The British Association for the Advancement of Science held its sixty-fifth meeting this year at Ipswich, the chief town in Suffolk, in the east of England, the district in which the Pliocene rocks of the country are best developed. The Section of Geology was presided over by Mr. W. Whitaker, who was engaged for many years in mapping these rocks for the Geological Survey. The address delivered by this gentleman on the opening day, September 12th, naturally dealt with local problems, and especially those raised by the numerous deep borings for coal and water which have been put down through the rocks of eastern England.

Neglecting deposits newer than the Gault, the variations of which are slight and of but little consequence, he notes that the Lower Greensand has only been met with in one boring, that of Culford, where it is 32 feet thick and of anomalous character, preparing us for the thinning out which occurs elsewhere. Jurassic rocks are only present in the southern borings and do not occur in Suffolk. Under the Jurassic or Cretaceous rocks the Trias is supposed to occur in one case and in the others strata belonging to the Carboniferous, Devonian and Silurian Systems. In five bores out of ten put down under the London Basin the determination of the age of the rocks is aided by fossil