

Of course, I accept implicitly all Mr. Wheeler's own observations; but, as I demur to the aforesaid six hypotheses, I am unable to accept his explanations.

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LAKES OF SNOWDONIA.

SIR.—In the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE* for 1900 (Dec. IV, Vol. VII, p. 58) Mr. Dakyns criticizes a paper published in a previous volume of the *Magazine*, in which Mr. Adie and I treat of the Lakes of Snowdonia. Mr. Dakyns has convicted me of two mistakes, one in a matter of observation, the other in the manner of expression of a statement. For each of these mistakes I am alone responsible.

I had hoped to accept Mr. Dakyns' polite invitation to go over the ground with him, but various circumstances have prevented me from doing so, and I have therefore awaited the publication of Mr. Jehu's paper upon the Lakes of Snowdonia (*Trans. Roy. Soc. Edinb.*, vol. ix, p. 419) before making my confession of error.

Mr. Jehu informs me that I undoubtedly mistook an artificial diversion of the stream issuing from Glaslyn for a natural one. As he has not corrected this serious error in a prominent manner in his paper, I feel bound to do so. I can only plead in mitigation of my offence that the outlet was examined towards dusk on a sunny day in the Easter vacation; nevertheless, as our paper was partly occupied with criticism of the views of others, I feel that I ought to have revisited the lake before making my statement.

The other matter refers to the bed of the Colwyn, which I said "runs over drift." I should have said that drift extends along the lower part of the valley beneath or near the bed of the river.

Concerning other parts of Mr. Dakyns' paper I may have something to say in the future, but I feel that no further time should be allowed to elapse before acknowledging mistakes to which attention has been drawn in so straightforward a manner. JOHN E. MARR.

CAMBRIDGE, August, 1902.

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It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Philip Rufford, F.G.S., of 37, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, a most ardent geologist and enthusiastic naturalist, who had for some years devoted himself very earnestly to the advancement of the Hastings and St. Leonards Museum forming a part of the Brassey Institute, Hastings, in which he spent a considerable portion of his time.

Philip James Rufford, the only son of the late Rev. Philip Rufford, M.A., Rector of Thorne-Coffin, Somerset, was born at Great Alne,