1843 were devoted to preparation of the Penn-