

“British Oology, being Illustrations of the Eggs of British Birds,” in two octavo volumes. This ran to three editions. In the second edition the title was changed to “Coloured Illustrations of the Eggs of British Birds.” Between 1852 and 1877 he published in five quarto volumes “Illustrations of Exotic Butterflies.” In addition to several other works on lepidoptera he published twenty-nine papers on butterflies or birds’ eggs in the Transactions of various societies or in magazines. In these papers he described many species new to science. Treasured in the safe at the Hancock Museum is a volume bound in leather containing many of his coloured drawings of butterflies.

William Chapman Hewitson died at Oatlands Park on May 28th, 1878, aged 72 years. He bequeathed his Oatlands Park estate and his copy of “Gould’s Birds” to his life-long friend John Hancock and the sum of £3,000 and the remainder of his books to the Natural History Society of Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He left £10,000 to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Infirmary and a further £17,700 to various other charities. A further clause in his will reads as follows—“To the following, as worthy friends, some of them as brother naturalists, I give with my love, the following sums —.” These sums are in fifty-eight bequests. The whole, together with those to the charitable and other institutions, amount