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

THERE are two circumstances which invest the fact of my presidency of the section 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 developing fossils and his scientific employment 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.

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