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ADDRESS TO THE GEOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.*

THERE are two circumstances which in-
vest the fact of my presidency of the sec-
tion this year with peculiar pleasure to
myself. The first public lecture I ever gave
was in the Town Hall at Birkdale in 1882,
and the first of the fifteen meetings of the
British Association which I have attended
was that held in Southport in 1883.

There is still a third reason that this
meeting is in many respects a geological
meeting. A paleobotanist is presiding over
Section K, and the council has invited, for
the first time for many years, one geologist
to deliver an evening discourse and another
to give the address to artisans. I need
hardly say that we are all looking forward
to the lectures of Dr. Rowe and Dr. Flett
with keen anticipation. To the one for
his successful use of new methods of de-
veloping fossils and his scientific employ-
ment of the material thus prepared in
stratigraphic research; to the other for his
prompt, daring and business-like expedition
to the scene of recent volcanic activity in
the West Indies, during which he and his
colleague, Dr. Tempest Anderson, collected
so many important facts and brought away
so much new knowledge of the mechanism
of that disastrous and exceptional volcanic
outbreak.

* Southport meeting, 1903.