

Limestone is of Upper Senonian age ! Again, *Nucleolites lacunosus* (an equally confident identification) is airily disposed of with the remark that the *genus* has "many representatives in the Lower Cretaceous". *Nucleolites* (in the sense understood by both of us in this case) ranges from the Bajocian upwards, and I fail to see why the Corallian age of the Shenley Limestone should be disputed if such an argument is to hold ! I assume that here, as elsewhere, my critic intends to suggest that I have made a mistake in identification. I should have little cause for complaint if he had stated that opinion outright ; but hints and insinuations are unpleasant. Anyhow, the specimens exist, and the truth is in them.

But it is useless to haggle over names—especially when their application by our forefathers is regarded as evidence in modern palæontological stratigraphy. It is difficult to express in antiquated terms the views of palæontologists of to-day ; and still more difficult to convince those who consider that a "new genus and species has no present value for correlation" that they are mistaken. Palæontologists will understand me when I say that the whole facies of the Echinoid fauna under discussion suggests a "Warminster Top-Beds" horizon ; and that failure to attach a single specific name throughout the list would in no way have detracted from my confidence.

I should like to close on a less controversial note. As a professed palæontologist, I am deeply grateful to Mr. Lamplugh for an innovation in his paper. The idea of printing "field-determinations" of fossils in roman type, reserving italics for those based on special study, seems extremely well-inspired. If generally adopted, the practice will halve the difficulties of those who try to trace ranges as recorded in literature ; had it been carried out since 1875, Mr. Lamplugh's criticisms of my list might have been less voluminous and more convincing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES.

Professor H. L. Hawkins, Geological Department, University College, Reading, would be very grateful to any collectors or curators of local museums who have specimens of *Pygaster* from authentic British localities if they would communicate with him. He is preparing a monograph for the Palæontographical Society, and desires to make it as complete as possible. At the present time he is particularly anxious to see *Pygasters* from the lower Oolites of the Midlands and North of England. While fully prepared to accept specimens as gifts or in exchange, he undertakes to cherish and return all specimens lent on other terms. All such help will be duly acknowledged in the monograph.